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1Co 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

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It is startling that a professional journalist could be this clueless about America's founding principles and documents. But during an interview on MSNBC, Heidi Przybyla, a journalist for Politico, slammed Christians who believe that their rights come from God and not from government.

Przybyla declared that there is a difference between Christians and Christian Nationalists, whom she considers a threat to American democracy. One tenet Christian Nationalists hold in common, she asserted, is the belief that rights come from God, not from government.

After listening to Przybyla, one has to wonder if she has read the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration clearly states that human rights come from God and that governments exist to protect and secure those God-given rights. It reads;

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

An Anti-Slavery Document

America's founding generation considered the above statement to be an anti-slavery statement and abolitionists often quoted it in their fight against slavery. This is why Frederick Douglas, in a July 4th speech in 1852, praised the Declaration of Independence and said to his audience;

The principles contained in that instrument are saving principles. Stand by those principles, be true to them on all occasions, in all places, against all foes, and at whatever cost."

As documented in my book, *1726: The Year that Defined America*, America's founders had been impacted by the antislavery movement that emerged out of the Great Awakening. So powerful was this movement that by 1776 virtually every founding father, including those who owned slaves, had taken a public stand against slavery.

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This is why America’s founding documents contain no classifications based on race or skin color. This is astounding when we realize that they were formulated at a time when slavery and inequality were accepted and practiced in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and most of the world. This is why, in the same speech, Douglass extolled the founding fathers and said of them;

The signers of the Declaration of Independence were brave men. They were great men too—great enough to give fame to a great age. It does not often happen to a nation to raise, at one time, such a number of truly great men (Hyatt, *America’s Revival Heritage 2nd Edition*, 86).

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. also understood the significance of the Declaration of Independence. When he was accused of being an extremist, he replied, “Was not Thomas Jefferson an extremist?” He then quoted Jefferson’s words from the Declaration of Independence, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal” (Hyatt, *America’s Revival Heritage 2nd Edition*, 85-86).

They Were All Christian Nationalists

So, if we accept Przybyla’s definition of a Christian Nationalist as someone who believes rights come from God and not from government, we are led to the startling conclusion that every founding father was a Christian Nationalist.

We also have to conclude that the giants of Abolition and Civil Rights, such as Lincoln, Douglass, and King, were also Christian Nationalists, for they too believed that the rights for which they fought had been given by God, not by a human government.

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I caught a portion of the Muslim funeral procession for the fallen NYPD officer, Didarul Islam, who was viciously murdered on Monday. Along with feeling sad for his wife and two small children, I was reminded of how this procession was an expression of American tolerance, which is rooted in our nation's Christian roots. For example, try having a public Christian funeral procession with crosses and prayers in the name of Jesus in Iran or Saudi Arabia or any number of Islamic or Marxist nations. It will not be tolerated or will be narrowly confined.

Indeed, no one with knowledge and integrity can deny that America has been a very open and tolerant nation, opening its arms to people of many different races, cultures, and religious beliefs? The Statue of Liberty and the freedom it represents is why people of all races and religions risk their lives and the lives of their family members to come to this country.

But make no mistake! This tolerance is rooted in the radical Christianity of America's founders who looked to Jesus as their example and the New Testament as their guide. It was Jesus, after all, who taught,

Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you (Matthew 5:44).

The people who founded this nation were “dissenting Protestants.” They opposed the Constantinian form of Christianity that developed after the 4th century, which relied on political force rather than the power of truth for its success. State churches, supported by the government, persecuted those who did not adhere to the official lines of doctrine and practice put forward by the state church.

However, groups such as the Separatist Puritans, Baptists, Quakers, and Presbyterians, who sought a return to the faith of the New Testament, opposed this intolerant approach to faith that was characteristic of the Catholics, Anglicans, and Lutherans. They insisted that there should be no compulsion in matters of conscience, and no coercion when it comes to one's sincerely held religious beliefs (For a thorough discussion, see Hyatt, *The Book that Made America Great*, 52-50.)

These “dissenting Protestants” brought these ideals of faith and freedom to America where they were further developed on American soil. These ideals were reinforced by the Great Awakening and burned into the consciousness of the American populace.

Because the teachings of Jesus were central to their faith, an amazing tolerance and friendliness toward other religions was manifest. For example, Benjamin Rush, a devout Christian and signer of the Declaration of Independence, in describing a parade in Philadelphia, said,

The rabbi of the Jews locked in the arms of two ministers of the Gospel was a most delightful sight. There could not have been a more happy emblem (Hyatt, *America's Revival Heritage, Second Edition*, 96).

During George Whitfield's ministry in Philadelphia, city leaders decided to erect a large building to accommodate the massive crowds. According to Benjamin Franklin, the building was available for the use of “any preacher of any religious persuasion who might desire to say something to the people of Philadelphia.” Franklin went on to say,

Even if the Mufti of Constantinople (Istanbul) were to send a missionary to preach Mohammedanism to us, he would find a pulpit at his service (Hyatt, *America's Revival Heritage, Second Edition*, 97).

The founders' tolerance toward people of other faiths was based, not only on the words of Jesus and the spirit of the New Testament, but on their belief in the inherent power of the Christian Message. They believed that on a level playing field, the truth of Christianity would always prevail.

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Thomas Jefferson, for example, held the teachings of Jesus in very high esteem and once said, "The philosophy of Jesus is the most sublime and benevolent code of morals ever offered to man. A more beautiful or precious morsel of ethics I have never seen." He believed in the inherent power of the Christian Message, and wrote,

Truth can stand by itself. If there be but one right religion and Christianity that one, we should wish to see the nine hundred and ninety-nine wandering sects gathered into the fold of truth. But against such a majority we cannot effect this by force. Reason and persuasion are the only practicable instruments. To make way for these, free inquiry must be indulged; and how can we wish others to indulge it while we refuse it ourselves (Hyatt, *America's Revival Heritage, Second Edition*, 98).

The First Amendment created a free and open marketplace of religious ideas, because the founders did not fear open debate. Compare this attitude to Marxist and Islamic nations where opposing views are violently suppressed. The same is true of the new Leftwing groups in modern America who seek to cancel anyone who disagrees with them. They fear free and open debate.

In this critical moment in time, we must stand boldly for Biblical truth and we must pray for another Great Awakening that will turn the hearts of the American populace back to Jesus and the New Testament. This would do more than anything to restore peace and tolerance in modern America for, after all, it was Jesus who said,

But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. And just as you want men [people] to do to you, you also do to them likewise. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful (Luke 6:27-36).

Editor's Note:

The Old Testament is still in force, so you need to read and study both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Laura Lee

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Christ The Firstfruits

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Jesus of Nazareth was called "the lamb of God" by John the Baptist (John 1:29). Indeed, Jesus became a Passover lamb by laying down His life so that we may escape death just as occurred hundreds of years before in Egypt.

The descendants of Abraham and Jacob had multiplied in Egypt and eventually became slaves to the Egyptians. God sent Moses to Pharaoh to demand the release of His people. As you know, Pharaoh refused even after the land had suffered various plagues. A final plague was pronounced upon Egypt that would bring death to every firstborn.

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To spare the lives of the firstborn of the Israelites, God told Moses to instruct His people to take a lamb without blemish and slay it on the fourteenth day between the two evenings. They were to roast it and eat it that evening in their houses. To prevent the Destroyer from entering their homes to kill their firstborn, they had to put the lamb’s blood on the lintel and doorposts of their houses.

This caused the Destroyer to “pass over” them sparing their firstborn. This historical event became known as the Passover which was celebrated each year afterwards by sacrificing a lamb every year on the 14th day of the first month of the Hebrew calendar. This yearly Passover celebration occurs in the spring of the year.

While this Passover celebration was an annual memorial of the Israelites escaping death and coming out of Egypt, it also looked forward to a time when God would provide a lamb from heaven which would reconcile all believers back to God by His own shed blood. John the Baptist declared that Jesus of Nazareth was that lamb sent from God.

Just as the physical lamb slain every year by the Israelites had to be without blemish, so, too, the lamb Jesus was without blemish (no sin). In like manner, Jesus was slain on the fourteenth day of the first month between the two evenings. His shed blood has provided the only way for us to escape death for all who believe and accept His atoning sacrifice. But that isn’t all there is to it.

While His death reconciles us or atones us to God which is first necessary, it is Christ’s **resurrection** which actually gives us our hope of salvation. This is expounded by the apostle Paul in the 15th chapter of his first letter to the church at Corinth. Consider:

“For if the dead are not raised, then not even Jesus has been raised. And if Jesus has not been raised, then your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those who also have fallen asleep in Christ are perished. ... But Christ indeed has been raised from the dead, the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. ... But each in his own turn: Christ the **firstfruits**; then at His coming, those who belong to Him” (I Corinthians 15:16-23).

Why does Paul call Jesus the “firstfruits”?

