

LUNAR SABBATH ERROR

Before we start with this study, allow me to emphatically state that I **do NOT** judge or condemn Lunar Sabbatarian's. I choose to **love you**, even if your belief regarding the weekly Sabbath differs from mine. I know many sincere believers who follow the Lunar Sabbath. Everyone who has known me for years will know that I **don't follow man or religion**. I **research and study Scripture [personally]** and humbly share/witness what Scriptures teach. **Everything I share is backed and/or supported by Scripture** – I do NOT share my opinion(s), simply because people's opinions CANNOT override or alter Scripture.

If we study Scripture diligently, we will see some **major controversies** regarding the Lunar Sabbath belief. For a start – there is **NO verse in Scripture that teaches or suggests that Almighty Yahuah's (YHUH/YHWH) weekly seventh-day Sabbath is dependent on the new moon (month) to reset, or determine its cycles.** Lunar Sabbath keepers believe that the weekly seventh-day Sabbath is dependent on new moon cycles, based on their [personal] interpretation of Scripture. If we study Scripture intensively, we will CLEARLY see that **a week has a FIXED seven days cycle, with six (consecutive) days of work, and a seventh day of rest** – month after month and year after year, as the **all the following Scriptures clearly teach and confirm . . .**

Deut 16:9 “Count seven **weeks(H7620)** for yourself. Begin to count seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain.

Lev 12:5 ‘But if she gives birth to a female child, then she shall be unclean for two **weeks(H7620)**, as in her monthly separation, and she remains in the blood of her cleansing for sixty-six days.

Jer 5:24 ‘And they do not say in their heart, “Let us now fear יהוה (YHUH) our Elohim, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He guards for us the appointed **weeks(H7620)** of the harvest.”

Dan 9:24 “Seventy **weeks(H7620)** are decreed for your people and for your set-apart city, to put an end to the transgression, and to seal up sins, and to cover crookedness, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophet, and to anoint the Most Set-apart.

Let's have a look at the root language of Scripture to determine the meaning of the word [weeks] as used in Scripture . . .

H7620 shabua ► a **period of seven** (days, years), heptad, **week**

Original Word: שבוע

Short Definition: **weeks**

seven, week

Or **shabuan** {shaw-boo'-ah}; also (feminine) shbu.ah {sheb-oo-aw'}; properly, passive participle of shaba' as a denominative of sheba'; literal, **sevened**, i.e. A **week** (specifically, of years) - **seven, week.**

Word Origin

from **sheba**

H7651 sheba or shibah ► **seven**

Original Word: שבע

Short Definition: **seven**

by **sevenfold**

Or (masculine) shibrah {shib-aw'}; from **shaba'**; a primitive cardinal number; **seven (as the sacred full one)**; also (adverbially) **seven times; by implication, a week**; by extension, an indefinite number - (+ by) **seven(-fold),-s**

Matt 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, toward dawn on the first day of the **week(G4521)**, Miryam from Maḡdala and the other Miryam came to see the tomb.

Luk 18:12 ‘I fast twice a **week(G4521)**, I give tithes of all that I possess.’

G4521 sabbaton ► the Sabbath, i.e. the **seventh day** (of the **week**)

Original Word: σάββατον, ου, τό

Transliteration: sabbaton

Short Definition: **the Sabbath, a week**

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Word Origin

of **Hebrew origin shabbath**

Lev 23:15-16 'And from the **morrow after the Sabbath**, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, you shall count for yourselves: **seven completed Sabbaths**. 'Until the **morrow after the seventh Sabbath** you count **fifty days**, then you shall bring a new grain offering to יהוה (YHUH).

