

# Calculated Hebrew Calendar—Lunar Sabbath Error

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Greetings, everyone! This is a special calculated Hebrew calendar introduction, as well as at the end of it we are going to cover one of the latest heresies with the calculated Hebrew calendar that is almost mind boggling. It is so bad, it's unreal. But you have a situation where, as we were discussing before services: Do you want the Truth? *or* Do what you want, you want that to be the Truth? *There's a difference!* A lot of people know what they want, but a lot of what they want is not true. But they want it to be true.

That's the whole sense of counterfeiting— isn't it? The closer you can make the counterfeit to the real thing, the more easily it is to palm it off. However, they've also found this: Once you get people into the mode of accepting lies as truth, then there's an automatic thing that happens. And that is, the mind begins believing the lies to be true and then after that, truth then becomes lies.

Let me give you another example: One of the main things with orthodox Christianity is this: If you keep the Sabbath and the Holy Days, you belong to a cult. Because that is contrary to what the dictates of orthodox Christianity—with Sunday, Christmas, Easter, New Years, and all the pagan holidays—prescribe.

Most of Christianity in the world has accepted that premise as true. That's why so many stick with Sunday. However, they get themselves into such a position that now it's hard to believe the Truth. And the truth of the matter is this: If you love God and keep His commandments and obey Him, and if you believe in Jesus Christ the way the New Testament shows, and you have been baptized and receive the Holy Spirit of God—which is now almost completely left out of worldly Christianity—then you know the Truth.

If you know the Truth and it comes from God and it's from the Word of God, is God's way a cult? *No!* God's way is not a cult. The truth is *the way of orthodox Christianity* is a cult. And as much as Protestants like to say they don't follow the pope, they do. As much as they say they disagree with the Catholic Church, they don't. They may have some little differences. And the Catholics think they are right, and the Protestants think they are more right. The Protestants use part of the Bible; the Catholics only use it as show, and none of them understand the Truth.

Just like recently here in the news, Bill O'Reilly on Fox News, he's been the 'champion' for Christmas. Now everybody wants that lie to be true. *But it's not true!* Who belongs to a cult? Those who

follow God and believe in the true Jesus Christ? *or* Those who are in orthodox mainstream Christianity? I think the answer is obvious!

Now then, how does that come to the calendar question? Well, today the Gregorian calendar that we have—the civil Roman calendar—is the calendar that is used by the world. In Europe they have readjusted the names of the days; they haven't readjusted the days. They have readjusted the names of the days. There's still seven days in a week, but now in order to make a lie appear true, they put Sunday as the seventh day of the week. So, if someone's preaching, 'Oh, you ought to go to church on the seventh day of the week.' They wouldn't know. The pope can say, 'Well, look, we're keeping the seventh day.' If you grow up in the society and everything you've only known has been the calendar on the wall, and that shows Sunday as the seventh day of the week, you're going to believe it's the seventh day of the week.

If one of the church officials say, 'Well, that little group over there, we used to kill them in the Inquisition, but now we just ignore them. They're a cult; they believe in a different Jesus.' When the whole thing is absolutely upside down and backwards. So, there's a lot of confusion out there. There's a lot of confusion even within some of the Churches of God, and we will get to that.

We know 1-Cor. 14:33 says 'God is not the author of confusion.' Here's another thing that is true. If you prove the Truth to be true, you can reprove it and reprove and reprove it without fail. Now that doesn't mean there might not be some fine-tuning in your understanding. But the Sabbath Day is the seventh day of the week, as we know it today, with the exception of the liars in Europe.

How did we get the seven days? Let's come to Genesis 1; let's see how God came to the seventh day:

- what occurred
- what He did
- how He numbered them

If the seventh-day cycle has been in effect since creations, which we will see it has, how do we know there weren't other shenanigans in the past, like the European calendar?

Genesis 1:1. "In *the* beginning God... [He was there first] ...created the heavens... [stop] ...and the earth." Stop! In the book of Job we find something very interesting: 'The sons of God rejoiced when God laid the foundation of the world.'

The sons of God then were the angels that God created. What does this tell us? And as we go through this, I'm going to assume you know your Bible relatively well. *This tells us the angels were all in agreement with God at that particular time.* What else does this tell us then? *This tells us that in Rev. 12 where we see that Satan drew a third part of the stars of heaven with him,* that is the angels, in his rebellion against God, *that that took place after the creation of the world.* The angels rejoiced when the foundation was laid.

Let's add something else in there. Rev. 13:8, it says that 'the Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world.' That becomes very important because we find in the New Testament, which we'll cover a little later, that Jesus died at the appointed time **set at the foundation** of the world. Meaning, as we will see, to the very day. We'll cover what day that is.