Editor’s Note:

1 Corinthians 15:20 has a mistranslation in it in the Old King James bible which was updated in the New King James bible. It reads:

1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

The word “firstfruits” was mistranslated and should have been “firstfruit” because Christ was the “firstfruit” of the “firstfruits”. Laura Lee

This term comes from one of God’s festivals listed in Leviticus 23. Notice:

“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Speak to the Israelites and say, “When you enter into the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you are to bring to the priest a sheaf of the **firstfruits** of your harvest. And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD so that it may be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath”’” (Leviticus 23:9-11).

Editor’s Note:

The reason it says “firstfruits” in Leviticus 23:10 is because the wave sheaf offering represents God’s people who will be resurrected in the first resurrection of the dead. When firstfruits is singular as in I Corinthians 15:20 it is talking about Christ because He is one person. In Leviticus 23:10 it is talking about the wave sheaf offering which represents the saints of God. The wave sheaf offering does not represent Christ. Laura Lee

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This festival followed Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. It is a 50-day period. On the first day a sheaf of barley is given to the priest who waves it before the LORD as a **firstfruits** offering. On the last day or 50th day, two loaves of bread are waved before the LORD also as a **firstfruits** offering. See verses 17 and 20. It is known as the Feast of Firstfruits or the Feast of Weeks.

Since Jesus is called “the **firstfruits** of them that have fallen asleep [in the grave]” then this festival must surely picture the resurrection of Jesus followed by the resurrection of His saints at His coming at the last trump.

Editor’s Note:

The Feast of First Fruits pictures the resurrection of the saints of God. The wave sheaf offering is about the saints and not about Christ. Parched corn or parched barley as it should probably read is made by putting the grain in a sieve and passing it over the flames. This represents the trials and refinement we must go through in order to be in that first resurrection. Part of the wave sheaf offering is the gathering of the grain and the refinement of the grain and that some of the grain is not used. It is a picture of how many are called but few are chosen.

Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

The wave sheaf offering was never about Christ as he does not have to be refined. He is already sin free. Laura Lee

This should be exciting news which gives all believers great joy to know God’s plan for those who are in Christ whether dead or alive at His imminent return. It is somewhat bewildering that this festival has become a hotbed of controversy over one simple word in Leviticus 23:11. This verse says to wave the sheaf of firstfruits on the day after the **Sabbath**. It does not clearly identify which Sabbath which then allows various interpretations. Each proponent of their perspective believes and argues that his or her perspective is the correct one.

Editor’s Note:

It actually does tell you in scripture which Sabbath. It is found in Joshua.

Jos 5:11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day.

The wording in Joshua 5:11 is almost identical to the wording found in Leviticus 23:14. Laura Lee

Let’s look at the primary point of contention: Which is the correct day for the waving of the sheaf of firstfruits? It is to be waved the day after a Sabbath, but how can we know which Sabbath day is meant?

Leviticus 23:3 reads: “For six days work may be done, but the **seventh day** is a **Sabbath** of complete rest, a day of sacred assembly. You must not do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the LORD.”

So, the word “Sabbath” refers to the seventh day of the week. Was this word used to refer to any other festival days listed in Leviticus 23 prior to verse 11?

Editor’s Note:

This is deceptive on your part. All of the weekly Sabbaths and annual Sabbaths are Sabbaths, so it does not matter whether the word Sabbath was used prior to verse 11 or not.

Lev 23:4 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

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Leviticus 23:4 covers all the annual sabbaths when it says “These are the feasts of the Lord” then it states these are holy convocations (holy meetings) which are to be kept in their seasons (appointed times of the year). And then after verse 4 it continues to list all of these annual Holy Day Sabbaths. Laura Lee

No. So, the word “Sabbath” as used in verse 11 can only refer to the seventh day of the week where it was previously used. This would be the most logical conclusion which maintains the proper context of chapter 23.

Editor’s Note:

Perhaps you should read Leviticus 23 again because when I read it, the context about the weekly sabbath ends in verse 23:3. Verse 23:4 reads:

Lev 23:4 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

By verse 4 in context, it is no longer talking about the weekly sabbath but has now switched to talking about the annual sabbaths even if it does not use the word sabbath. Sabbaths are known for their Holy Convocations and the fact that they are proclaimed to be feasts. Also, when the word “seasons” is used it is a clue we are talking about annual sabbaths and not weekly sabbaths. Laura Lee

NOTE: There was no Strong’s concordance around at that time to confuse the truth.

Editor’s Note:

There did not need to be a Strong’s concordance at the time of Christ or before because they all knew whatever language they were speaking and the meaning of the words. Strong’s concordance is a tool we use today to help us understand the meanings of the words that the bible was originally written in, for example Hebrew and Greek.

Unless you fluently speak and understand Hebrew and Greek, I suggest you use Strong’s concordance or some other such tool so you are better able to understand what the bible is talking about because I can see clearly from what you have written in this article that you are clearly a very confused person and wouldn’t know the truth if Christ himself knocked on your door and told it to you. Laura Lee

This simple and proper understanding is not acceptable to some who believe that verse 11 must actually be referring to the first day of unleavened bread (Abib 15) mentioned in verses 6-7. An avalanche of “proof” is then presented to convince someone to accept something other than the obvious, clear truth of the matter.

Editor’s Note:

Lev 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

Read what it says in context. There are clues in these two verses to tell you when this is. “When ye come into the land which I give unto you...”

Read Joshua:

Jos 5:10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. Jos 5:11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. Jos 5:12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

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We know Jos. 5:10 is talking about when they first came into the land which God gave them because once they harvested the grain the manna quit because they did the wave sheaf the day after Passover and then they were able to eat the grain of the land.

Also Joshua 5:11 is almost identical wording to Leviticus 23:14

Lev 23:14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Jos 5:11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day.

Did you ever hear about the scripture that says here a little, there a little. In other words you have to use the whole bible and not just pick out a scripture and make a whole doctrine around it like you are trying to do.

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.* Isa 28:10 For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

Laura Lee

The reasoning goes like this: Since the word "Sabbath" is later used in Leviticus 23 in connection to the Day of Atonement (verses 26-32), any festival day where work is prohibited is considered a Sabbath day. Thus, since the first and last days of unleavened bread prohibit "servile work" on those two days, they are considered to be Sabbath days. They only occur once a year and may fall on any day of the week rather than on the seventh day. This part is true.

But to claim that the use of the word "Sabbath" as used in verse 11 must refer to the first day of unleavened bread requires taking the word out of context. As the context clearly shows, "Sabbath" is first used to refer to the seventh day in verse three. The word is not used again until verse 11. Consequently, it must still carry that same connection to the seventh day in this verse to stay true to the previous notation of verse three which gives the primary meaning of "Sabbath."

Editor's Note:

Leviticus 23:3 is talking about the weekly sabbath but then verse 4 starts talking about the annual holy days and doesn't stop until it gets to the eighth day. There is no connection between verse 3 and the sabbath mentioned in 23:11. Joshua flat out tells you when the wave sheaf was done, which was the day after Passover. Historically the wave sheaf was always done on Nisan 16 just like Joshua says. And Strong's Concordance says the Sabbath mentioned in Lev. 23:11 can mean every Sabbath (weekly or annually).

Also, if you are trying to tell us that the annual Holy Days are not Sabbaths then you would be lying because they are all Sabbaths. Read Leviticus 23 or better yet run a search on the word "sabbath" and every annual Holy Day will be found to be listed as a sabbath. Laura Lee

While the Day of Atonement was later also called a Sabbath, the primary meaning of "Sabbath," when used alone, as in verse 11, is the seventh day unless the context clearly states otherwise. In addition, rather than using the word "Sabbath" to refer to an annual festival day, such as, Atonement or Trumpets, a particular holy day is likely to be named directly to prevent ambiguity.

If Moses meant the Sabbath of verse 11 to mean the first day of unleavened bread, then he could easily have written "on the day after the 15th of Abib," or "the priest shall wave the sheaf on the sixteenth of Abib." If "Sabbath" in verse 11 must mean the first day of unleavened bread, then what about verse 15?

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Editor’s Note:

The reason God did not inspire simple wording is because He wanted to make sure the people He allowed in the first resurrection could study and understand scripture and you neither study it nor do you understand it. And again, you should not be teaching people about Holy Days when you do not understand them yourself. There are many very clear scriptures in the bible, but you don’t believe what they say. Instead, you find some vague scripture and turn it into something it is not.

You write articles and yet you don’t even know what it means to read something in context. Because you have a false doctrine that you want to hold onto no matter what proof is given to you, for example verse 11 is not in context of verse 3. Where most people who count from the weekly sabbath get to Pentecost, they get it from the Sadducees, a sect that Christ would never follow because their beliefs are in direct opposition to Christ’s beliefs.
Laura Lee

Verse 15 says to count seven complete Sabbaths from the day when the sheaf of firstfruits is waved. Does it mean that we are to count seven first days of unleavened bread? This would span a seven-year period to do so.

Editor’s Note:

Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

Deu 16:9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time* as thou beginnest to *put* the sickle to the corn.

Lev. 23:15 and Deu. 16:9 mean the same thing but they are worded differently. In Lev. 23:15 it means a complete week of which one of the days during that week will always be a weekly sabbath but it does not mean to start your count after a weekly sabbath. Deu. 16:9 makes it clear that what you are counting to get to Pentecost is weeks and not Saturday Sabbaths.