Morrow after the Sabbath	1 st day of the week	Day 1 of week 1
1 st weekly Sabbath	7 th day of week 1	1 Completed Sabbath
2 nd weekly Sabbath	7 th day of week 2	2 Completed Sabbaths
3 rd weekly Sabbath	7 th day of week 3	3 Completed Sabbaths
4 th weekly Sabbath	7 th day of week 4	4 Completed Sabbaths
5 th weekly Sabbath	7 th day of week 5	5 Completed Sabbaths
6 th weekly Sabbath	7 th day of week 6	6 Completed Sabbaths
7 th weekly Sabbath	7 th day of week 7	7 Completed Sabbaths
Morrow after 7 th Sabbath	1 st day of the week	50 days completed to Sha'vuot
		7 Sabbaths x 7 weeks x 7 days a week

We **CLEARLY** see that the [**Sabbath**]; [**Week**]; and [**Seven**] are directly connected, **CONFIRMING** that a [**Scriptural week**] has a [**fixed seven days cycle**], with the **Sabbath day** on the **seventh** and **last day of the week**.

From BOTH the **Hebrew and Greek Strong's**, we **CONCLUDED** what Scriptures teach throughout (from the First Covenant (OldTestament) to the Renewed Covenant (NewTestament))...

A **WEEK** equals a period of **SEVEN** days.

The **SEVENTH** day of the **WEEK** is the **SABBATH** day/yom.

There CANNOT be [more] than seven days in a week . . .

Now let's have a look at HOW the Lunar Sabbath [belief) **VIOLATES what Scriptures teach**, and also **BREAKS the command** of Almighty Yahuah (YHUH) to **work six days and rest the seventh day** – week in and out; month in and out; year in and out – **WITHOUT being affected by New Moon cycles.**

Lunar Sabbath belief . . .

Sabbath on the 29th day of the month

DAY	DESCRIPTION	Days since last Sabbath
30 of the current month	Last day of current month's cycle	1
01 of the new month	Worship day	2
02 of the new month	Their 1 st day of working/labour in the new month	3
03 of the new month	Their 2 nd day of normal work/labour	4
04 of the new month	Their 3 rd day of work/labour	5
05 of the new month	Their 4 th day of work/labour	6
06 of the new month	Their 5 th day of work/labour	7
07 of the new month	Their 6 th day of work/labour	8
08 of the new month	Their 7 th day Sabbath	9

Below is basically what Lunar Sabbatarian's believe . . .

"On the day following the new moon of each month, six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahuah your Elohim. You shall do this for four weeks. Then, depending on whether the new month has started, you shall not engage in commerce or paid work for 1 or 2 days (it is worship days according to Lunar Sabbatarians belief). Then you shall reset your week into the 'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest "pattern."

Obviously there is **NO such a command anywhere in Scripture.**

They had a Sabbath on the 29th, and two (2) days later they again do not engage in any work/labour – as they have a worship day.

They work for six (6) days and then have their first Sabbath of the new month on the 08th day of the current month.

Thus **eight (8) working days have passed** since their last Sabbath that took place on the 29th day of the previous month. **This VIOLATES Yahuah's commands.**

WHAT is the COMMAND of Almighty Yahuah (YHUH) as per His Torah and His 10 Covenant Words to Yisra'el?

Exod 20:9-10 “**Six days** (**NOT seven or eight**) you labour, and shall do all your work, but the **seventh day** (**NOT the eighth or ninth day**) is a Sabbath of יהוה (YHUH) your Elohim. You **do not do any work** – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

Deut 5:13-14 ‘**Six days** you labour, and shall do all your work, but the **seventh day** is a Sabbath of יהוה (YHUH) your Elohim. You **do not do any work** – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, so that your male servant and your female servant **rest** as you do.

In how MANY DAYS did Yahuah (YHUH) create the heavens and earth?

Exod 31:17 ‘Between Me and the children of Yisra'el it is a sign forever. For in **six days** (**not seven, eight, or nine**) יהוה (YHUH) made the heavens and the earth, and on the **seventh day** He **rested** and was refreshed.’ ”

There is **NO SCRIPTURE ANYWHERE in the WORD of ELOHIM (Almighty)** that commands, nor suggests that the **new moon(month) resets the fixed, [recurring] weekly cycle, comprising ONLY seven days** – which includes **six (6) consecutive days of work** and a **Sabbath on the last day of the week** – the **seventh day** – the **Sabbath day**.

