

## A Prophetic Understanding of The Appointed Sabbaths and Feasts by the Lunar Calendar Reckoning/"Floating Sabbath"

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I will address and limit, for the most part, the contents of this response to the selected statements regarding the Sabbath and the appellation which has been assigned to those of us who have adopted the Lunar Calendar Reckoning/"Floating Sabbath" concepts revealed in the FREE Publication "The LORD's Calendar" (available at <http://www.onevoicemm.net/TTF/TTFCalendars.html>.)

While we find it laudable to denounce the blasphemous celebration of Ishtar, known in modern parlance as Easter or "Resurrection Sunday"; we note that within the body of this text the author(s) have chosen to insert several comments with which exception is taken. We will first establish a common understanding of Sabbath in the opening remarks:

The concept of the Sabbath Day rest is first found in Exodus 16:23, as the Lord God instructs Moses---this was BEFORE the giving of the Law. Of course we recognize the foreshadowing of Sabbath given in Genesis 2:2 as God rested on the 7th Day; but the CODIFICATION did not occur until the children of Israel gathered in the Sinai in the Third month, seen in Exodus 19 and 20. We recognize that the Lord God established His principle of a Seventh Day Rest or Sabbath BEFORE the Law. Therefore we seek to honor the Lord God and to obey the Law given unto Moses: "Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest"-Ex 23:12.

The question becomes: When IS the Seventh Day? How did the Lord God ordain (order) the reckoning of His Days? Especially to a people who have been in captivity 430 years in the sun-worshipping culture of Egypt? WHERE exactly did YAHWEH begin the the count of HIS days?

"And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you."-Exodus 12:1-2

The word "month" transliterated here is *chodesh the new moon; by implication, a month:--month(-ly), new moon.* (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.)

So we now define the means by which the Lord God reckons His first cycle. He proclaims the first month of the year - *shaneha: year (as a revolution of time).*

How then are we to know the cycles of years? How are months measured in length? When does the year end?

Interestingly, the Lord God answers ALL these question by the ordinances of His Feasts and Sabbaths in scripture. Since the Sabbath is LUNAR reckoned each *chodesh* is defined by the New Moon. The appearing of the New Moon begins a new month. That day is NOT usually a Sabbath. Here I quote from the original written work on the Lunar Sabbaths by Michael Taube and Sue Patterson:

"How can the Sabbath be on these same days every month? The answer is actually very simple. It is because the month always begins on the First, but of course the month begins on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The word month is Strong's #2320. It means NEW MOON. It is obvious here that the month begins with the New Moon. This means that every New Moon is the FIRST day of that MONTH. Something that is seemingly obvious, yet very profound when we think about it. Why? Because the pattern we follow for the Sabbath is to count from New Moon to New Moon. Isaiah 66:23: "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD." Count from month to month for the Sabbath days.

In Ezekiel 46:1 the Lord says "Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened". Notice that it is open in the day of the New Moon as well as the Sabbath day. So we see that the New Moon is a very important time and it

is even related to the Sabbath." - **SABBATH DAYS REVEALED** by Michael Taube/Sue Patterson 09/15/04 {Note: the full text of this essay may be referenced at: <http://www.onevoicemm.net/TTF/Sabbath-09-15-04.htm> for a complete rendering of the Lunar Reckoned Sabbaths and Feasts}

I have introduced this information here to preface my remarks to follow. The scriptures admonish us that: "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it is folly and shame unto him."-Prov. 18:13.

I suspect that comments such as: "The attack upon God's Sabbath continues today, not only by the mainstream Christian Church, but also by pseudo Christian cults who observe what could be called a "Floating Sabbath", claiming that the Sabbath changes each month. This latest attempt to confuse believers about God's day of rest goes by the name "Lunar Sabbath", and leads many to become dependant upon the cult, as only the "priestly class" (The Leadership) can be trusted to properly identify this mercurial holiday." are the product of just such a proverbial folly.

The best forms of scholarship demand that one who makes an assertion bears the burden of proof. Thus, as the revelation and development of the Lunar Reckoned Calendar (now known as "The LORD's Calendar" because we believe it IS revealed) began to unfold, enormous research, prayer and hours of "threshing" the details ensued. The level of intensity which enveloped this project through Michael and Sue's research is documented, sometimes day-by-day in the radio broadcasts that came out on "The Threshing Floor." In the interim, there were sleepless nights, long hours in scripture and reference books and long-distance conferences. These often resulted in a last minute dash to air time with what was being revealed. I bore witness to this first hand. {The audio archives of ALL the original shows are available at: [http://www.onevoicemm.net/TTF/ttf-audio\\_archives-topical.htm](http://www.onevoicemm.net/TTF/ttf-audio_archives-topical.htm) under the heading "TIMING"}

Those radio shows and the written documentation, often in the form of email postings to our group ([CMNFolks@yahoo.com](mailto:cmnfolks@yahoo.com)) documented the step-by-step unfolding of HOW Michael and Sue arrived at this understanding of the "Floating Sabbaths". On September 9th, 2004 the hosts went on air and announced that the Lord had revealed the TRUE Sabbath patterns. On September 14th, after a night at the computer, Michael Taube released the first version of the calendar and it was placed onto the Internet within 12 hours. On that day we observed the first Sabbath and the Day of Blowing of Trumpets. By our reckoning, we began a cycle of observance of the Sabbaths and Feasts, reckoned by a true lunar reckoning for the first time in over 1700 years!

The calendar has since undergone revisions (2 to be exact), to correct some minor computational errors, remove some earlier data that proved to be superfluous and to graphically format the final version to flow visually into a meaningful table of data that could be utilized by anyone. It is complete, within itself, as a means to continuously chart the days, months and years--even beyond the current terminus of August/September 2008---The First Month (Ethanim) and the 49 month range they were designed to project.

