

>>> **The Sabbath by the Roman Calendar or by the Ordinance of the Moon** <<< The Evidence in a Nutshell

1. **Genesis 1:14-15.** Here we find the ordination of YHWH's calendar. The sun to rule the year and day, the moon to rule the month and more.
2. **Psalms 104:19.** Second witness that the moon is ordained for Mo'eds (YHWH's appointed times).
3. **Leviticus 23:1-3** clearly states that the weekly Sabbath is the first of Yah's feasts or appointed times.
4. **Psalms 8:3-4.** The moon is ordained for visitation with man.
5. **Jeremiah 31:35-36.** If the ordinances of the moon cease to be observed then Israel (His chosen people, which is us today) will cease to be His chosen people.
6. **Amos 8:5.** At least the seventh new moon is recognized as a non-work day.
7. **Ezekiel 46:1-3.** Special in Yah's eyes? The doors of the tabernacle were only opened during new moons and Sabbaths. (See **2 Kings 4:22-23**)
8. **Isaiah 66:22-23.** The new moons will continue to be observed throughout eternity--worship days past and future, so what about now?

Problems with keeping a repeating 7 day cycle that Sabbatarians need to resolve:

The 10th day of Abib (the day to set aside the Passover Lamb) is a work day. The man from Galilee rode on a donkey making it work, they cut palm branches, there was buying and selling of Paschal lambs, and on Abib 10, Messiah healed a man and everyone thought it was wonderful (He wasn't accused of breaking the Sabbath). (Luke 19:35-45, Matthew 21:2-15.) Abib 10 floats on the Roman calendar.

The 14th day of Abib is called the preparation day for first day of Unleavened Bread (the 15th day of Abib). The 14th day of the first month is always the preparation day for this feast. (Matthew 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54--24:1, John 19:14, 31, 42—John 20:1.) Abib 14 floats on the Roman calendar.

The 10th, 14th and 16th of Abib are, without exception, commanded work days. The barley could be harvested on the 16th after the Wave Sheaf had been offered, **Leviticus 23:9-14**. If there is a continuous 7 day cycle, every few years either the 10th, 14th or 16th will fall on a "Saturday". This is a problem we need to resolve. YHWH would never have a work day to fall on a rest day.

Problems with the present-day calendar that Sabbatarians must resolve:

I was told by a trusted feast keeping friend that the carpenter from Nazareth did not come to correct Sabbath keeping so we must be keeping it properly as we presently are. And, indeed, there is no evidence that he corrected their calendar. From this the only thing we can conclude is that Israel was still keeping a lunar-solar calendar in the New Testament era. "In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar asked astronomer Sosigenes to suggest ways to improve the calendar. Acting on Sosigenes suggestions, Caesar ordered the Romans to disregard the moon in calculating their calendars." *World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 3, p. 28.*

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII corrected the errors of the Julian calendar. At that time the majority of the civilized world adopted the calendar we adhere to today—the Gregorian calendar. Please read **Daniel 7:25**. Neither the Julian, nor the Gregorian calendar regulates time according to Scripture. They arbitrarily begin the year in winter instead of Abib, days at midnight instead of at even, and completely ignore the lunar cycle and the new moon which YHWH says regulates His appointed times. So why do we, or the Jews for that matter, trust this same calendar to be honest with YHWH's weekly Sabbaths?

Another serious problem with a repeating 7 day cycle that present-day Sabbatarians must resolve:

Israel was delivered from Egypt on the 15th of the first month (**Exodus 12, Numbers 33:3**) which is the first day of unleavened bread and a day of rest (non-work day), **Leviticus 23:6-7**. How is it that the 15th of the second month after they were delivered is also a Sabbath, **Exodus 16:1-23**? This is not possible if we use a repeating 7 day cycle of weeks unless February is the first month, and February did not exist 3,500 years ago.

This problem does not end here. In **Exodus 19:1-11**, Moses indicates that the 15th of the third month after the deliverance was also a Sabbath. *Rephidim* means “rest” and this passage indicates that they arrived at the Wilderness of Sinai the same day of the month they left Egypt two months earlier, the 16th. If you’ll remember, Israel spoiled the Egyptians the 15th then traveled to Succoth. The next day, the 16th, is when they actually “went forth out of Egypt.” **Numbers 33:3-6**. They were to prepare against the third day to hear YHWH speak at Sinai. They arrived on the 16th, making the 18th the third day. If the 18th is the third day, then the 15th is the seventh day of the previous week. Having a Sabbath on the 15th of the month for three consecutive months not possible with the Gregorian calendar, but it can with YHWH’s calendar....