Some bibles have even updated this to reflect that a complete sabbath is talking about a week and not a weekly sabbath. It means seven days makes a complete week. **Laura Lee**

Obviously, Sabbaths in verse 15 refers to the weekly Sabbath and not an annual Sabbath since we are told to count a 50-day period. The first day of this 50-day period will come after a Sabbath and the fiftieth day will come after a Sabbath. See verses 15 and 16. The only way that this can happen is for the wave-sheaf day to fall on a Sunday which would then cause the 50th day to also fall on a Sunday (the day after a Sabbath).

Editor’s Note:

It is called the Feast of Weeks, not the Feast of Sabbaths. See Deu. 16:9

Deu 16:9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time* as thou beginnest to *put* the sickle to the corn.

John Gill in regard to: Leviticus 23:15

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath,.... Not the seventh day sabbath in the passover week, nor the whole feast of unleavened bread, but the first day of it, which was an holy convocation, a sabbath in which no servile work was to be done, Lev_23:7; and it was from the day after this, even the sixteenth of Nisan, that the following count was to be made; so the Targum of Jonathan, after the first feast day of the passover: and Josephus (s) is very clear in it, that Pentecost, or the feast of weeks, was the fiftieth day from the sixteenth of Nisan, when the above offerings were made:

from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; which plainly points out the express day from whence the count was to begin, even on the day when the sheaf of the firstfruits of the barley

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harvest was offered:

seven sabbaths shall be complete; or seven weeks, that is, forty nine days; and hence, Jarchi says, we learn that the count began from the evening, or otherwise the weeks would not be complete; and Gersom thinks the day in which the sheaf was offered is included in the days counted; for the count began from the day after the first of the passover, and lo, seven days are seven weeks of days, which make forty nine days. (s) Antiqu. I. 3. c. 10. sect. 6.

Adam Clark in regard to: Leviticus 23:15

Ye shall count unto you - seven Sabbaths - That is, from the sixteenth of the first month to the sixth of the third month. These seven weeks, called here Sabbaths, were to be complete, i. e., the forty-nine days must be finished, and the next day, the fiftieth, is what, from the Septuagint, we call pentecost. See the note on Luk_6:1.

E. W. Bullinger in regard to: Leviticus 23:15

seven sabbaths = seven weeks. Compare Luk_18:12. Mat_28:1. Hence the name "feast of weeks" in Old Testament. Exo_34:22. Deu_16:10, Deu_16:16; 2Ch_8:13.

I read several commentaries and of the ones I read, they all agreed that the count to Pentecost starts on Nisan 16 and ends on Sivan 6.

Old King James Bible:

Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Lev 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

Brenton Septuagint:

Lev 23:15 And ye shall number to yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day on which ye shall offer the sheaf of the heave-offering, seven full weeks: Lev 23:16 until the morrow after the last week ye shall number fifty days, and shall bring a new meat-offering to the Lord.

I also read several bibles pertaining to Lev. 23:15-16 and the results were pretty much the same. Some bibles word it this way “seven sabbaths shall be complete”. When it says “seven sabbaths shall be complete” it is talking about seven weeks shall be complete, it is not saying that several weekly sabbaths shall be complete. Also, in the New Testament if you look at the Strong’s meaning for the word week in several verses the meaning of week is “sabbaton” and can be translated as week or sabbath. So sabbath and week are interchangeable unless it states a specific sabbath that it is talking about.

The Brenton Septuagint translated these two scriptures perfectly. Laura Lee

However, those insisting that the wave-sheaf day always comes after the first day of unleavened bread downplay this actual weekly Sabbath counting with Deuteronomy 16:9 since it uses “weeks” instead of “Sabbaths.”

The simple fact is that you start your harvest on the day after the weekly Sabbath, count seven Sabbaths which are equal to seven weeks which equal 49 days. The 50th day then falls after the seventh Sabbath and is called the Feast of Weeks in the Old Testament or Pentecost in the New Testament.

Editor’s Note:

Deut. 16:9 is very clear in that you are counting weeks and not weekly sabbaths. When it says seven sabbaths shall be complete, that means seven weeks will be complete. It is just two ways of saying the same thing. Laura Lee

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To jump ahead to the verses in Leviticus 23 which say that Atonement is a “Sabbath” in order to change the simple and plain meaning of “Sabbath” in verse 11 is breaking the context of the chapter with backward and upside down reasoning. If an erroneous concept or belief was held by a historical past religious group, then quoting their past commentary will not make their false belief any more true today than it was centuries ago.

Editor’s Note:

Where most people get the belief that the count to Pentecost is after the weekly sabbath is from the Sadducees and the Karaites. The Sadducees believe exactly the opposite of what Christ believes and the Karaites did not exist until the 8th or 9th century. Not all ancient historical documents are wrong only the ones that cannot be found in scripture. Most of your doctrine is made up by you. You are taking clear scriptures from the bible and telling us they are lies while at the same time claiming that unclear scriptures are the clear scriptures. From what I have read of your article so far, you do not believe in the word of God which is inspired by God. You are making things up because you do not want to do it God’s way, you want to do it your way, so even though there are many historical documents as well as tools to help you understand the meanings of Hebrew and Greek words you will have none of it. You only believe what you think in your mind and nothing else. So, it would not matter how much proof from scripture anyone offers to you, you won’t look it up to see if it is true. Laura Lee

Contending that the “Sabbath” used in verse 11 must mean the first day of unleavened bread also causes the wave-sheaf day and the 50th day to always fall on the same Hebrew calendar dates every year, namely, Nisan 16 (Abib 16) and Sivan 6.

Editor’s Note:

That is right, the wave sheaf historically and in scripture has always been on Nisan 16. See Joshua 5:10-12. Sivan 6 is also found in scripture by reading Exodus 19. Both dates are also found on the Hebrew Calendar which many people throw in the trash so they could make up their own calendars feeling they know more than God Himself. Laura Lee

If this is what God intended, then why didn’t He provide these dates just as He gave dates for the other annual festivals? This reveals a major and obvious flaw in the “Sivan 6 Pentecost” theory which then requires some serious hole patching.

Editor’s Note:

God did tell you what dates His Holy Days are on. Everyone of them along with the date is found in scripture and also on the Hebrew Calendar as preserved by the Orthodox Jews. You just do not believe what scripture says. Laura Lee

One feeble explanation contends that since Pentecost pictures the wedding of Christ and His Bride (the resurrected church), we are to “count” the days to our wedding. A bride may do that when she knows the actual date beforehand. But God does not give us any actual date in scripture. Rather, we are told that “no one knows the day or the hour” (Matthew 24:36).

Editor’s Note:

All of God’s people are going to know the date of the first resurrection at least 3 years before it happens. Remember the two witnesses? The two witnesses will lay in the street dead for 3 days and then be resurrected with the saints of God. So those who are God’s true people will know when ahead of time. Right now, no one knows because the two witnesses are not here yet.

All brides looking forward to their wedding count the days until that wedding day. Pentecost is a fixed date according to scripture. It falls on Sivan 6 every year. Laura Lee.

Furthermore, we don’t do a **countdown** of days to a date that has already been set, but we are to **count up** to the 50th day to determine when the Holy Day should occur for that year.

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Editor’s Note:

What more glorious thing could happen to God’s people than the resurrection to eternal life? It is called the wedding supper of the lamb and brides looking forward to their wedding day always count to their wedding day. So how much more should we look forward to being a part of God’s family by attending the wedding supper of the lamb? You can continue to count to your variable date, but it will be in vain because you are keeping and promoting a Holy Day that is not found in scripture. Laura Lee

What is being completely overlooked in any arguments for a Sivan 6 Pentecost is the fact that this 50-day period of counting is a harvest period which pictures a spiritual harvest of saints with Christ being the first of the firstfruits.

Every farmer knows that a harvest may be delayed when certain conditions occur. A harvest may start every year at the same time like clockwork when conditions remain consistent from year to year. I have personally experienced a harvest delay because of thick smoke blocking out the sun from wildfires here in California.

And if a farmer knows this, then certainly God does too which is why He did not give a definite date for the wave-sheaf day. The barley harvest did not begin each year **until** the harvest was **ready** (Christ said to be **ready**, Matthew 24:44). Deuteronomy 16:9: “You are to count off seven weeks from [when?] the **time** you **first** put the sickle to the standing grain [after a weekly Sabbath].”

Editor’s Note:

None of this is in scripture in regard to the harvest. Passover is also a harvest and yet it is a set time and so is the Feast of Tabernacles. Barley is harvested in Israel at Passover, it is what is used for the wave sheaf offering. At Pentecost the wheat is harvested in Israel, notice two wave loafs probably made from wheat. There is no place that I know of in scripture that says we are to delay any Holy Days (sabbaths, weekly or annually) if the harvest isn’t ready. If you have scripture showing that I would like to see it. Laura Lee

This also means that the wave-sheaf day may sometimes not occur until after the Days of Unleavened Bread if the grain is not yet ready. The wave-sheaf day is to occur after a weekly Sabbath, but which weekly Sabbath is not specified since it depends on the readiness of the grain in the field.