Verse 2: "And the earth was... [You will notice in the *Faithful Version* there's a little star right after the word *was*, which means that could be translated as *became*] ...without form and void..." How did it become 'without form and void'? We find some other Scriptures that add to that. Satan said, 'I want to be like God. I will ascend into the clouds,' we find in Isa. 14. And he was cast back down. That ties in with Rev. 12. We also find in Ezek. 28 that 'he was perfect in his day until iniquity was found in him.' So, when they rebelled there was war in heaven and their habitation was on the earth, because Jude said 'the angels that rebelled did not keep their original habitation.' They wanted to go and take over the throne of God.

There was war in heaven, which came to the earth, and that's how the earth became without form and void. "...and darkness was upon the face of the deep..." (v 2). That is as a result of *sin*. What does this also tell us? This also tells us there was a first flood [not the Flood of Noah], and that agrees with the paleontological and geological layering of the earth in the strata. God then begins to *renew* the earth, create it for man and everything from here on, then, begins with what we know. So let's pick it up here, continuing now.

Verse 3: "And God said, 'Let there be light.' And there was light.... [you're not going to have light unless you have the sun somewhere close by] ...And God saw the light that *it was* good; and God divided between the light and the darkness" (vs 3-4). Very interesting. Was the earth sitting there not even rotating at this time? *Don't know!* It obviously was darkness all around the earth. We can see a couple of other places in the Bible talking about this kind of darkness. When darkness came upon the Egyptians during the plagues. It was so dark they could feel it and they all stayed in their houses. And that was

God's judgment against their sins. So, we have darkness covered the earth. Then we also have when one of the plagues are poured out, the seven last plagues, it is poured out upon the capital city of the beast, that is Babylon, and they had darkness so penetrating that they gnashed their teeth. So, the darkness also shows the result of sin. God had to clear away the darkness first; get rid of the results of sin.

Verse 5: "And God called the light day, and He called the darkness night. And the evening and the morning were day one." Now God is accounting time. We're going to see one important thing that God does, He always accounts for time and that's why we have the calculated Hebrew calendar today, because it always accounts for time, and more than just time on the earth. It has to account for the time of the sun, the moon, the stars, and the earth, and all be coordinated together.

Verse 6: "And God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters *from* the waters.' And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament heavens. And the evening and the morning were day two" (vs 6-8). Specifically counting.

Waters above the earth are in the clouds. Is there water in the clouds? Some people say that there was a great shield or something around the earth. I do not believe that to be true at all. There's no proof of it in the Bible.

Verse 9: "And God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. And God called the dry land earth, and He called the gathering together of the waters seas; and God saw that *it was* good. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth vegetation—the herb yielding seed *and* the fruit tree producing fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself—upon the earth.' And it was so. And the earth brought forth vegetation—the herb yielding seed after its kind, and the tree producing fruit after its kind, whose seed *is* in itself. And God saw that *it was* good. And the evening and the morning were day three" (vs 9-13).

Now day four becomes very interesting, because day four gives us a point in time where God set the sun and the moon in their places for the appointed times and seasons and years. That's on day four, not day one, and we will see that that's very important when we come to the heresy that we're going to cover toward the end of this presentation.

Verse 14: “And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide between the day and the night, and let them be for signs, and for appointed seasons, and for days and years; And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. And God *had* made two great lights, the great light to rule the day... [s the sun] ...and the lesser light to rule the night... [the moon] ...and *God had made* the stars *also*” (vs 14-16). Those were made at a point before.

But what really happened here was God set the sun in its proper place and the moon in its proper orbit. Verse 17: “And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide between the light and the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. And the evening and the morning were day four” (vs 17-19).

We won’t talk about the rest of it, except that God accounted day five where He brought forth all the animals; day six when He created man. Then we come to day seven. God accounts for every moment of time. Let’s read about how the Sabbath Day came about.

Genesis 2:1: “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And by *the beginning of* the seventh day... [That’s important because that’s actually what it means in the Hebrew. Because if *on* the seventh day God finished His work, then He would be working on the seventh day—is that not correct?] ...And by *the beginning of* the seventh day God finished His work which He had made. And He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made” (vs 1-2).

God did something special to these days at the time of creation. This has to come right on down through all time. Otherwise there is no way you can know which day the Sabbath is. What if someone lost time? The Israelites did when they were in Egypt, and God re-established it. And we will see that the count of seven days is the basic continuous cycle that God uses for all time on the earth.

What is calculated as months, what is calculated as years are all made to fit into the seven-day cycle. Here’s what He did with the seventh day. And it is a spiritual thing. Those who don’t keep the Sabbath don’t understand it. Those who do keep the Sabbath understand it in the degree that they love and serve God and obey His commandments, and so forth.