The challenge we need to meet: every weekly Sabbath that is given a specific date in Scripture is always on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, or 29th day of the month; that’s Yah’s calendar, not the Roman calendar. And every festival Sabbath falls on these same dates with the exceptions of Day of Atonement and the last day of Unleavened Bread. To the above passages showing this concept to be true, please add the following evidence.

1. **Exodus 16:1-23** (15th, 22nd) The first place where the word “Sabbath” is use in Scripture. Fifteen + six days of manna = 21. The next day (22nd) is the Sabbath. If the 22nd is a Sabbath, so is the 15th. This is not an annual Sabbath.
2. **John 19:31** (15th) The 15th is a weekly Sabbath, (says “on the Sabbath”) and a high day in particular.
3. **John 7:2, and 7:37 - 9:14** (22nd) The man from Galilee spoke during the last great day of the feast of Tabernacles, a 7 day feast. After an “argument” with the religious authorities, everyone went home, the man from Galilee went to the Mount of Olives (**John 7:53, 8:1**). Early the next day (which would be the 22nd day of Tishri, the last day of Tabernacles being the 21st see **Leviticus 23:34, 39**. It’s a 7 day feast, 15 + 7 = 21.) The man from Galilee returned to the Temple where he had another lengthy debate with the scribes and Pharisees. After nearly being stoned at the end of the debate (**8:59**), he left the temple and passed by a blind man....read **John 9:14**.

Please understand, any month that the 15th is determined to be a Sabbath, the 8th, 22nd, and 29th are by default also the Sabbaths for that month. Based on the evidence, this happened every month. There are no weekly Sabbaths ever specifically dated to any other day of the month than as noted.

Something to think about: Friend, have you heard that there is no celestial time piece to mark the week? We have the sun to mark the day (even to even), the new moon to mark months, and the sun to rule the year. We have been told that there are no weekly revolutions of any light in the sky to mark the seven day week. We have been told that this proves the creation week in spite of the theory of evolution. We have been told that this proves a continuously repeating 7 day week, that the seventh-day Sabbath has never been lost and that the Sabbath is therefore the memorial of Creation.

Friend, there is a sign (beacon-**Genesis 1:14**) in the heavens that marks the week. You’ll find it exactly where YHWH says you will, in the quarter phases of the moon. The sun comes up every day of the year and other than the fact that it is higher or lower on the sky’s dome it looks the same every day. However, every 7 days, the moon enters a different phase. New moon-first quarter-full moon and then last quarter before entering a “rebuilding” phase. Since YHWH says that the moon is for appointed times, then we must be diligently prove this to be true. We must be faithful to the data given. He doesn’t say which appointed times, so we must conclude that He means all of them.

Questions we must answer:

Are there any passages in Scripture that clearly state a continuous sequential 7 day cycle, or that this 7 day cycle is the memorial of the Creation week? If yes, are there 2-3 witnesses that the thing is established by YHWH (**Genesis 41:32, Deuteronomy 19:15, and 2 Corinthians 13:1**)? (There are none). There are, however, many passages of Scripture that clearly indicate that the moon regulates the appointed times.

In conclusion: if all the feast days can be found without going outside of Scripture to man’s calendar, then why cannot the weekly Holy days or Sabbaths be found in Scripture (on Yah’s calendar) also? By finding the workdays, you can determine the non-work days or Sabbaths (intermissions) and the only way to find the workdays in Scripture is by the moon. In order to be consistent, the non-work days should never interrupt the six day work week, which they do on the Roman calendar; the new moons and feast days fall on any and all days of the Roman week.

Lamentations 2:6 says the Sabbath has indeed been forgotten by Israel at times, many times, in fact. Their historical landscape is littered with apostasy: worshipping Ba’al, passing their children through the fires of Molech, building alters on the high places, etc. Since the Jews in Israel today are imposters (of Edomite and/or Turkish descent—Esau’s descendants), why confidently look to them for proper Sabbath observance? The “Jews” today operate within the Gregorian calendar—observing the moon for feasts but the Roman calendar for Sabbaths. This is following after other gods.