Editor’s Note:

Where does it say that in scripture? Laura Lee

What blows the Sivan 6 Pentecost theory completely out of the water is the fact that the resurrection of Jesus did not occur on Nisan 16, the day after the first day of unleavened bread. Rather, the resurrection of Jesus did occur on the day after the weekly Sabbath (a Sunday) during the days of unleavened bread. Luke 24 clearly shows this. Most COG members won’t accept a Sunday resurrection since they have bought into the 72-hour teaching of Herbert Armstrong. This was discussed in my article entitled, “The Third Day.”

Editor’s Note:

Your article entitled “The Third Day” was also another one of your Holy Day articles that was not worth the paper it was written on.

Christ was taken off the stake and buried just before sunset on Nisan 14 (a Wednesday). It was the day before the preparation day.

Joh 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.

Joh 19:42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation *day*; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

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Christ was buried just before sunset on the preparation day for the Passover.

Mat 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Christ was resurrected 3 days and 3 nights later on the Saturday Sabbath just before sunset just like scripture says. He was not resurrected on Sunday as you claim.

The resurrection of Christ did not happen on Nisan 16 and I have never claimed that it did. Christ was accepted by the Father in heaven the minute he died. That is why the veil was ripped.

The wave sheaf is not about Christ. The wave sheaf represents all those who will be in the first resurrection. There was more grain gathered than what was used for the wave sheaf, meaning that not everyone who is called will make it into that first resurrection. The wave sheaf is passed through the fire many times to be refined. Christ does not have to be refined so the wave sheaf is not about Christ. Laura Lee

Jesus fulfilled the wave-sheaf offering with His resurrection just as He fulfilled the Passover with His death. This is why the apostle Paul said that Jesus was the **firstfruits** of them who have fallen asleep (I Corinthians 15:20). To accept Jesus as our Passover but then deny Him as the Firstfruits may jeopardize one's own hope of being in the first resurrection. "Sorry, you weren't ready. Catch the next resurrection in a thousand years."

Editor's Note:

Again 1 Corinthians 15:20 should have said firstfruit instead of firstfruits. It is a mistranslation. Christ did not have to fulfill the wave sheaf offering because He was accepted by the Father the minute He died. The wave sheaf is about going through the fire and being refined. Christ is sin free and does not have to be refined. The wave sheaf only represents those who are called and chosen. Not all people who are called will be chosen. Some will not make the first resurrection.

Christ is the firstfruit because He was the first one to die and be resurrected. In the first resurrection of God's people many will be resurrected and join Christ as part of His family. Laura Lee

Does Exodus 19 prove a Sivan 6 Pentecost?

Even if the giving of the ten commandments did occur on Sivan 6 that particular year, it does not prove that Pentecost should occur every year on Sivan 6. Counting from the day after the weekly Sabbath which falls during the Days of Unleavened will sometimes cause Pentecost to fall on Sivan 6 but not every year.

Editor's Note:

Exo 5:1 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

We know that the Israelites kept Passover in Egypt and left Rameses on the fifteenth of Nisan because the Bible clearly states when they left Rameses. The next feast after Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread is Pentecost and Exodus 5:1 proves that is exactly what was being kept in Exodus 19. Exodus is the only feast spoken of that was kept in the wilderness. This feast happened before the manna and quails were used to teach them about the weekly sabbath. Laura Lee

Exodus 19:1 is actually saying that the children of Israel arrived at the wilderness of Sinai close to the foot of the mountain of God on the 15th day of the third month. They arrived on the 15th day of the month, the **same day** of the month when they had left from Egypt two months prior. Numbers 33:3 verifies that they left on the 15th day of the first month. Exodus 19:1 reveals that they arrived at the mountain of God on the same day (the 15th) in the third month.

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Editor’s Note:

Are you using your strange method of context here again? Because it doesn’t apply.

The meaning of context is as follows:

the parts of something written or spoken that immediately precede and follow a word or passage and clarify its meaning.

According to the definition of context Exodus 19 has nothing to do with Numbers 33:3 as they are so far apart in scripture. Context would be found in the verse or a few verses ahead or behind what you are looking at.

The Feast in the wilderness happened on Sivan 6 according to Exodus 19 and according to Exodus 5:1 it was a feast to the Lord or in other words a Sabbath, A High Holy Day, a Feast, an Annual Holy Day Sabbath. There is no other feast we are told to keep in Sivan which is the third month. There is also no other annual feast that is mentioned that they kept in the wilderness.

The fifteenth day in Numbers 33:3 has absolutely nothing to do with the date of Sivan 6 found in Exodus 19. Laura Lee

The meeting with God three days later would then occur on the 17th day of the third Hebrew month. However, because of an incorrect understanding of the instruction in Leviticus 23 regarding when to wave the sheaf of firstfruits, hardly anyone accepts the 17th as a possible date for Pentecost that year.

Editor’s Note:

There is a good reason why not many believe this. It is because it is not in scripture and you do not understand what “context” is. Laura Lee

Even if you believe that the Israelites did arrive on the third day of the third month, the meeting with God would have taken place on the **third day** which would have been Sivan 5 not Sivan 6.

The first day is when they arrived at the foot of the mountain of God. Moses goes up the mountain to talk with God. God says to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them **today** [Sivan 3rd] and **tomorrow** [the 4th]. They must wash their clothes and be prepared by the **third day** [the 5th], for on the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people” (Exodus 19:10).

Editor’s Note:

Exo 19:1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

It says in the third month on the same day. In other words Sivan 3.

Exo 19:2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. Exo 19:3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Exo 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself. Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine: Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. Exo 19:7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. Exo 19:8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD. Exo 19:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses

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told the words of the people unto the LORD. Exo 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

They arrived late on the 3rd of Sivan so after sunset it would have been the 4th. So, they had two days of preparation, the 4th and the 5th. Two full days of preparation.

Exo 19:11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

They arrived on Sivan 3 and were told to be ready by the 3rd day which would be the 3rd day from Sivan 3 which translates into Sivan 6. I am sorry that you do not understand a simple math problem. $3 + 3 = 6$ Laura Lee.

It's interesting how Exodus 19 keeps emphasizing the **third** day. Likewise, the New Testament has several scriptures which emphasize that Christ would be raised on the **third** day. See I Corinthians 15:4.

Does Joshua 5:10-12 say that the Israelites waved a sheaf of firstfruits before eating any new grain in accordance with Leviticus 23:9-14?

Joshua and the children of Israel had crossed the Jordan River to start their campaign of conquering gentile cities west of the Jordan. They camped on the plains of Jericho to circumcise any uncircumcised males. An uncircumcised male could not eat of the Passover. They then keep the Passover as commanded on the 14th day of the first month in the evening.

Now this is where things get muddled and wrong assumptions are made. Joshua 5:11 says, “The **day** after the Passover on that very day [Abib 15, first day of unleavened bread], they ate **unleavened bread** and roasted grain from the produce [old or stored grain] of the land.”

Where did the grain or flour come from for them to make unleavened bread?

Was this flour made from new grain freshly harvested from a nearby field? It had to be from old or stored grain which they had previously captured and brought with them since they ate it on the 15th of Abib. Were they coming there as harvest workers or as warriors to conquer the land?

Editor's Note:

The Passover is the exact same day as the First Day of Unleavened Bread. Passover is kept on the late part of the 14th as it is turning into the 15th. So, the day after Passover would be Nisan 16. Where did they get the grain? It is so clear a 2nd grader could understand it:

Jos 5:11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day.

It was their land now and they could eat of the old grain as well as the new grain as long as they did the wave sheaf according to Leviticus 23. Joshua 5:11 is worded almost identical to Leviticus 23:14. Before they ate the grains of the new land they were eating manna given by God see Joshua 5:12. Laura Lee

Let's rewind to learn where and how this invading army had obtained their food supply. Before crossing the Jordan River, Moses had encountered some kings along the way who did not welcome the children of Israel and proved to be rather hostile.

While on the east side of the Jordan River, Israel wanted to pass through the land of Moab. Moses sent a request to King Sihon: “So from the wilderness of Kedemoth I [Moses] sent messengers with an offer of peace to Sihon king of

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Heshbon, saying, ‘Let us pass through your land; we will stay on the main road. We will not turn to the right or to the left. You can **sell us food to eat** and water to drink in exchange for **silver**’” (Deuteronomy 2:26-28, see also 32-35).

Moses first tried diplomacy which failed. A big mistake was made by king Sihon for refusing Moses’ fair offer. Israel goes to war against king Sihon who was defeated. They captured all his cities leaving no survivors. They took the livestock and the **plunder** from these cities. I wonder what was in that plunder?

Do you think that any stored grain from a previous harvest was captured?