Verse 3: “And God blessed the seventh day... [He didn’t bless the first, and the Sunday keepers are just out of luck. He didn’t bless the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, or the sixth. On the sixth day God blessed man—right?—whom

He made in His image—correct? But He didn’t bless any of those days. But this day He blessed.] ...And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it... [Sanctified means *set apart for Holy use and purpose* or *make it Holy*. That’s why it’s called the Holy Sabbath.] ...and sanctified it because on it He rested from all His work which God had created and made?” That’s how we come about the Sabbath.

When the children of Israel were in Egypt, they probably lost track of everything. God had to send Moses. God had to reveal the Passover and the months to him, but we’re not getting into that at this particular time. Here God revealed again His Sabbath.

God did something special on this day and then with this day He re-established the weekly cycle in the giving of the manna. Exodus 16:1: “And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came into the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai... [They had to get there before the 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Hebrew shows here a full stop right after Sinai, meaning they got there and were there before the next event took place.] ...And on the fifteenth day of the second month *after* their departing out of the land of Egypt. Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness” (vs 1-2).

This day was a Sabbath Day, a weekly Sabbath. So here we find the weekly Sabbath revealed by God. If people lose and they really can’t find it, and there’s no written word of it, which they didn’t have, then God has to reveal it. So, God is dealing with them, and God reveals it to them. You know what the story is.

Verse 3: “And the children of Israel said to them, ‘O that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, when we ate bread to the full, for you have brought us forth into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger!’”

Stop and think for a minute how hardhearted and carnal and rebellious this really is. Did they see all of the plagues and wonders in Egypt? Did they see what God had done? *Yes! Especially the death of the firstborn!* What do you suppose God would have done, and how much better off they would have been if they weren’t in such rebellion. If they would have come to Moses and if they would have said to Moses, ‘Now, Moses, we know that you’re appointed by God. We’ve seen all of the plagues and miracles that God did in Egypt. We’ve run out of all of our unleavened bread. We’re all very hungry. We’re getting low on water and could you please go ask God to tell us what we should do in these

circumstances.’ Why, that would have been a far different story.

Verse 4: “Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Behold, I will rain bread from the heavens for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain amount every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My Law or not.’” Let’s just stop here for just a comment. God does that with everyone of us all the time. Are we going to walk in God’s way or not? He set before us life and death, blessing and cursing. He wants us to choose life, but *we have to choose it.*

Verse 5: “‘And it shall come to pass on the sixth day, they shall prepare what they bring in. And it shall be twice as much as they gather day by day.’ And Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, ‘At sunset...’” When does the day start and end? *At sunset!* The Jews say, ‘Well, you have to wait until you see three stars, that’s when the day begins.’ *Not true!* That’s one of their traditions.

Sunset—‘You shall observe your Sabbath from sunset to sunset.’ (Lev. 23:32). That’s specifically stated for the Day of Atonement so that everyone would be able to keep it beginning at the same time. You can’t have some starting at three in the afternoon. You can’t have some starting at sunset. You can’t have some starting when there are three stars, that’s confusion.

Verse 6: “And Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, ‘At sunset, then you shall know that the LORD has brought you out from the land of Egypt. And at sunrise, you shall see the glory of the LORD, for He hears your murmurings against the LORD. And what *are* we that you murmur against us?’ And Moses said, ‘You will see when the LORD shall give you flesh to eat at sunset and bread to the full at sunrise, for the LORD hears your murmurings which you murmur against Him. And what are we? Your murmurings *are* not against us, but against the LORD’” (vs 6-8). Since we are not dealing with the things concerning between the two evenings, I will just let you read the footnote at the bottom of the page here.

Verse 13: “And it came to pass, at sunset, that the quails came up and covered the camp....” Just remember this: God also kept the Sabbath Day—didn’t He? That’s why He didn’t send the quail until sunset, which ended the Sabbath Day—very important to understand. They could not eat the quail until they arrived. They arrived at sunset, so therefore, when they ate them it was after sunset. You can read all the rest of the details.

“...And at sunrise... [sunset ended the Sabbath, then began the first day of the week. So, you come around now to sunrise:] ...the dew lay all around the camp” (v 13). When He sent the quail,

they landed in the camp so they wouldn’t have to go out and try and get it when it got dark. In the morning He put the manna, like dew, all around the camp so they had to get up as it were and go to work. Six days shall you labor and gather all your manna—if we could put it that way. Then he told them how much to get and he told them what they should do. He told them, ‘Don’t leave it to the morning, because it’s going to breed worms and stink.’ Well, people did that and guess what? *They couldn’t eat it!* So, there was one miracle. Then he said on the sixth day, so five days a week they would go out and get whatever they needed for that one day. Then on the sixth day they would go out and gather twice as much and they would keep it over for the Sabbath.

