

The SCRIPTURAL SABBATH-DAY

We read in Scripture that the devil has endured to change the appointed times and laws of the Almighty (**Dan 7:25**). How did he do it? For one -- by CHANGING the Sabbath day from the Scriptural 7th day of the week (**Gen 2:3; Exo 20:8-11**) to the Roman Catholic 1st day of the week! See below how the Catholic Church CONFESSES to changing the Sabbath-day!

James Cardinal Gibbons, The Faith of our Fathers, 88th ed., pp. 89.

"But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will **NOT find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday**. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of **SATURDAY**, a day which we never sanctify."

Why is this so significant? Because Scripture teaches that **The SABBATH is a SIGN of the EVERLASTING COVENANT** with Almighty YAHUAH!

Shemoth (Exo) 31:16 'And the children of Yisra'el (including all who guard covenant with Almighty YHUH -- Jew and Gentile) shall GUARD the Sabbath, to OBSERVE the Sabbath **THROUGHOUT THEIR GENERATIONS as an EVERLASTING COVENANT**.

DOES it REALLY MATTER what SABBATH-DAY we OBSERVE?

If we read and study Scripture ourselves and STOP LISTENING to MAN having their own selfish agenda's, we will see that it DOES INDEED MATTER a LOT!

Elohim (Almighty) **BLESSED and SET APART the SEVENTH (7) DAY** (sat-day) as His Sabbath (**Gen 2:3**) and He **COMMANDED** (NOT requested) His people to guard it and set it apart (FOURTH (4) COMMANDMENT -- **Exo 20:8-11; Deut 5:12-15**). It is NOTABLE that the command about the Sabbath contains more verses than ANY of the other 9 COMMANDS! **The observance of the CORRECT DAY for the Sabbath is of GREAT IMPORTANCE!**

Scripture also teaches us that the Sabbaths of Yahuah [YHUH/YHWH] is a **SIGN of His COVENANT** with His people (**Exo 31:13; Eze 20:12, 20**)! These Sabbath INCLUDE the **weekly 7th day Sabbath**, AS WELL AS the **Sabbaths during the appointed times (Lev 23; Exo 12; Num 28 and Num 29)** of YHUH/YHWH!

The enemy (shatan) has **TRICKED and DECEIVED** the vast majority of Believers into observing a **COUNTERFEIT Sabbath-day (sun-day)**!

Why? Simply because he wants believers to **BREAK COVENANT** with Father Yahuah (YHUH/YHWH) and draw worship away from Yahuah unto himself. This counterfeit 1st day (sun-day) Sabbath was introduced by man (through the church) and remains a man-made institution to this day!

The fact that the vast majority of believers observe the counterfeit Sabbath-day (sun-day) does NOT make it acceptable unto Almighty Father Yahuah (YHUH/YHWH)!

What is the 4th Commandment?

Debarim (Deu) 5:12-14 Guard the Sabbath day, to **SET it APART**, as Yahuah your Elohim **COMMANDED** you (not requested). Six days you labour, and shall do all your work, but the SEVENTH DAY is a Sabbath of Yahuah your Eloah/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.

What does the 4th Letter in Hebrew teach us?

The Letter "DAL" (Ancient Hebrew) or "Dalef" (Modern Hebrew) symbolizes **"A DOOR" or "PATH of LIFE"**!

Scripture reveals to us **WHO the "DOOR" and "PATH of LIFE" is . . .**

Yohanen (Joh) 10:7-9 Yahusha (the Messiah) therefore said to them again, Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. Whoever enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and shall go out and find pasture.

Yohanan (Joh) 14:6 Yahusha said to him, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Scripture also reveals WHO the Master of the Sabbath is . . .

MattithYahu (Mat) 12:8 "For the Son of Adam (Messiah Yahusha) is Master of the Sabbath. What does Scripture teach us? Did the Messiah observe the Scriptural 7th day Sabbath?

Luqas (Luk) 4:16 And He came to Natsareth, where He had been brought up. And according to His practice, He went into the congregation on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

The 4th Hebrew Letter (DOOR) guides us to RETURN to COVENANT with Abbah Yahuah! We know that His Sabbaths are the **SIGN of His COVENANT (Exo 31:13)**! It calls for a **COMPLETE CHANGE!** It calls for **OBEDIENCE to the Instructions and Commands of Father Yahuah (called His Torah), FORSAKING the counterfeit traditions and laws that the "apostate church" has taught for generations, CHANGING the Instructions and Commands of YHUH/YHWH (Jer 8:8, Jer 23, Eze 34, Mal 2 and Dan 7:25) to fit-in with their own traditions, culture and desires!**

WHY is the SCRIPTURAL 7th day Sabbath-day so IMPORTANT and SIGNIFICANT?