Just before crossing the Jordan River they were commanded to prepare victuals or **provisions** for their coming invasion of the west side of the Jordan in a few days. See Joshua 1:10-11. [Remember the manna still appeared every morning at this time but nothing could be kept over for the next day except on the sixth day to keep from collecting manna on the Sabbath. So manna would probably not be included in their provisions. And they probably knew beforehand that the manna would eventually stop.] Thus, the need to take provisions with them which came from the plunder of their previous conquests.

So, the Israelites were well equipped when they crossed the Jordan. There was no need to get side-tracked with doing harvest work which would expose them to any enemies while working in the field. A grain field would be open and free of brush or trees which could be used for cover when confronting an enemy.

The argument has been made that since the Israelites did not plant the grain themselves when entering the land, then a wave-sheaf offering was not yet required. Consequently, they did not see the need to yet follow the instructions of Leviticus 23:9-14 until they had not only conquered the land but settled down to raise crops for themselves. This is true.

Editor’s Note:

This is not true, you are weaving false fabricated stories again. They ate more than manna and quail for 40 years in the desert. So, what if they had spoils of war to eat besides manna and quail. Read Lev. 23 in regard to the wave sheaf carefully.

Lev 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

The instruction is that when they come into the land that God gave them and reap the harvest thereof, then you shall do the wave sheaf.

So in other words when they come into the land, not 1-40 years later but when they come into the land and reap the harvest thereof, in other words the harvest that is already there. Laura Lee

For anyone to say “nowhere does it say that they had to plant the crop” has not read Exodus 23:16, “You are also to keep the Feast of Harvest with [produce planted by the wicked unbeliever? No! But with] the **firstfruits** of the produce from what **you sow** in the field.”

Editor’s Note:

Exo 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

This verse has nothing to do with the Passover or the harvest at Passover where the wave sheaf is derived from. This verse is talking about the harvest at Pentecost and at the Feast of Tabernacles. Laura Lee

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This misunderstanding of Joshua 5 has caused several COG groups to start the count toward Pentecost on the wrong day in the years when Passover falls on a Saturday since they falsely believe that the wave-sheaf day must occur during the days of unleavened bread. See Paul Yoos’ article on Joshua 5 written many years ago. [The Journal: News of the Churches of God](#)

Editor’s Note:

There is no misunderstanding of Joshua 5 which is a clear scripture saying they ate of the grain of the land on the day after Passover, Nisan 16 which is the same day the wave sheaf is done historically and in scripture. Laura Lee

Numbers 33:3 clearly says that the children of Israel departed on the 15th day of the first month and that the 15th is the **day after the Passover**. It is falsely assumed by nearly everyone that at the time of Moses a calendar day began and ended at sunset. This is not true. The Israelites had lived in Egyptian culture for centuries.

Editor’s Note:

Num 33:3 And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

Morrow means the next day. The Passover meal took place the night before whether you want to call it the 14th or the 15th it doesn’t really matter as the morning of the 15th was still the morrow (next day) after the Passover meal which took place on the 14th as it turned into the 15th at sunset. Laura Lee

The Egyptians had a solar calendar which was later adopted by the Romans which we follow today. They also had a lunar calendar. The Roman practice of beginning and ending the calendar day at midnight likely came from Egypt. This was the custom the Israelites also used when they left Egypt which explains why the Death Angel came at midnight. The 15th of Abib started at midnight and not at sundown. This is why Numbers 33:3 says the 15th was the day after Passover which is on the 14th.

Editor’s Note:

Lame argument, the scripture says “morrow” meaning the next day after the Passover meal. Laura Lee

Joshua 5:10-11 agrees with this explanation. The Israelites kept the Passover on the 14th day in the evening. The next day (the day **after** Passover) they ate unleavened bread since it was the 15th and the first day of unleavened bread as spelled out in Leviticus 23.

Editor’s Note:

Jos 5:10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. Jos 5:11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.

At even in Joshua 10 is talking about the end of the day or as the 14th is turning into the 15th of Nisan.

The Passover in scripture is on Nisan 15 the same as the First Day of Unleavened Bread. They were not allowed to harvest a crop on a Sabbath Day. The wave sheaf was always done on Nisan 16. Passover also never falls on Friday for this reason. If it did fall on a Friday then Nisan 16 would be on a Saturday which is the weekly Sabbath where no work is to be done. Laura Lee

The custom of beginning a calendar day at sundown came much later perhaps after the Babylonian captivity which is reflected in the gospel accounts of the New Testament.

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Editor’s Note:

A sunset to sunset day started on day one in Genesis. A sunset to sunset day has always been a part of the law of God even though most people do not even today view a day in this manner. Laura Lee

Lastly, Jesus Christ is our Passover slain for us (I Corinthians 5:7). Jesus instituted a whole new ceremony prior to His death. It is erroneously called the Passover. The apostle Paul called it the Lord’s supper to distinguish it from the Old Testament Passover ceremony kept at the end of the 14th day and into the evening of what later became the 15th after sunset by Jewish reckoning.

Partaking of the bread and wine prior to the time of Jesus’ death (just as Jesus did) is to remind us that we are part of the body and blood of Christ. We are to die with Him (Galatians 2:20) If we are to be crucified with Him then we need to become part of His body prior to the time of His death.

This is why Paul said to follow him as he follows Christ. We are to follow the **traditions** that Jesus has set before us. See I Corinthians 11:1-2, 23. We are told by Paul the appropriate time to observe the Lord’s supper. It should be observed at the beginning of Nisan 14 in the evening. This is when Jesus was betrayed. Will we follow Jesus, our Lord and Savior, or will we betray Him with our own misunderstanding?

Jesus said, “For I tell you that unless your righteousness **exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will **never** enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:20). Whoa! Take serious heed to Christ’s warning!

Did Jesus exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees? Most certainly! Where in the Old Testament does it say that we should be baptized? Yet we do it as a confession of faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Even Jesus Himself was baptized even though He was without sin. Why? In order to “fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15). He set the example for us to follow. Don’t let someone’s clever argument deter you from following Christ lest you fail to obey the righteousness of Jesus.

Editor’s Note:

This is again the worst Holy Day Article I have seen since your last one. There is no place in scripture where Christ changed the date of Passover or said to keep two days in a row no matter what you call them. How is most of what you are teaching different than what protestants teach? They teach a Sunday resurrection just like you, they teach Christ was in the ground for parts of days just like you. They teach Pentecost is on the wrong day just like you do. What is the difference between you and them. Either you never knew what the bible says or you forgot what it says. I like you as a person and I am sure God does too, but what you are teaching is not in the Bible and you are not following Christ which is very clear from what you write about the Holy Days. You are not studying scripture but you sure like to promote secular articles which in most cases are not based on scripture anymore than what you are writing.

Mat 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Jer 7:26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers. Jer 7:27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. Jer 7:28 But thou shalt say unto them, This *is* a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

Teaching an early 14 Passover is a false doctrine. Teaching a variable count to Pentecost from a Saturday Sabbath in or near the days of unleavened bread is a false doctrine. Teaching a Sunday resurrection is a false doctrine. Teaching Christ was only in the grave for parts of days and parts of nights (less than 3 days and 3

nights) is a false doctrine. Teaching that Passover is not an annual Holy Day is a false doctrine. You have written an awful article with very little truth at all in it. Laura Lee

Editor's Note:

We do not listen to video links or read print material that is linked to items we print, so we may or may not agree with those links. We only look at print material that is sent to us for print. Laura Lee

Gaza Suffering: Egypt, Muslim Nations Responsible – NOT ISRAEL

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Innocent blood is on the hands of leaders in Egypt! Muslim nations welcome refugees in Gaza especially women and children. **Why does Egypt deliberately lock women and children out of safety in Egypt. Over 5 million Ukrainians crossed into Europe to escape the war with Russia.**

Do Egyptian leaders find comfort or advantage in Palestine women and children being killed because of the - **Palestinian Muslim provoked war with Israel?** Media-Devils report daily the suffering in Gaza as if Israel was at fault for defending themselves. Hamas and Palestinians delight in murdering, torturing, and repeatedly raping women and children and then parade their screams to the world. Why do Media bastards close eyes to Muslim atrocities?

The United Nations should condemn Egypt for denying Palestinian women and children safety, shelter, and food, in Egypt. America should force Egypt to open the border. Charge Egypt 100% tariff for not opening the border with Gaza. Or open the border by force and force Egypt to rescue Palestinian women and children.

Then Palestinian men will be free to fight Israel. The truth is Palestinians and Hamas leaders would feel naked without women, children, and hostages to use as shields. Muslim devils are delighted to use the suffering and death of Palestinian women and children in Gaza as an opportunity to accuse Israel.

President Trump and Israel: Trading Palestinian prisoners for hostages is justifying and rewarding terrorists. That will endanger other Jews of possibly being kidnaped. Making a deal with Palestinians who teach their children your blood and your children's blood is a ticket to paradise is - FOLLY. War against Hamas Muslims as if there were no hostages.

"There is a time for peace, a time for war and a time to kill" What time is it? A time to kill. Not make "deals" with Mad Muslims who unprovoked will kill you and your children and then boast.