Here’s what Moses said, v 23: “And he said to them, ‘This is *that* which the LORD has said, “Tomorrow is the rest of the Holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake *today*... [That is on the sixth day, day of preparation.] ...and boil what you will boil. And that which remains over, lay up for yourselves to be kept until the *next* morning.’” And they laid it up until the *next* morning as Moses said. And it did not stink; neither was there any worm in it. And Moses said, ‘Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD. Today you shall not find it in the field. Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, in it **there shall be none**’” (vs 23-26). Well, some went out to get it. Didn’t find it, didn’t believe God.

What is the thing that God expects? *He expects us to obey His voice!* They didn’t do it. What did God say? Verse 28: “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?’”

Then as God commanded, they were to take some of the manna, v 33, “And Moses said to Aaron, ‘Take a pot and put an omer full of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD to be kept for your generations.’ As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the testimony to be kept. And the children of Israel ate manna forty years until they came to a habitable land. They ate manna until they came into the borders of the land of Canaan” (vs 33-35).

What does this tell us? How does God count time? *The weekly seven-day Sabbath is the basis of all counting of time; all months and all years must fit into it—*very important to realize. That’s why God set the sun and the moon in their proper places on the fourth day, because those things are figured differently than the seven-day cycle. But once they are figured, they are made to conform to the seven-day cycle.

Someone is surely going to ask: How do we know which is the seventh-day Sabbath today? God has a perpetual witness called the Jewish people, scattered around the earth. They know which day is the Sabbath, though some of them don't keep it, even to this day. But they know which day is the Sabbath, without a doubt.

- Do we all believe in the Old Testament? *Yes, we do!*
- Do you accept the Old Testament? *Yes, we do!*
- What language was it written in? *Hebrew!*
- How do we know that we have the right Old Testament text?

You can read the history of it as we have in the commentary in the front of *The Holy Bible in Its Original Order, A Faithful Version Bible*. And it comes down to the days of Ezra, when Ezra and the Great Synagogue canonized the Bible. We know from that time forward that the seven-day cycle has been the same, and it hasn't changed and the Jews follow it to this day. Did they preserve the knowledge of the Sabbath? *Yes!*

Now let's talk about the calendar. Let's talk about how do you get an accurate calendar. First of all let's come here to Isaiah 40; let's see what God says. There are various calendar schemes out there the different men have, but who is the one who can accurately give us the correct way to figure the months and the years? Who created the months and the years? We saw there in Gen. 1:14 that God did. *God is the only one!* Did you know that today even the Naval Observatory and NASA cannot be as accurate as the calculated Hebrew calendar?

Isaiah 40:25: “To whom then will you compare Me, or who is My equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold, Who has created these *things*, Who brings out their host by number? He calls them all by names by the greatness of His might, for He is strong in power; not one fails” (vs 25-26).

Don't you think that the One Who created the heavens and the earth could give us the most accurate calendar, seeing as how all of those factors are involved in keeping the Holy Days, in keeping the annual Sabbaths, in keeping track of the land Sabbath, in keeping track of the Jubilee years, etc? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 27: “Why do you say, O Jacob, and O Israel you speak, ‘My way is hidden from the LORD and my cause is disregarded by my God?’” Because when they're not in accord with God's ways, He disregards it. What does that tell you about Sunday? What does that tell you about Christmas, Easter, Halloween and New Years? Are those of God? *No!*

Does the Bible talk about them? *Yes!* It talks about them in what form? *As something not to do!*

Verse 28: “Have you not known? Have you not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not grow weak nor weary? And His understanding no one can fathom.” So, God is the One to give us the correct way to figure the months and the years.

Some people might think we are stuck with a problem. Show me anywhere—Old Testament or New Testament—where it says, ‘This is the book on calendar calculation.’ *It's not there!* Did God then leave it to men to decide when these things would be? *No!* In Exo. 12, God revealed the calendar as well, and said to Moses, ‘This shall be for you the beginning of months.’

Let's come to Leviticus 23 and let's see something that is important and this is something if you accept the validity of the Old Testament, written in Hebrew, and you trust in what it says, then you're trusting in those Levites and priests within the Jewish community that preserved the text.

The seven-day cycle, *is separate* from the seasons and months, Leviticus 23:1 “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, “Concerning the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* Holy convocations, even these are My appointed Feasts. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of rest, a Holy convocation. You shall not do any work. It *is* a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings”” (vs 1-3).

The Sabbath means you have the seven-day cycle continuously going on, every seven days. Now as human beings we need the Sabbath, because if we don't have the Sabbath, we'd never understand anything about God and we'd be as rebellious and carnal as anybody else.

Verse 4: “These *are* the appointed Feasts of the LORD, Holy convocations... [Remember *only God* can make something Holy.] ...which you shall proclaim in their appointed seasons.... [Who is the *you*? Anybody? *No!* *The priests and Levites, the house of Aaron!* God gave them the calculations. They were then to proclaim them.] ...In the fourteenth *day* of the first month, between the two evenings, is the LORD'S Passover.” (vs 4-5). Here's a specific month and a specific day—correct? Then you have the 156<sup>th</sup> day, and then you have the 21<sup>st</sup> day. Then you have Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day—all commanded Feasts of God, but no calendar within the Bible.