Yahuah's command is simple and direct – work six days and rest the seventh
He NEVER said: “work seven days and rest the eight day”,
NOR did He say: “work eight days and rest the ninth day”, and in doing so VIOLATE His weekly cycle that consists of ONLY seven days, NOT eight or nine.

If Yahuah was expecting man to **work six (6) days** and **keep the Sabbath on the seventh (7) day** on an **uninterruptible recurring pattern**, it would be easy to see that all He needed to do was command us to do our work for **six days** and **rest** on the **seventh** - no further explanation needed.

And that's exactly what He did . . .

Shemoth (Exo) 20:9-10 **Six days** you labour, and shall do all your work, but the **seventh day** is a Sabbath of יהוה (YHUH) your Elohim. You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

HOW MANY days did Yahuah (YHUH) bless and set-apart?

Exod 20:11 “For in **six days** יהוה (YHUH) made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and **rested the seventh day**. Therefore יהוה (YHUH) **blessed the Sabbath day** and **set it apart**.

Gen 2:3 And Elohim **blessed the seventh day** and **set it apart**, because on it He **rested** from all His work which Elohim in creating had made.

We must take in account that ELOhim made the heaven and earth in SIX days and RESTED on the seventh day (the last day of the week).

The fact that Yahuah **blessed and set-apart one specific day** (**Gen 2:3**) clearly demonstrates that a [fixed] **cyclic pattern** is to follow. If that cyclic (recurring) pattern is ever interrupted by extra days, the one specific day (the 7th day) disappears.

If He wanted to set-apart and bless the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days of the month, surely He would have said that He blessed and set apart ***specific [days] of the month***, which he DIDN'T. In other words, the blessing and set-apartness would have been in the context of multiple days in a lunar month, not ***one specific day of a [FIXED] seven-day week***. Thus, the fact that there is ***one [fixed] day called the Sabbath*** demonstrates that you ***can't interrupt the week***.

According to Lunar Sabbatarian's belief a new week always begin after the New Moon. According to them the New Moon is a [worship] day, and not one of the six work days. (***Isa 66:23***). This explains why the Sabbath days are always on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th days of the month, without exception (***according to Lunar Sabbatarian's***).

A **Scriptural month has 30 days** according to Scripture.

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4. Baruk (blessed) are all the righteous. Baruk (blessed) are all those who walk in the **Way of righteousness** and do not sin as the sinners, in the ***RECKONING of all their DAYS*** in which the **SUN** traverses the shamayim (heavens), entering into and departing from the PORTALS for ***THIRTY DAYS*** with the heads of thousands of the order of the order of the starts, together with the ***FOUR portions of the YEAR***, which lead them and enter with the FOUR DAYS.

The 30 days a month, equalling the 360 days of the year (without the four intercalary days) that the Book of Hanok teaches ALIGNS with the 1260 days of the great distress before Messiah's return (Dan 7:25; Rev 11:2-3; 12:6 and 13:5), equalling 42 months (exactly 3 and a half years). This calculates to 42 months of 30 days every month (as in the time of Noah, where 150 days equalled 5 months (Gen 7:24)) and each year have only twelve months.

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12. And the ***sun and the stars*** (NOT the MOON) bring in all the years exactly, so that they do not advance or delay their position by a single day unto everlasting; but complete the years with **perfect justice** in three hundred and sixty-four days (includes 4 intercalary days).

17. And the **year is accurately completed** in conformity with their world-stations and the ***stations of the sun***, which rise from the portals through which it (the sun) rises and goes down ***thirty (30) days***.

Just as Yahuah ensured that His inspired Word was not lost in antiquity, He also ***protected His set-apart Sabbath day***. Adam kept it, Noah kept it, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob kept it. Joshua kept it, the righteous judges and kings kept it. The prophets of Yahuah kept it, the returning exiles that were very meticulous about the Sabbath kept it, and we know that Messiah Yahusha and His disciples kept it, proving that Yahuah ***preserved His Sabbath up until the 1st century CE***. The same is true today.