Muslims and sexual perverts rule Europe: Islamophobia Fearful Parliament, Speech Shackle Europeans. Europe Mind Slaves of Parliament: Muslim Religious Doctrine must be honored worldwide or Devil-Forbid Muslims will be offended. **Parliaments "Non-Offence-Law" legalize Muslim "offensive" demand:** Honor my Muhammad or I will kill you and your children. Who to love or hate the state will dictate! Europe, offend Christians and Jews - Parliaments eyes are closed.

The True Church

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MANY CHURCHES CLAIM TO BE "THE TRUE CHURCH." WHAT SHOULD WE LOOK FOR?

IS THERE A TRUE CHURCH ON EARTH....TODAY?

Is there an actual "True" Church with the same doctrines of the original church the Messiah founded? He said "...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it..." (Matt. 16:18).

He said there would be one....today. That is, it will not die out. *Did He mean it?*

WHAT WILL IT TEACH?

A church cannot be the True church without teaching the Law (first 5 books) the prophets taught which are the foundation of the church (Eph 2:20).

A scattered, but organized flock (Jn. 11:52), this "ecclesia", will come with the same gospel message He taught, having the "faith.... once delivered....;" (Jude 3).

WILL IT HAVE OPULENT BUILDINGS, COLLEGES?

No New Testament evidence exists that the true church had multimillion dollar buildings, lavish real estate holdings, colleges, or millionaire pastors.

The large upper room where the Passover was celebrated was a guest chamber in a house (Lk. 22:10-13; Mk. 14:14). "These two passages in the NT "concern a room in a private house, which the owner...placed at the disposal of Yahshua (rendered "Jesus") and His Disciples for the celebration of the Passover."

Editor's Note:

Christ did not keep the Passover with His disciples the night before He died. Christ was the Passover Lamb who died for our sins. He died between the two evenings on the 14th of Nisan at approximately 3:00 PM. The Passover meal was on the evening as the 14th of Nisan as it turned into the 15th of Nisan. Laura Lee

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(Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary, of the Old and New Testament, p. 285). On Pentecost the church was assembled in a **house** (Acts 2:2). **Had No church buildings.**

CENTRAL TRUTHS:

The central truths He came preaching that identifies that true church:

(1). Proclaims the name of Yahweh: "I am come in my Father's Name... (John 10:25) ...I kept them in Your Name (Jn. 17:12) ...

I have declared to them Your Name. (Jn 17:26)."

The Father's name is Yahweh: Matt. 21:9; Mk. 11:10; Lk. 13:35;

Jn. 12:13. (These are quotes of Psa. 118:26: LORD = YAHWEH)."

Editor's Note:

It is not a command to keep sacred names. In the English Language we use, God, Father, Christ, Jesus, Lord etc. Laura Lee

(2). Has the sign of sanctification:

Yahweh's Law of Holy Sabbaths observed from Dawn-to-Dark. "...I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a Sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Yahweh that sanctifies them... hallow my Sabbaths: and they shall be a Sign between me and you that you may know that I am Yahweh your Mighty One." (Ezk. 20:12,20; See also Ex. 31:13).

Editor's Note:

God's days are from sunset to sunset. Read Genesis. Laura Lee

Only Yahweh's New Moons and Holy Days are observed. No Easter, No Christmas, No Sunday worship.

Editor's Note:

There is no command in scripture to keep new moons, but we are to keep the Saturday Sabbath as well as all of the annual Holy Day Sabbaths. Laura Lee

(3). Teaches the Mosaic Law contained in the New Covenant:

"If the first covenant had been faultless...For finding fault with them

[the people; not the Law]...I will make a New Covenant...this is the Covenant that I will make...I will put **My Laws** in their mind and write them in their hearts..." (Heb. 8:7-8,10)

Like the New Covenant, the First Covenant also contained the Law (Ex. 24:3-4,7).

"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the Law to fail." (Lk. 16:17)

ANOTHER MESSAGE OF THE TRUE CHURCH:

"...If they hear not Moses [the Law] and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though One rose from the dead.

(Lk.16:31) "But if you believe not his [Moses', v.46] Writings, how shall you believe My words?" (Jn. 5:47) Do you hear the Law of Moses?"

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We don't know the day or the hour, but...
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"It is time, Lord, for You to work, for they have made void Thy law." – Psalm 119

THIS IS THE COLUMN I was always going to write "someday." Maybe it's time. We can see the shadows lengthening. The following is excerpted from my book "Morning Medications; God's Minute Paraphrased" (you can read it for free on my Facebook page, one day at a time):

"Marvel wondrously, for I will work in your day that you will not believe, even if it were told you." –Habakkuk 1

"He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness, because a *short work* will the Lord work upon the earth." – Romans 9

"The stouthearted have slept their sleep, but at Your rebuke You caused judgment to be heard *from heaven*; the earth feared and was still." – Psalm 76

"While the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept, and at midnight there was a cry made: Behold, the Bridegroom is coming, and the virgins all woke up." – Matthew 25

"O Lord revive Your work in the midst of the years. In wrath remember mercy." Habakkuk 3

"God pours contempt upon princes and causes them to wander in the wilderness. The godly shall see it and rejoice, and all iniquity shall stop her mouth." – Ps 107

"The kings of the earth set themselves and rulers take counsel against the Lord and His anointed ones. He Who sits in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in derision. Then He shall speak unto them in His wrath." – Psalm 2

"O Lord God of Israel, awake to visit the heathen. Swords are in their lips, for who, say they, hears? But You O Lord will laugh at them. You will have the heathen in derision." – Psalm 59

"How long you simple ones will you love stupidity, and you scorers delight in your scorning? Turn at My reproof; I will pour out My spirit unto you. I will laugh at your calamity and mock when your fear comes." – Proverbs 1

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"The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence, for the multitude of your iniquities and *the great hatred.*" – Hosea 9

"The vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie. Write the vision that he may run who reads it." Habakkuk 2

"Behold! I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful Day of the Lord, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." – Malachi 4

P.S. God's laugh is not a "nana nana NANA" laugh. It's more like Sarah's laugh when she was told that she would have a baby at the age of 90-something. "God has made me to laugh so that all who hear may laugh with me" (Genesis 21). In other words, what will people think? By the way, "Isaac" is rooted in the word for laughter, and if you Google Jewish comedians, you will come up with a list of more than 300 of them. They have inherited Sarah's sense of humor. Her laugh wasn't a sin, but she denied laughing.

PPS: "I will send my messenger and he will prepare the way before Me, and I will be a swift witness against those who fear Me not . . . Then those who feared the Lord SPOKE OFTEN with one another" (Malachi 3); think telegraph, telephone, cell phones, texting, tweeting, e-mail, podcasting, etc. It is easier now than it ever has been to "speak often" one to another!

"THEN the Lord heard it and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared Him." It could be "a book of remembrance was written BY those who feared Him." The Oxford Bible translated it "OF" them. Finally, the book of Daniel was sealed until the "time of the end," so if we understand most of Daniel's book, maybe it's time. Time for the Lord to work. They have certainly made void His law.

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Two-State Showdown

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France and other nations have announced that they intend to recognize the West Bank as a sovereign Palestine state come this September. This move is the result of Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza which has produced much devastation and unfortunate casualties.

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The mainstream media is playing up the staged video reports put out by Hamas in their social media campaign to make Israel appear to be committing "genocide" against Palestinians. Their efforts have been successful which has sparked many protests against Israel on college campuses in the U.S. and in foreign cities around the world. This has led to heads of state also jumping on the "hate Israel" train with renewed calls for a "Two-State Solution."

Bill Salus of ProphecyDepot.com has just put out an updated report on the latest declarations of France, the UK, Canada, and other nations threatening to recognize Palestine (the West Bank) as a sovereign state if Israel doesn't cave to Hamas' demands to end the fighting. Israel knows that a Two-State Solution would only lead to another October 7th massacre of Jews with even greater carnage.

Bill also digs into the war described in Zechariah 12 which probably connects to the Psalm 83 prophecy of a future war against Israel by surrounding neighbors. I mentioned Bill's prophecy explanations in my article back in March of this year, entitled, "Coming Mideast War."

It seems that things may be coming to a head in the weeks ahead with this Two-State Solution **craziness** by nations who are **drunk** with an anti-Israel spirit similar to the anti-Jew spirit of Nazi Germany in the 1930s.

"Behold, I [the Almighty] will make Jerusalem a cup of **drunkenness** to all the surrounding peoples. Judah will be besieged, as well as Jerusalem.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will make Jerusalem a **burdensome** stone for all the peoples; all that **burden** themselves with it [via political and diplomatic efforts] shall be sore wounded" (Zechariah 12:2-3).

France and the UK and other European nations have large numbers of Muslims living within their borders. If their political and financial backing of any Arab attempts to war against Israel should result in major loses and a huge victory for Israel which then allows Israel to annex the West Bank, the repercussions by Muslims could be disastrous.