Why? Whose job is it to preserve it? Did they preserve it? *or* Did God give it every man to try and figure out on his own?

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Follow along with what we're saying here. If God tells the priesthood to declare these Holy Days (Lev. 23), He is the One Who has to tell them when they occur—which He did. He is the One Who told Moses, 'This is the beginning of months.'

Let's come back to Genesis 7, because here, like we find in other places of the Bible, we have evidence of a calendar and evidence of time. What we are going to do, is see that originally the whole system was slightly different from what we have today.

Genesis 7:11: "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life... [They had years—correct? They also knew when they were born—correct? *Yes!* So, if someone comes along and says, 'Should we observe birthdays?' *Of course you should, but not like the pagans do!* Otherwise, how you going to know how old you are?] ...in the second month... [Calendar—right?] ...on the seventeenth day of the month, on this day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of the heavens were opened." Then they had a rain 40 days and 40 nights that was absolutely amazing.

Verse 24: "And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days." Notice, it's 30 days times 5=150 days. Let's see how that is figured:

Genesis 8:3: "And the waters receded from off the earth continually, and at the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters had gone down. And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat" (vs 3-4).

One hundred fifty days—second month, seventeenth day of the month; seventh month, seventeenth day of the month—right? What does this tell us? Each month had, at that time, 30 days in a month. We can conclude from that, that each year had to have 12 months of 30 days. That's pretty easy to figure—isn't it? Do we have the same today? *No!* Why don't we have the same today? We have remnants of it. If you do any math, a circle has 360 degrees. Why doesn't it have 365-1/4 degrees? *Because it goes back to what God originally created!*

- 30 day months
- 12 months in a year
- 360 days in a year

How did we get the calendar where it's not that way now? Yet, we are still to keep the Holy Days. Let me

get this for you, because this is very important. Since God always accounts for time, then God has to account for these extra days as well. Because what would happen if you didn't? *You would be off!*

Let's see that there were certain things astronomically that happened because of sin. So I've summarized it in the paper that comes with this DVD or CD:

God's Weekly Sabbath, The Annual Festivals and Holy Days, and The Calculated Hebrew Calendar

After the Flood in 2367<sub>B.C.</sub> to the final exodus of the Jews to Babylon in 585<sub>B.C.</sub>, a total of 1782 years, there were various astronomical events by which God directly altered the arrangements of the heavenly bodies within the solar system—including the sun, the moon, and the earth. As a result, the orbit of the earth around the sun was changed enough to *lengthen* the solar year from 360 days to 365-1/4 days. In approximately 800<sub>B.C.</sub>, the last astronomical event found recorded in the Bible occurred in the days of Hezekiah, king of Judah, when the sundial was moved back by God 10 degrees.

I got a letter from a man saying, 'Well, all God had to do was just stop the earth.' Think about what would happen if He stopped the earth from rotating. It's like you, go 100 mph and put the brakes on to stop the car, and one foot; everything crashes—right? So, that couldn't have happened.

Someone acquainted with astro-mathematics calculated that to elongate the orbit of the earth from 360 days to 365-1/4, that the earth had to be moved 1.4 degrees in kind of an oblique manner. When you have that, you have the appearance of the sundial going back. Do we have any verification of this? Let me read you this quote from *Worlds in Collision* by Immanuel Velikovsky (written in 1950)

All over the world [in numerous cultures] we find that there was at the same [ancient] time the same calendar of 360 days [per year]...

They can find that in the archeological findings.

...and that at some date later, about the seventh century before the present era.... [That's in the 800s] ...a series of catastrophes occurred that changed the axis and the orbit of the earth and the orbit of the moon; and [we further find that] the ancient year, after going through a period of marked disarrayed seasons, settled into a "slow-moving year" (Seneca) of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 46 seconds, a

lunar month being equal to 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, 2.7 seconds...”

*Things were changed!*

Who then had to reveal these things to the priesthood, because they were still having to keep the Holy Days? *God did!* How do we know that He did? In Ezra 6 we find that when Joshua the high priest and Zerubbabel, who was the governor—the first ones coming out of the first movement of Jews from Babylon back to Judea—that they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. They could not have kept it unless they had the new revelation from God on the calculations on how to do it. We don't have a record of it, but it is evident that God had to give that to the priests right after the sundial going back ten degrees. So, the priests had the knowledge, carried into Babylon with them, and carried it back from Babylon. Now, some people say that the calendar was invented in Babylon and it's Babylonish and we shouldn't keep it. *Not true!*

When it comes to Ezra coming to the Holy Land, that's after the temple was already rebuilt, and Ezra then, was the one—which you can read about in the commentary—with the assembly of 120 priests, preserved the Old Testament in the way that we have it today. Written in block letters, sent to every synagogue in the world. They also sent with it, what is called the Triennial reading of the Scriptures. They were to read in the synagogue every Sabbath and on the Holy Days certain Scriptures, which were to be read within a three-year period.