- ✓ It was the **SEVENTH and last DAY of the week** - the day that Almighty Yahuah (YHUH/YHWH) BLESSED and SET APART (**Gen 2:3**)
- ✓ It is commanded (NOT suggested) by the Almighty to observe (**Exo 20:8-11 and Deut 5:12-15**)
- ✓ It is a **SIGN of the COVENANT** between Yahuah (YHUH/YHWH) and His people (**Exo 31:13-17 and Eze 20:12, 20**)
- ✓ It is part of Almighty Father Yahuah's **APPOINTED TIMES**, which He proclaimed as SET APART GATHERINGS (**Lev 23:1-3**)
- ✓ It is a **DAY of REST** -- NO WORK is to be done (**Lev 23:3**)
- ✓ It is a **DAY [SET APART]** from the other days of the week -- we DO NOT TRADE (go to the shops) on this day (**Eze 46:1; Amo 8:5; Neh 13:19-21**)
- ✓ **BLESSED** is everyone who observes this day (**Isa 56:2**)
- ✓ We are **WARNED** by Almighty Yahuah **NOT to PROFANE His SABBATH DAY** (**Eze 20:16, 21; Eze 22:8, Eze 23:38**)
- ✓ Those who **DISOBEY** the command by Almighty Father Yahuah to keep His SEVENTH DAY SABBATH SET APART, will **face His wrath** (**Eze 20:13; Eze 20:21**)

Observing the 7th day Sabbath of YAHUAH is more than just GUARDING a COMMAND of the Almighty! It is GUARDING COVENANT with Him as well!

We can compare guarding the commands of the Almighty with the covenant of marriage! A husband and wife exchange marriage vows with each other BEFORE they enter into covenant with one another! By honouring their marriage vows through MUTUAL love, devotion, commitment, respect and trust they guard covenant with one another! When both parties honour covenant there is harmony and blessing in their home, but if one party breaks covenant, it brings hurt, pain, sorrow and disharmony in their entire household!

So too SHOULD those who desire to GUARD COVENANT with Almighty YAHUAH, GUARD His commands (Torah) out of LOVE, RESPECT, REVERENCE, DEVOTION and COMMITMENT to Him!

This represents our marriage vows to Him!

We should LOVE, REVERE, RESPECT, EXALT and ESTEEM Father Yahuah by **calling Him on His COVENANT Name** (3rd Commandment -- **Exo 3:15; Isa 42:8; Isa 52:6**) and **choosing OBEDIENCE to His COVENANT Word** — His Torah (Teachings, Instructions, Directions, Commands and Laws), given to us through His Servant Mosheh (Moses), also referred to as the "Pentateuch" or "5 Books of Moses".

(Gen 17:9; Gen 18:19; Exo 15:26; Exo 19:5; Exo 20:6; Lev 18:4-5,30; Lev 19:30,37; Lev 20:8,22; Lev 22:31; Lev 25:18; Lev 26:2-3; Deu 4:2,6,9,23, 40; Deu 5:12,29,32; Deu 6:2-3,17,25; Deu 7:9,11-12; Deu 8:1,6,11; Deu 11:1,8,32; Deu 12:1,32; Deu 13:4; Deu 19:9; Deu 26:16-18; Deu 28:1,9,13; Deu 29:9; Deu 30:16; Deu 31:12; Deu 32:46).

Scripture teaches us that believers who obey Yahuah's commands will be blessed and prosper (nothing to do with having lots of money)!

Deu 28:1-2 "And it shall be, if you DILIGENTLY OBEY the voice of Yahuah your Elohim, to **GUARD to do ALL HIS COMMANDS** which I command you today, that Yahuah your Elohim shall set you high above all nations of the earth. "And **all these BLESSINGS shall come upon you and overtake you, IF (condition) you OBEY the voice of Yahuah your Elohim:**

We first have to guard Yahuah's commands before we can guard covenant with Him!

Deu 29:9 "Therefore you shall GUARD the words of this COVENANT, and do them, so that you prosper in all that you do".

The Book of **Debarim (Deut), chapter 4** gives every TRUTH-Seeking Believer CLEAR INSIGHT as to **WHAT we should do to GUARD COVENANT** with our Creator and Father Yahuah. Let's have a look at a couple of verses from this passage of Scripture:

Deu 4:5-6 "See, I have taught you laws and right-rulings, as Yahuah my Elohim commanded me, to do thus in the land which you go to possess. "And you shall **GUARD and DO them**, for this is your **WISDOM and your UNDERSTANDING** before the eyes of the peoples who hear all these laws, and they shall say, 'Only a wise and understanding people is this great nation!'

