THE SABBATH TIMELINE

There are only two institutions that came out of the Garden of Eden: Marriage and the Sabbath!

Satan hates both of these. The Sabbath represents the union of "God and Man." Marriage represents the union of "Man and Woman." Just as Adam and Eve had to trust God when He told them to stay away from the "Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil", He has also told humanity to trust Him when He calls us all to "Remember the Sabbath Day!" The Sabbath is the anniversary celebration of God's creation, and creating man in His own image. It is a day outside of time. A Holy and separate realm of spiritual union between God and Man. The occult always seeks to weaken the barrier from the physical realm and the spiritual realm. For the followers of Jesus Christ, this is exactly what the Sabbath day does. While the devil tries to accomplish this in many dark ways, he also tries to keep the followers of Jesus from the surest and easiest path. The Sabbath Day has been set aside by our God to come even closer to us, and allows us to come closer to Him. Only the obedient and faithful followers of Jesus can engage in this mighty breach of the spiritual realm. Just like during the time of Jesus, the people who followed Christ had to walk away from Rome and the Temple Religious System. So it is in these last days. Do we worship God according to the traditions and commandments of men, or according to His word and ways? We can only claim Him as our Lord if we obey Him!

Let's embark on a Genesis to Revelation timeline search of the Scriptures. We will create a Road Map showing us the History and application of God's Holy Sabbath.

Overview:

Q) Who Owns The Sabbath?

"If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure <u>on my holy</u> <u>day</u>; and call the Sabbath a delight, and the <u>holy of Yahweh</u> honorable; and honor it, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you will delight yourself in Yahweh, and I will make you to ride on the high places of the earth, and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father;" for Yahweh's mouth has spoken it." (Isaiah 58:13-14)

A) The Sabbath belongs to Yahweh our God. It is not a Jewish institution. It was shared by God with the Jewish People. <u>It remains God's Holy Day.</u>

Q) Who Is The Lord Of The Sabbath?

"Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." (Mark 2:28)

A) Jesus is the Lord/Master of the Sabbath. Yahweh has made Jesus Lord over all creation and institutions. This includes the Sabbath. Therefore, Jesus is the standard and example of celebrating and keeping God's Holy Sabbath.

THE GRAND TIMELINE OF GOD'S SPECIAL HOLY DAY

Sabbath Started At Creation: As a celebration of God's creation power!

"And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And the <u>evening</u> and <u>the morning</u> were the sixth day. And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And <u>on the Seventh Day</u> God ended His work which He had made. And He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He had rested from all His work which God created to make." (Genesis 1:31 + 2:1-3)

*Please note this was before sin- before creation had fallen.

<u>I Believe Abraham Kept God's Commandments, Including The Sabbath,</u> <u>Before Moses Ever Lived...</u>

"Reside in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. For to you and to your seed I will give all these lands; and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of the heavens, and will give to your seed all these lands. And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because <u>Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge</u>, <u>My</u> <u>Commandments'</u>, <u>My Statutes</u>, and <u>My Laws</u>." (Genesis 26:3-5)

Again, God gave these three same parts of the Law to Moses.

"And You led them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way in which they should go. And You came down on Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from Heaven, and gave them right judgments and true *Laws*, good *Statutes* and *Commandments*. And You made known to them Your <u>Holy</u> <u>Sabbath</u>, and commanded them commandments, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses Your servant." (Nehemiah 9:12-14)

They say Abraham was born around 2166 BC. While Moses was said to be born around 1525 BC, roughly 641 years after Abraham was born. Moses received The Commandments from God around 1445 BC.

Sabbath Was Kept During The Exodus, Before The 10 Commandments:

"I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law, or not. And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the <u>Holy Sabbath</u> unto the LORD: Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the <u>Sabbath</u>, in it there shall be none." (Exodus 16:4+23+26) For more info read all of Exodus 16.

*Please note that the Sabbath was shared with the Jews to see if they would obey God. Today the Sabbath is still that test. Will you obey out of faith just because He has declared so?

Sabbath Was Solemnized In The Commandments: Circa 1445 B.C

Solemnize- "To celebrate formally or according to ritual."

"<u>Remember the Sabbath day</u>, to keep it holy. You shall labor six days, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahweh your God. You shall not do any work in it, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your livestock, nor your stranger who is within your gates; for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day, and made it holy." (Exodus 20:8-11)

The Last Thing God Spoke To Moses About On The Mountain Was To Remind Him Of The Sabbath! Circa 1445 B.C

"You shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to Yahweh. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death. Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." He gave to Moses, when he finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, stone tablets, written with God's finger." (Exodus 31:14-18)

Jesus Kept The Sabbath: Circa 27-33 A.D

"He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He entered, as was his custom, into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read." (Luke 4:16)

Jesus Declares Himself Lord Of The Sabbath: Circa 27-33 A.D "He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27-28)

"Behold, one came to him and said, "Good teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" He said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God. **But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments**." He said to him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder.' 'You shall not commit adultery.' 'You shall not steal.' 'You shall not offer false testimony.' 'Honor your father and your mother.' And, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 19:16-19)

*Please Note that He is referencing the 10 Commandments. Some might say He is not mentioning the Sabbath. Yet, He also didn't mention "no gods before me, no idols", etc. He was pointing out the ones the man was having issues with.