Be sure to watch Bill Salus' report for insightful details of what may transpire in the months ahead. Here is the video link:

Zechariah's Warning: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZRLZOZGkxE>

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The War on America's Christian Heritage

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A federal judge has blocked a new Arkansas law requiring Ten Commandments displays in public school classrooms, citing concerns about the separation of church and state, which is not in the Constitution. Similar laws in Louisiana and Texas are also facing legal challenges. The photo above is of a Ten Commandments monument being removed from the Oklahoma State Capital Grounds after a federal judge declared it unconstitutional and ordered it removed.

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This government animosity towards the Bible is ironic considering that the first English Bible printed in America in 1782 was created for "use in schools" and carried a recommendation from Congress. It shows how far America has wandered from her Christian past.



Workmen remove the Ten Commandments Monument
from the Oklahoma Capital Grounds after a Federal Judge
Declared it Unconstitutional and Ordered its Removal

Robert Aitken, the producer of this Bible, had written a letter to Congress in which he asked for that government body's sanction of his work. In his letter he described this Bible as "a neat Edition of the Scriptures for the use in schools" Congress enthusiastically responded to his request and offered a recommendation, which stated that they;

Highly approve of the pious and laudable undertaking of Mr. Aitken , , and being satisfied from the above report of his care and accuracy in the execution of the work, they recommend this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States and hereby authorize him to publish this recommendation in the manner he shall think proper (Hyatt, *TheBook that Made America Great*, 16)

What a difference we see in those secularists today who oppose any reference to the Bible or prayer in our schools! They base their opposition on a distorted history that they themselves have created. They are doing this because they know that only by obliterating America's Christian past do they have any chance of transforming America into a socialist/atheistic society.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who spent eight years in a Soviet labor camp, saw this happen in his home country of Russia. Solzhenitsyn observed how the communist overlords sought to erase Russia's Christian heritage, and later wrote, "To destroy a people you must first sever their roots."

The goal of the socialist/secularist is to rewrite America's history and thereby sever her from her Christian roots. When that happens, the statement of Karl Marx comes into play, who said, "People without a heritage are easily persuaded."

We are already seeing this happen with an outright and open communist leading in the race for New York City's next mayor. With a generation having been taught that America's founding was evil and racist, they are ready to accept anything new that seems to dazzle and glitter.

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It is time, therefore, for Christians in America to know our history and take a stand for righteousness and truth. America's future is in our hands, even as the wonderful promise of national healing in II Corinthians 7:14 makes clear, beginning with the condition, *If My people . . .*

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Our Future

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THE KEYS TO OUR FUTURE ARE IN OUR HANDS

“Often times it happens we live our lives in chains and never even know *WE* have the Key.” (Eagles, 1974) **ASK:**

“And all things, whatsoever you shall **Ask** in Prayer (Speak It), Believing, you shall Receive.” (Matt. 21:22) “...**Ask**, and you Shall Receive...” (Jn. 16:24) **GIVE:**

“**Give** and it shall be given to you; good measure,...running over, shall men **Give** into your bosom...” (Lk. 6:38) **SEEK, KNOCK:**

“...**Seek**, and you shall Find; **Knock** and it shall be Opened...” (Lk. 11:9). We may have to **Seek** and **Knock several** times.

SPEAK, BELIEVE WHAT YOU WANT:

“...and shall Not Doubt in his heart but shall **Believe** that those things which he Says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he Says.” (Mk. 11:23).

“Therefore I say to you, What things soever you desire, when you Pray (Speak It), **Believe**...you receive them, and you shall have them.” (Mark 11:24)

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POEM ALSO TELLS THE STORY:

“I bargained with Life for a penny,
And Life would pay no more, However I begged at
evening
When I counted my scanty store.
“For Life is a just employer, He gives you what
you Ask,
But once you have set the wages, Why, you must bear the
task.
“I worked for a menial's hire,
Only to learn, dismayed,
That any wage, I had Asked of Life,
Life would have willingly paid.” (Author unknown)

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Are the Sabbath and Holy Days Done Away?

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For centuries, people have tried to find ways to convince themselves and others that Christians are not required to observe the [Sabbath](#) and holy days. A favorite scriptural target in this quest is [Colossians 2:16-17](#). Some teach that a heretical group of Judaizers in the Colossian church was trying to enforce obedience to Jewish practices, such as the laws of [clean and unclean meats](#) and [the holy days](#). Under such a scenario, they argue, Paul is telling the Colossians that they did not have to do these things, and further, they had no need to be concerned about what others were judging and saying about them.

The distortion of this portion of Scripture stems in part from a misunderstanding of [Colossians 2:14](#), from which many deduce that the law was done away and nailed to the cross. (For a detailed explanation of [Colossians 2:14](#), see, "[Was God's Law Nailed to the Cross?](#)") They reason that Paul is saying in verse 16, "Therefore [since the law is done away] don't let anyone condemn you for eating unclean meats or not observing the Sabbath or holy days." Consequently, they interpret verse 17 to mean that Paul lightly dismisses the Sabbath and holy days as unimportant symbols of future events, while emphasizing that the only truly substantive Christian need is belief in Christ. From this, they conclude that we should not concern ourselves about these days because, since Christ died, their observance is not required.

The Setting of Colossians

What is Paul actually saying in these often-misunderstood verses?

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To understand these scriptures clearly, we must first consider the cultural and historical background of the people to whom Paul was writing, the Colossians. The people of Colossae had been significantly influenced by pagan philosophies that taught that perfection could be achieved through self-denial and abstinence from pleasure. As a result, Colossae tended to be an ascetic community that adhered to a religion of severity, and its citizens thought anyone who was religious should behave as they did.

Many of the people who had come into the church had brought their pagan philosophies with them, and they soon began to have an adverse influence on the entire congregation at Colossae. In Colossians 2:20-23, Paul corrects the people in the church who were doing this:

Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of [the world](#), why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations—"Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of [wisdom](#) in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.



Evidently, some of the people had begun thinking this self-imposed asceticism could somehow contribute to their salvation and had begun turning away from trusting in Christ. They had more [faith](#) in their unchristian works. Paul warns them about this in [Colossians 2:8](#): "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."

[God](#) had called the people in the church at Colossae out of their pagan, ascetic way of life, and they had begun to learn how to enjoy life in a balanced manner, as God intended. This included eating meat, drinking wine, and enjoying food and fellowship when observing God's Sabbath and festivals. Apparently, the people enjoyed getting together and fellowshiping so much that some even observed the new moons, festivals that God does not command to be observed, but which had become a tradition under the Old Covenant.

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Because the converted Colossians were learning how to enjoy life as God intended, the ascetics in the community began to look down on them and condemn them. In addressing these problems, Paul reminds the Colossians that they are complete in [Jesus Christ](#), so they have no need for the pagan philosophies of this world. "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the [divine nature] bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power" ([Colossians 2:9-10](#)).

In verses 11 through 14, Paul shows how Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for our sins, and now our past sins, brought about by conforming to the ways, practices, and philosophies of this world, are completely blotted out and nailed to His cross. He reminds them that Christ has completely conquered all of the evil spirits who continue to rule this present, evil world and inspire the pagan philosophies that had so influenced the Colossian society: "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it" (verse 15).

With these powerful words of encouragement as a background, Paul explains in verse 16 why they need not be bothered by the attitude of Colossian society toward their practices and way of life in the church:

Therefore [since Jesus Christ is your Lord and Master and has conquered and has control over all of the evil powers in this world], let no one judge you [call you into question or condemn you] in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths.

In other words, "Do not worry about what the people in the community think about our enjoyment of eating good food, drinking wine, and joyously celebrating the Sabbath and the festivals. Christ has conquered the world and all of its rulers, so we do not need to be concerned about what the world thinks about us."

In verse 17, Paul mentions that the Sabbath and holy days are "shadows," that is, symbols or types, of future events in the plan of God. The Sabbath is a type of the Millennium when Jesus Christ and the saints will rule the world for a thousand years. The holy days symbolize various steps in the plan of God and Christ's work to bring them about, reminding us annually of God's great purpose in creating mankind.

"The Substance Is of Christ"

The last few words in verse 17—"but the substance is of Christ"—are a mistranslation brought about by the failure of translators to understand the true meaning of what Paul wrote. It is a classic example of how translators sometimes interpret the Bible when they translate the original Greek into English.

A literal translation of Colossians 2:17's last few words reads, "but the body of Christ." What is the body of Christ? [1 Corinthians 12:27](#) supplies the answer: "Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." The body of Christ is the church! The identical Greek expression translated "body of Christ" in [1 Corinthians 12:27](#) (*soma Christou*) is used in [Colossians 2:17](#).

Now the full meaning of what Paul is saying becomes clear. He tells the Colossians that they should not let any man judge them or call them into question about these things but rather *let the church make those judgments*. He is pointing the members to the example of the spiritual leaders of the church who set the tone and pattern of worship on the Sabbath and holy days, exhorting them not to worry about what anyone in the community thinks about them.

He gives a similar exhortation in verses 18 and 19:

Let no one defraud you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase which is from God.

In these verses, Paul again warns the Colossians that they should not allow societal pressures to have any influence on their beliefs or practices. He also repeats his appeal that they should look to Christ's leadership in the church for their spiritual nourishment and growth.