We know that the calendar they had at the time of Ezra, and we know that it's one that we have today, because using the calculations of the calculated Hebrew calendar (which by the way we have on a CD that we send out with all the whole calendar pack; also online.) you can calculate back right to that time very accurately. Someone's going to say, 'Well, what about the visible new moon?' Yes, what about the visible new moon? You'll see in the calendar pack material that I send, I cover that very thoroughly.

If you were in the narrow geographical area of Palestine, and you knew how to look for the visible new moon, and you understood it, you could be very accurate in determining it. But since the earth and the moon in relationship with the sun, things are out of whack. How do you get it back in order? *You get it back in order with new calculations!* That's what we have today in the calculated Hebrew calendar. Do you accept the fact that the priests and Levites preserved the Old Testament? *Yes!* Do you accept the fact that they also preserved how to calculate the Hebrew calendar? *Well, I don't know about that.* You can't have one without the other. If He didn't give it to

them to preserve, to whom did He give it? Can any man set himself up to say, 'I will do it'? *No, indeed!*

Think of this: In the days of Hezekiah, he set up a calendar court and they were to calculate the calendar. Please also note, that since the change of the orbits of the earth and the sun and the various astronomical things that took place, everything has to be calculated on a mean average, otherwise you lose all sense of accuracy. And only God could do that because *He changed* the position of the earth, *He changed* the orbit of the moon, *He changed* the year from 360 days to 365-1/4 days.

The calendar court in Ezra's time was to determine the exact days for the Holy Days. They still had observing of the new moon, but that became secondary, because with all of the changes observing the new moon was no longer accurate. When it spread to the whole earth, it can't be seen on the same day around the world. So this is why we have the calculated Hebrew calendar.

During the time of Christ, the high priest and the president of the Sanhedrin was called *Nasi*, and was in charge of the calculations for the CHC (calculated Hebrew calendar). The *Nasi* had a lineage going back to Ezra, who traces his line back to Hilkiah, the High Priest who was the father of Jeremiah the prophet. They had all inherited a full knowledge of the CHC, with all of its God-given rules for the proper calculations of the high days.

This carried right on down to the time of Christ.

- Do we find *anywhere* in the New Testament that Jesus gave new calculations? *No!*
- Did He keep the Sabbath and Feast according to the calculated Hebrew calendar, which the priests had? *Yes!*
- Were there those apostles and disciples who had Levitical and Aaronic blood in them? *Yes!*

Matthew, Mark, John, Barnabas, and a whole company of priests were converted (Acts 6).

- Could any of them, if necessary, calculate the calendar? *Yes!*

They could because they would have the ability to get the calculation formula to do so.

Another heresy that is out there: Hillel II. 'He was the one who made today's Hebrew calendar.' *Wrong!* Who was Hillel II? He was the great, great, great grandson of Hillel I, who was none other Gamaliel, and we read of him in Acts 5, who told the Jews, 'Now look, if you fight against what these men are doing'—remember they hauled them in to be arrested and they wanted to kill them—he said, 'If you fight against these men and

it's of God, you're not going to stop it. But if it's not of God, leave them alone, it'll come to nothing like all the other rebellions came to nothing.'

Hillel II was the descendant of Gamaliel. Hillel II was a priest. Hillel II had all the calendar calculations for calculating the Hebrew calendar. He looked out in his day in 354<sub>A.D.</sub> and saw all the persecutions against the Jews, and he was inspired, I'm sure by God, to reveal to the public how to calculate the Hebrew calendar. So, the calendar that we have goes all the way back to Ezra.

Let's come here to Romans 3. You have to accept this, and if you reject it you don't believe the Word of God. Romans 3:1: "What then *is* the advantage of the Jew, or what *is* the profit of circumcision?" Let me clarify who was called a Jew in those days—anyone who lived in Judea where Judaism was practiced, where the temple was. Those were of the Aaronic priesthood and the Levites were also known as Jews, but they were not from the tribe of Judah. So, Paul is using Jew here in the community sense of the word.

Verse 2: "Much in every way. Primarily, in that they were entrusted with the oracles of God." 'Yeah, but they got their own traditions. We can't trust them. Anything Jewish we have to get rid of.' Well then, if that's the case, you better get rid of Christ—huh? Which what you do when you get another Jesus.