Deu 4:13 "And He MADE KNOWN to you **HIS COVENANT** which He commanded you to do, the **TEN Words (Commandments)**, and He wrote them on two tablets of stone".

These ten (10) COVENANT WORDS (COMMANDMENTS) are our "VOWS" to Yahuah (YHUH/YHWH) to guard His Covenant.

It includes the 4th COMMANDMENT:

Keep the 7th DAY SABBATH SET APART (no work or trading on this day)!

SEVEN (7) Times in this one passage of Scripture from Deut 4, we are COMMANDED to GUARD COVENANT with Father Yahuah

(Deut 4:2, 6, 9, 13, 15, 23 and verse 40)!

WHAT DO we FIND in modern-day religion all over the world?

Eze 22:25-26 "There is a **CONSPIRACY of her PROPHETS** in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have **DEVoured LIFE**, they have **TAKEN WEALTH and PRECIOUS MATTERS**, they have made many widows in her midst. "Her **PRIESTS have DONE VIOLENCE to My teaching and they PROFANE My SET-APART MATTERS**. They have not distinguished between the set-apart and profane, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean. And they have **HIDDEN their eyes from My SABBATHS**, and I am **PROFANED in their midst**".

In **Gen 2:3**, we CLEARLY see that Elohim BLESSED and SET APART the SEVENTH DAY and in **Eze 22:26**, we see that the priests (modern-day pastors, reverends, etc) PROFANED Elohim's SET APART MATTERS (of which the WEEKLY 7th DAY SABBATH is one), HIDING their eyes from His Sabbaths!

How do Believers in the 21st century PROFANE the Almighty's Sabbaths?

They **DISOBEY the DIRECT COMMAND** (not suggestion) of the ONE they claim to serve and they **OBEY "man's" instructions** to worship on a counterfeit day, INSTITUTED BY MAN, NOT the Almighty!

1) They WORK on the Almighty's SET APART DAY

The 4th command forbids us to work on the Sabbath (**Exo 20:8-11; Deu 5:12-15**)!

2) They TRADE/SHOP on the Almighty's SET APART DAY! Trading/Shopping is NOT ALLOWED on the Sabbath day (Read **Eze 46:1; Amo 8:5; Neh 13:19-21**)!

3) They DON'T read and STUDY their Bibles on the Almighty's SET APART day -- they practice or watch sport!

(Read 1Sam 15:23; 2Ch 24:18; 2Kin 23:24; Isa 2:8-19 and 1Cor 10:14).

Those who choose to rather guard the man-made commands of the religious institution of the church, observing the counterfeit 1st day Sabbath (*sun-day), rather than the commanded 7th day Sabbath (sat-day) have BROKEN COVENANT with the Almighty! They are adulterers!

The set-apart ones of Yahuah do NOT partake in anything that the world partakes in, DEFILING His set-apart day.

Yehezqel (Eze) 23:38 "They also did this to Me: They have defiled My set-apart place on the same day, and they have **profaned My Sabbaths.**

WE do NOT shop or trade on this day, watch sport or work like others do -- we set apart this day as a day of studying Scripture, worshiping Father Yahuah -- a day of fellowship with Him and other Believers!

Nehemyah (Neh) 13:19 And it came to be, at the gates of Yerushalayim, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath. And I stationed some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.

What PROMISE does Elohim give to all those WHO OBEY His COMMANDS?

Isa 56:2 "**BLESSED** is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it, guarding the Sabbath lest he profane it, and guarding his hand from doing any evil".

There is a PRICE to pay for continual disobedience to the commands of Yahuah!

Deu 28:15 "And it shall be, if you do NOT OBEY the voice of YAHUAH (YHUH/YHWH) your Elohim, to guard to do all His commands and His laws which I command you today, that all **these CURSES shall come upon you and overtake you: (read to verse 68).**

And NO, Messiah definitely did NOT die and rise again to nullify the commands of His Father (Mat 5:17-20)!

He taught and lived His Father's commands (Joh 5:19-20, 30; Joh 12:49-50).

And NO, unrighteousness (lawlessness, i.e. breaking the commands of Yahuah) will NOT be blessed, nor enter the reign of Elohim (**Mat 7:23; Luk 13:27**)!

The question remains . . .

Whose commands will you guard and obey?

That of the Almighty or that of man through the church!

Who will you follow and serve?

The Almighty or man through the church?

Who are your Redeemer, Deliverer, Healer, Leader, perfect Shepherd, Master and Bridegroom?

Messiah Yahusha or your pastor, rabbi, priest, minister?

The Sabbath-day that you observe will determine who you serve, follow, obey and are in covenant with -- Almighty Yahuah or a babylonian church system!