The Sabbath Was Kept After Jesus Death: 30-33 A.D

"It was the day of the Preparation, and the Sabbath was drawing near. The women, who had come with him out of Galilee, followed after, and saw the tomb, and how his body was laid. They returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment." (Luke 23:54-56)

The Sabbath Was Kept By The Disciples After Jesus' Resurrection:

The Book of Acts: As contained in the Bible. Circa 30-65 A.D

Paul and Barnabas: Roman City of Antioch in Pisidia Circa 30-65 A.D. "And the Jews having gone out of the synagogue, the <u>Gentiles</u> begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. And the synagogue being broken up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. And on the coming Sabbath day almost all the city came together to hear the Word of God." (Acts 13:42-44)

*Please note that it was Gentiles coming together on Sabbath to hear and learn from the Disciples. Meeting on the Sabbath in the Synagogues was the common practice of Jesus and the Disciples, as we see here this practice was continued with the Gentiles. The often quoted argument that "they only went on the Sabbath to reach the Jews," is clearly decimated here. As we see, the Gentiles are called back together again on the Sabbath.

Paul In Macedonia: Circa 30-65 A.D

"And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was usually made. And we sat down and spoke to the women who came together there." (Acts 16:13 MKJV)

Paul In Corinth: Circa 30-65 A.D.

"And he reasoned in the synagogue on <u>every Sabbath</u>, persuading both Jews and Greeks... He lived there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them." (Acts 18:4+11) See Also: Act 13:14 *<u>Please note that that was 78 Sabbath meetings</u> Paul held, with not one mention of meeting on Sunday/Day of The Sun!

Paul In Ephesus: Circa 30-65 A.D.

"After the Sabbath ends, each of you should set aside and save something from your surplus in proportion to what you have, so that no collections will have to be made when I arrive." (1 Corinthians 16:2 ISV) *See also the following Bible Translations: (Modern King James Version), (Literal Translation of the Holy Bible), (International Standard Version), (Jubilee Bible), (The Scriptures 2009). *See also "Q&A" sections at Brotherlance.com for info on this verse.

Jesus' Prophecy Foretelling That The Sabbath Would Be Kept After His Death: 70 A.D

"When, therefore, you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house. Let him who is in the field not return back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are with child and to nursing mothers in those days! *Pray that your flight will not be in the winter, nor on a Sabbath,* for then there will be great oppression, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be. Unless those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved. But for the sake of the chosen ones, those days will be shortened." (Matthew 24:15-22)

If Jesus knew that the Sabbath wouldn't matter after His resurrection, then why would He mention it in His prophecy as something to be prayed about? Unless He knew that it does matter and that this prophecy given to believing Christians would still be keeping the Sabbath!

This Prophecy was fulfilled in 70 A.D when soon-to-be Roman Emperor Titus circled Jerusalem and sacked it. The Romans brought their ensigns into the temple and placed them over against the eastern gate, and sacrificed to them there. And then destroying the Temple with fire after a very long siege 66AD-70AD. Therefore, Jesus knew the Sabbath was going to be kept 40 years after His death.

The Sabbath Will Be Kept In Heaven Forever:

Circa Eternity A.R (After Resurrection!)

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore since all these things will be destroyed like this, what kind of people ought you to be in holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells." (2 Peter 3:10-13)

NEW HEAVENS - NEW EARTH - SAME GOD - SAME HOLY DAY!

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem to be a delight, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; and the voice of weeping and the voice of crying will be heard in her no more. "No more will there be an infant who only lives a few days, nor an old man who has not filled his days; for the child will die one hundred years old, and the sinner being one hundred years old will be accursed. They will build houses, and inhabit them. They will plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. They will not build, and another inhabit. They will not plant, and another eat: for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor give birth for calamity; for they are the offspring of Yahweh's blessed, and their descendants with them. It will happen that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. Dust will be the serpent's food. They will not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain," says Yahweh... "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make stand before Me, says Yahweh, so will your seed and your name stand. And it will be, from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh will come to worship before Me, says Jehovah." (Isaiah 65:17-25 + Isaiah 66:22-23)

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the sea is no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with people, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The first things have passed away." He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true." He said to me, "I have become the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give freely to him who is thirsty from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes, I will give him these things. I will be his God, and he will be my son. But for the cowardly, unbelieving, sinners, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their part is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." (Revelation 21:1-8)