Verse 3: "For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief nullify the faithfulness of God?" Is God able to use someone to accomplish His will to fulfill His promise, or to fulfill His Word? *Yes, indeed!* We can look at examples. How about Baalim? He took money to curse, but could he curse, even though he wanted to? *No!* He got up there and every time he got up there he blessed Israel. Drove Balak mad. 'I paid you the money to curse and all you do is bless.' *I can't do anymore than God will let me.* Was God controlling the situation? *Yes, He was!* Furthermore, He even made the jackass talk back to Baalim.

- Was there a prophecy about Judas betraying Jesus? *Yes!*
- Did it happen? *Yes, indeed!*
- Was there a prophecy about casting lots on Jesus' vesture? *Yes, there was.*
- Who did that? The Jews? *No!* The Roman soldiers.
- Were they fulfilling the will of God? *Yes, they were!*
- Who made them do it? *God did!*
- Did they know that? *No!*
- Were they aware of it? *No!*
- Have the Jews learned a lesson?

—and I say Jews, we will say today the priests are called *kohens*

- Have the *kohens* learned the lesson: don't monkey with the Word of God? *Yes!*

That is the text. But they haven't learned the lesson about added traditions.

- Did God make them preserve the text? *Yes, He did!*
- Did God do it with the calendar? *Yes, of course, He did!*

Otherwise we would have no basis whatsoever today for keeping the Sabbath or keeping the Holy Days—period!

- How do we know that the calculated Hebrew calendar is correct?

Let's see the basis for the calculated Hebrew calendar and here is the criteria that has to be met. Let's notice how God presents this.

Psalm 81:3: "Blow the trumpet at the new moon... [which begins the month] ...also at the full moon on our solemn Feast day." Well now, after the change in orbit of the earth and the moon going from a new moon to a full moon can vary by two days. That's why you have to have the calculated Hebrew calendar because the criteria and the simple proof is this. There are two simple proofs with the full moon:

1. First month, fifteenth day of the first month beginning of the Night to be Much Observed.

You go outside and you look and you will see a full moon.

2. Same way with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, the beginning of the Feast of Tabernacles.

You can go out and you can look and see is there a full moon. I've done it almost every year for 51 years and it's always been full. What does this tell us? *This tells us that the calendar is accurate!* Whatever the rules are, the calendar is accurate.

There are some people who are opposed to postponements, but postponements are needed. Does the calendar apply to just the land of Israel or the whole world? *The whole world!* That's why it has to be calculated. God gave the calculated Hebrew calendar so that all His people will keep the same day worldwide. And the Calendar Court made the decision when they were put in the Diaspora, that you can't have a new day begin in the middle of a geographical land area. It's tough enough with time zones—right? So, that's why they agree with the International Date Line. The calculated Hebrew calendar is more accurate—as you will read in the material that's in the calendar pack that comes with this—than NASA and the Naval Observatory.

Let's look at two additional major proofs:

## 1. The day Jesus was born

Was there a set time for Him to be born? *or* Was it just happenstance? We've got in the back of the *Faithful Version Bible*, Appendix E, *When Was Jesus Born?* And you go through and read that, and you see how absolutely accurate the calculated Hebrew calendar is.

Galatians 4:1, about the birth of Christ: "Now then, I say, for as long a time as the heir is a child, he is no different from a servant, although he be lord of all; But he is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed beforehand by the father. In the same way, when we were children, we were held in bondage under the elements of the world.... [That's just a way of saying that God has not given you the Holy Spirit. There's more to it, but that's just a quick summary for that verse.] ...But when the time for the fulfillment came..." (vs 1-4)—*the appointed time*.

Now you can see the way we have, *When Was Jesus Born?* the apparent appointed time was the Feast of Trumpets in 5<sub>B.C.</sub> And that fits in, when we get the book *The Appointed Times of the Messiah* we're going to put in the whole missing 70-weeks prophecy and how that came about and when Jesus began His ministry. We find that all of those are appointed times.

## 2. Christ's crucifixion

Let's see about His crucifixion. Remember, I talked about it earlier that it was appointed from the foundation of the world. Let's see what Paul wrote concerning this, Romans 5:6: "For even when we were without strength, at the appointed time Christ died for *the* ungodly." When was the appointed time? Was that a specific day? *Yes, indeed!* Isn't it interesting, it's the first day mentioned of the seasonal Feasts of God in Lev. 23, fourteenth day of the first month.

We also have the proof in it. We have when did Jesus die, when was Jesus resurrected, all here in the Bible and in *A Harmony of the Gospels*. Guess what? You can calculate back to 30<sub>A.D.</sub>, and know that's when Jesus was crucified, on the fourteenth day. Furthermore, in calculating in that year of 30<sub>A.D.</sub>, which was the fourteenth day of the month Nisan, which was April 5<sup>th</sup> on the Julian calendar, there were two adjustments in the calculations that were required by the calculated Hebrew calendar, so that Nisan 14 would be in the middle of the week. Those adjustments are called postponements. Now what does this tell us? God gave the postponements and God uses the postponements. If you figure it without the postponements, you don't have the Passover in the middle of the week and you don't have three days and nights in the grave.