Further, the Calendar is an *oracle*. It has already charted certain events within our projections of the Tribulation and we believe it contains the 42 months (moons) of the Great Tribulation (or 3-1/2 years) seen in the Book of Revelation. We understand that on that basis alone, this work may be rejected wholesale by those who cannot agree with our prophetic/doctrinal positions. Nevertheless, it would certainly be fruitful for ANY Christian to "hear thee again of this matter" and exert due-diligence BEFORE speaking ill of the work.

The accusation that: "The attack upon God's Sabbath continues today, not only by the mainstream Christian Church, but also by pseudo Christian cults who observe what could be called a "Floating Sabbath", claiming that the Sabbath changes each month." is a dishonest attempt to malign a TRUTH which intrudes into a SACRED COW of SATURN Day observers. Yes, that is what Saturday represents. The "Floating Sabbaths" removes from any ONE of the pagan-named days the honor that is to be given to the ONE God-Yahweh on HIS Sabbath. Rather than honestly inspect the data and reach the conclusion to which we arrived (most of us were Saturday Sabbath observers, also); this criticism seeks BLINDLY to impart the epithet of "pseudo Christian" and "cult" as a means to continue observances, which are untenable.

NOWHERE in scripture is there any mention of a FIXED day observance, especially of a Saturday. The anecdotal evidence; and much more so, the Biblical proof texts which were uncovered by Michael Taube and Sue Patterson; point us to the very conclusions reached in the final analysis: the Sabbaths are lunar-driven and cyclically CANNOT conform to the weekly recurrent day of Saturday---or any other day. This is the reason that ALL calendar systems: Gregorian, Julian and the present Hebrew calendars use contrivances as extreme as adding days and even months to their tabular data---even using "correction charts" (as the current Jewish calendar employs) to attempt to manipulate dating. The result IS CONFUSION. ( 1Cor. 14:33: "For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.")

This current Passover season has proven our results even more as we found the Jewish calendar is documentably a FULL month off! The celebration in Israel of Passover has been pre-empted by the Un-Biblical observance of Purim. Moreover, we received a report from an expert that the barley harvest reached its most demonstrable fullness (Abib) in the very cycle calculated as the Abib/Observance of the New Moon for the Passover and First Fruit harvest. Observant Jews would have to offer the Lord dried, cracking barley in their observance of the First Fruits under the current cycle. (See Leviticus 23:39)

Finally, to the comment: "This latest attempt to confuse believers about God's day of rest goes by the name "Lunar Sabbath", and leads many to become dependant upon the cult, as only the "priestly class" (The Leadership) can be trusted to properly identify this mercurial holiday."

Based on the evidence we have introduced (and which to date no one has credibly disputed), we ARE the believers of God's TRUE days of rest, as we have documented above and elsewhere in the research. We not only do NOT engender a "dependency" upon any such cultic forms, but invite honest inquiry and scholarship---something most "believers" are simply too lazy to pursue. We reject totally the notion of ANY "priestly class"---we don't have TIME to deal with trying to shepherd ignorant, lazy "followers" of illogical doctrine. We have placed ALL of the research, and fruits thereof on the internet, in the Public Domain---FREE, for any to peruse. We have made ourselves available for comment, questions, and discourse. To which very few have availed themselves. Finally, by the very method which the "LORD's Calendar" operates--scripturally accurate and verifiable---ANYONE with some literacy and the leading of The Holy Spirit may extrapolate the data for themselves. There is no SECRET CODE or Alchemy involved. A child with a Bible and a 5th grade reading/math level COULD understand this! Hardly, as is stated, *mercurial*.

The real "priestly class" are those in the so-called churches, even "remnant sabbatarians" who hold onto their out-dated, unprovable and mystically-oriented system of contrivance to maintain an Un-Godly observance of so-called Sabbaths that were NEVER codified into The Holy Writ. Further, we submit that our understanding of the true Sabbaths and Feasts bring us to the greatest freedom any New Testament believer can experience:

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."-Heb 4:9 - 11

Note here: the word "rest" in verse 9 is sabbatismos ---the reality that Jesus is our Sabbath. This is the ONLY use of this word, sabbatismos, in the New Testament and its rendering is unique. We cease from our own dead works AND our own understanding. We are not UNDER the law, though we still seek to obey the law. THIS the mystery of Christian liberty.

The legalism that now defines so-called "sabbatarianism" is, along with the doctrine of the "Sacred Name", among the most burdensome mis-application of scripture in the current cesspool of apostate Christianity. The slavish adherence to unsound doctrine and smug piousness reeks of works in a fashion not seen since Jesus Christ encountered the Sanhedrin.

Thus, Paul, in the scripture so observes:

"For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."-Gal. 5:3-4

We believe that there remains amongst some of you, the HONESTY to, at least understand a doctrine, BEFORE you condemn it. Further, it is our hope in this hour that the body of work that has distilled into the "LORD's Calendar" may be a means to witness to the Body of Christ of just how short time really is on Planet Earth. We look forward to His Glorious Return, but we KNOW that the days are getting darker. In another study, forthcoming from Christian Media, Sue Patterson expounds the understanding we hold that the "church" will be divided into TWO groups in the Tribulation: The Sealed 144,000 of Revelation 7, who will be protected and will minister in the chaos that unfolds---and the Multitude, who will need to adhere to the LAW and lose their lives for the Testimony of Jesus Christ to obtain final salvation. The TRUTH, you see, is far different than what you have been taught. TRUTH DOES matter!

This message I send in the hope of reconciliation in Jesus' Name,

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