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So, we see that, far from doing away with the observance of the Sabbath and holy days, [Colossians 2:16-17](#) is one of the strongest proofs that the early church kept these days and that Paul taught the Gentiles to keep them!

We can learn two important lessons from these scriptures:

- We should not be concerned about what people in the world think about our way of life in the church, and
- We should observe God's holy days with [joy](#) and thanksgiving for His deliverance from this present, evil world.

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Greetings Brethren, and Happy Sabbath.

The April 26, 2025 Kenya Update is now posted at:

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Did Jesus Break the Sabbath?

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Dear Friends and Brethren,

It’s been asserted that Jesus broke the Sabbath, and hence we are free to disregard it as well. But did Jesus break the Sabbath?

The basis for the idea that Jesus broke the Sabbath is the accusations made by Jesus’ enemies among the Pharisees and scribes. Because Jesus performed miracles of healing on the Sabbath and did not honor their manmade rules regarding Sabbath observance, the Pharisees accused him of breaking the Sabbath. But did he in fact, break the Sabbath?

To many who consider themselves Christians, not to mention those who do not, the Sabbath may seem of little importance. Yet, the implications of this question are far-reaching, and of profound significance regarding your own salvation.

For today's sermon, I have edited and re-posted the message titled "**Did Jesus Break the Sabbath?**" We also have an article by the same title. Lack of understanding regarding this question, and assertions that Jesus broke the Sabbath have undermined the faith of people I've known who were at one time members of God's Church. You need to have a firm understanding of the correct answer.

In Christian love,
Rod Reynolds

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Fed “Dollar-Token” Talk is Here

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FED “DOLLAR-TOKEN” TALK IS HERE. US FARMS SHUTTING DOWN. EXPECT FOOD SHORTAGES/RATIONING.
By Greg Mannarino

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3s5Z9H5E9U> This guy is well respected and reports on hot issues, like this 17:27 min. video on the set-up to digital currencies being now formulated here in the U.S. (Will not be able to buy or sell – Revelation 13:17) This report also talks how our farmers are not growing food now and are in a crisis mode! Yes, the United States’ middle class is being destroyed – deliberately. Mainstream Media is not really covering it.

So, what are people to do? Let’s see if I can give at least some guidance on this rapidly developing crisis.

The answer most appropriate and effective would be to have an ongoing relationship with the Father and his Son in Heaven. That means not just an intellectual knowledge, but an obedient, respectful family type of relationship toward them! A relationship where we can ask for help from them and guidance is willing to be given us, *because* we actively strive on our part to live and worship as the Father commands us to. (If we are wondering how we are doing, do we, and others, see the fruits of the Set-apart Spirit in us? See Galatians 5:22-26. For the opposite, read (& understand what that all entails) the verses just before, 13-21.

Our God is jealous on how He commands us to worship Him (Exodus 34:14). Nothing has changed in that regard from the time of Moses as recorded in Deuteronomy 12:28-32 (All the offerings and sacrifices in chp. 12 represented the Savior who is our sacrifice now and our ever living High Priest by which we can have our sins forgiven once acknowledged and repented of). We need to realize Satan our adversary is the god or ‘*somewhat* mighty one’ and rules over this world using *counterfeit* gods and *counterfeit* days to lure religious people away from the true Holy days as found in Leviticus 23 and many other places including the NT. Many people are allowing this to happen to them; most without realizing it, likely including their pastors, teachers or priests.

This is true. Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of **lawlessness**.” (ESV) Matthew 7:13-14, ¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” It is up to each one

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of us. Don't follow the crowd. Pray, study, ask for help from the One who desires you to ask of Him; make right decisions. Its Eternal life – or not.

Another point on what can be done to try to help get ourselves through these times now enveloping the world and we here in America, is to **use wisdom**. Need more? James 1:5 says, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.” (ESV)

That's the basics, the rest is up to you (that applies to me also).

Editor's Note:

We do not listen to video links or read print material that is linked to items we print, so we may or may not agree with those links. We only look at print material that is sent to us for print. Laura Lee

Iron Sharpening Iron

In regard to: Proof of a Sivan 6 Pentecost

Article by Laura Lee

Comments by Denver Braughler (Muncie, Indiana)

Denver writes:

The phrase is “morrow after the shabbat” which means yom rishon. No one thinks that morrow after Wednesday means Sunday.

Laura responds:

It depends on which Sabbath you are talking about. For example, when it says, “morrow after the sabbath” and that sabbath is Passover/Unleavened bread then it would mean what ever day of the week the sabbath of Passover/Unleavened Bread fell on. For example, if the Passover sabbath fell on a Tuesday, the next day (morrow after the sabbath) would be Wednesday.

You don't seem to be able to give scriptures for what you say so I will use one or two:

Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

Morrow means the next day after something. In other words something happens on a Friday night and the morrow or tomorrow would be the next morning or Saturday. See Strong's H4243.

Sabbath in both of these verses includes not just the weekly sabbath but also the annual sabbaths. See Strong's H7676 or are you going to argue with me that the annual High Holy Days are not Sabbaths? There are scriptures for everyone of the annual holy days where they are called Sabbaths in the Bible.

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Just like we use special words for each day of the week, so do the Hebrew people have names for each day of the week. They are as follows:

Sunday (Yom Rishon), Monday (Yom Sheni), Tuesday (Yom Shlishi), Wednesday (Yom Revi'i), Thursday (Yom Chamishi), Friday (Yom Shishi), and Saturday (Shabbat)

Yom Rishon just means Sunday and it is not found in Lev. 23:11 or Lev. 23:15 and if you actually know where it is mentioned in scripture you are not telling us. Do you have the scriptures for Yom Rishon?

So, the morrow after the Sabbath could be any sabbath, weekly or annual. However other very clear scripture shows that what is being talked about in these two verses is the morrow after the annual sabbath called Passover. The day after Passover/Unleavened Bread is Nisan 16 and it does not always fall on a Sunday.

Denver writes:

Sivan 6 is one possible date of seven.

Because the first day of the first month is not a fixed day of the week, neither is the fifteenth day. The following sabbath fixes the day of the week and must have a variable date. The morrow of the sabbath is a variable date.

Laura responds:

Again, there is nothing in scripture showing or telling us that the count to Pentecost is a variable date and you have not proven it here. The Bible itself actually proves when the wave sheaf offering was. See Joshua 5:10-12

Joshua 5:11 proves that the wave sheaf was on Nisan 16 the day after Passover/First Day of Unleavened Bread. Where is your scripture proving it is a variable date? All of the other annual Sabbaths are on a fixed date, why would Pentecost be different?

Denver writes:

This necessitates *counting* the seven weeks to celebrate Shavuot and precludes Shavuot from being on a fixed date.

Laura responds:

People count to fixed dates all the time, for example a wedding day. Where are your scriptures from the Bible proving what you say?

Denver writes:

Tzedukim are Sadducees spelled differently.

Laura responds:

So what? What does that prove, they are still both Sadducees.

Denver writes:

Most any group has some truth.

I don't follow them even though we agree on one or two things. I acknowledge that even a stopped clock sometimes shows the correct time.

Most of your argumentation is based on straw man and ad hominem fallacies.

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Laura responds:

A straw man argument is a fallacy where one side misrepresents the other's position to make it easier to attack. Instead of addressing the actual argument, they create a distorted, weaker version (the "straw man") and then refute that, making it seem like they've defeated the original claim. This is a tactic used to appear like they've won an argument without actually engaging with the real issue. (From the Internet)

An ad hominem fallacy is a logical fallacy where someone attacks the person making an argument instead of addressing the argument itself. It's a way to try to discredit a claim by attacking the character or circumstances of the person making it, rather than engaging with the substance of their argument. (From the Internet)

I don't recall attacking you as a person, but you certainly did attack me when you said "Most of your argumentation is based on straw man and ad hominem fallacies."

So, what you are saying essentially is that you have no scriptures to prove your points and the Bible is wrong, so you don't prove your points by using scripture? And the points I made using scripture as proof are false. Based on your attack of me, your reasoning is neither sound or logical or you would be able to prove your doctrine from scripture. You are teaching a false doctrine. Telling people that the count to Pentecost is variable is a false doctrine and will remain so until such time that you can prove it from scripture.

The feast kept in the wilderness Exd. 5:1 was talking about Pentecost as that is the only feast we have record of as being kept in the wilderness. Then read Exd. 19 which gives the date that feast in the wilderness was kept. Then Joshua 5:11 clearly tells us they were eating of the fruit of the land on the day after Passover. So, the day after Passover is Nisan 16 which when you count from Nisan 16 your count will end on Sivan 6. The Bible backs up the dates on the Hebrew Calendar which are all fixed dates and not variable dates. Also, historically the wave sheaf was done on Nisan 16 each year.

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Holy Days 2025

Passover – April 13, 2025 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 13-19, 2025

Pentecost – June 2, 2025

Trumpets – September 23, 2025

Atonement – October 2, 2025

Tabernacles –October 7, 2025, to October 13, 2025

Last Great Day – October 14, 2025

Notes