Almighty Yahuah is ***very specific*** in His Torah and throughout His Word about the observance of His ***seventh-day Sabbath***. He gave us clear and precise instructions regarding His seventh-day Sabbath. His Word teaches us that guarding His Sabbaths are a ***sign of His covenant (Exo 31:13,16)***.

Do we really believe that He would neglect to inform us that the seventh-day Sabbath must be observed on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th days of every month, since guarding and observing His Sabbaths are a sign of His ***everlasting covenant*** with us?

If we study The ***Appointed Times (Moadim)*** of Yahuah (***Lev 23***), we again see how ***precise Yahuah's instructions are*** to us, ensuring that we observe these Appointed Times in the ***correct months***, on the ***correct days***, and even during the ***correct time of the day***, **leaving NOTHING for us to guess about. Surely this would also be true about His [weekly] seventh-day Sabbath.**

Let's further study Scripture to see the importance of seven days (not eight or nine days), CONFIRMING a fixed cyclic (weekly) pattern, also REMEMBERING the SIGNIFICANCE of seven in relation to "perfection".

7 symbolizes Spiritual Perfection (Rev 10:7/16:7; Jos 6:15)

SEVEN – A Type of PERFECTION; Yahuah ends His [work] and rests on day 7 (Gen 2:2-3); Na'aman the leper is cleansed after dipping himself 7 times (2 Kings 5:10-14); 7 signifies complete forgiveness (Mat 18:21-22).

Gen 7:4 "For after seven more days (not eight or nine) I am sending rain on the earth, forty days and forty nights, and shall wipe from the face of the earth all that stand that I created."

Gen 8:10 And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.

Gen 8:12 And he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return to him again.

Two of the Appointed Times of Yahuah are for seven days each!

Exod 12:15 'Seven days you shall eat **unleavened bread**. Indeed on the first day you cause leaven to cease from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that being shall be cut off from Yisra'el.

Lev 23:41-42 'And you shall observe it as a **festival** to יהוה (YHUH) for seven days in the year – a law forever in your generations. Observe it in the seventh month. '**Dwell in booths for seven days**; all who are native Yisra'elites dwell in booths,

Exod 22:30 "Likewise you are to do with your **oxen**, with your **sheep**. It is to be with its mother seven days. On the eighth day you give it to Me.

Exod 29:35 "And so you shall do to Aharon and his sons, according to all I have commanded you. Seven days you shall **ordain** them.

Lev 8:35 "And stay at the door of the Tent of Meeting day and night for seven days. And you shall **guard the duty** of יהוה (YHUH), and not die, for so I have been commanded."

Lev 12:2 "Speak to the children of Yisra'el, saying, 'When a woman has conceived, and has given birth to a male child, then she shall be **unclean seven days**, as in the days of her monthly separation she is unclean.

Lev 13:5 "And the priest shall look at him on the seventh day and see, if the **infection** appears to be as it was, and the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall shut him up another seven days.

Lev 14:8 "And he who is to be cleansed shall wash his garments, and shall shave off all his hair and wash himself in water, and shall be **clean**. Then after that he comes into the camp, but shall stay outside his tent seven days.

Num 19:11 'He who touches the dead of any human being is **unclean** for seven days.

1Sam 31:13 And they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree at Yabesh, and **fasted** for seven days.

Isa 30:26 And the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that יהוה (YHUH) binds up the breach of His people, and heals the wound of His blows.

Ezek 43:25 'Prepare a goat for a **sin offering** daily for seven days, and prepare a young bull and a ram from the flock, perfect ones.

Ezek 43:26 'For seven days they shall make **atonement** for the altar and cleanse it, and ordain it.

Heb 11:30 By belief, the **walls of Yeriho fell**, having been surrounded for seven days.

May all of us humbly be led by The Ruach (Spirit) of Yahuah (YHUH), and NOT man. Love, Joy, Shalom, and Blessing to all ☺