Who said He would be three days and three nights in the grave? *Only Jesus Himself!* What does that tell you? Jesus as Lord God of the Old Testament, gave the calculations to the priesthood. He recognized those calculations. His whole ministry was based upon the appointed time. Likewise when He was born. We can't pinpoint the exact day, but the middle day of the two-week probably birth period for Jesus was the Feast of Trumpets. What does that picture? In prophecy being fulfilled, that's when Jesus puts His feet on the earth with the saints, after the resurrection—correct? Well, parallel. If that is true, we can be very sure that He was born on the Feast of Trumpets, *an appointed time of God*. All of this shows that God gave the calculated Hebrew calendar. The long and short of everything we've gone through is this. All the months and the years that are figured in the Hebrew calendar are correct.

I've got a book here by Arthur Spier, the *Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar* from 1900 to 2100. Has all of the days calculated and paralleled with the Gregorian calendar. Let me just mention this. If you get this and you go through it, you will find that they keep Passover on the fifteenth. Why? *Because they know that if you're not in the land you can't keep the 14<sup>th</sup> Passover if you are a Jew!* They reject the New Testament.

When did Jesus keep His last Passover? *On the 14<sup>th</sup> day!* What did He tell His disciples to do? *'This do in remembrance of Me'*—correct? The bread, the wine, the foot-washing. Paul reaffirmed it in 1-Cor. 11, 'in the night that He was betrayed'—correct? *Yes!*

Why can't the Jews see they need to keep a fourteenth Passover? And why do they get mad at us when we keep a fourteenth Passover and they don't? Are they right and we're wrong? *or* Are they right and are we right? *They are right because they reject Jesus.* They're in the Diaspora and they can't keep a fourteenth Passover, so they made the first day of Unleavened Bread the beginning of Passover for themselves. Jesus told His apostles, 'You go into all the world and preach the Gospel, teaching all nations to observe all things I have commanded you.' Did He command the fourteenth Passover? *Yes, He did!* That's why we keep it and the Jews don't.

On their calculated Hebrew calendar, they show Passover beginning on the fifteenth. They know it's eight days, so then they add an extra day at the end. The twenty-second. However, please keep this in mind: because they do that, that does not change the sequence of the days in the calculated Hebrew calendar. To make it simple, we have a little calendar for you. It shows you when the days fall on the calculated Hebrew calendar coordinated with the Roman calendar. If you understand what we've gone

through, and you want more details, we'll send you the whole calendar pack, but you better be ready. Put your thinking cap on. That will show you that the calculated Hebrew calendar is correct.

I'm going to address a humanly devised calendar, with a humanly devised premise, which destroys the Sabbath and the Holy Days so totally, it's almost unreal.

(short break)

Let me describe this heresy of a calendar that is called a 'Holy calendar.' Remember, there is only one sacred calendar of God—the calculated Hebrew calendar. That's what God gave. Only He knows how to figure the time and make it right—correct? He created the heavens and the earth. He's the One Who did all of the astronomical changes that caused the earth orbit to lengthen and the moon's orbit to shrink. Only God can tell us exactly when these things can be.

Here's the confusion of men that have come up with some doctrines, which are absolutely crazy. First one, I'll just mention. Some people believe that the full moon is the new moon. That has never been. Even the world knows the difference. And if you don't know the difference between that, then you're off in la-la land and you think you're going to please God with that? Are you going to go before God and say, 'God, I'm telling you the full moon is the new moon.' Really?

Likewise, there's another calendar out there called the lunar/Sabbath calendar, which is insanity. What do we mean lunar/Sabbath calendar? Here's what they do, and I'll show you and you can follow along with the printout that's enclosed with the material here. They say this:

There's no more seven-day cycle continuously as we have understood it. Rather you wait for the new moon and when you see the new moon...

That's contrary to how we started out in counting the days and showing that the seven days was always continuous.

When you find the new moon...

Remember, the new moon is not visible around the world on the same day. It's different in different locations. So there you will have some off-time. So they say:

...moon that is day one. Then you count seven days and that is the Sabbath Day.

Let's show this graphically so you can see and look at your chart what this does to the weekly Sabbath. Now here's the first chart: You will see that right off we have the new moon, and this is December 2010.

They count that as day one. Then they go seven days, and in this sequence they end up on the Sabbath in the right place.

However, the moon's circuit or orbit is not 28 days. It is 29-1/2 days; therefore, they end up with days that they don't count. So, when they come to the end of 28 days, let's see what happens in the next month.

Look what happens when you come to the 28 days, you have a day that is not counted. You have Sunday that is not counted and Monday that is not counted, then you have the new moon on Tuesday. What they do then is count another seven days, and look what happens to the Sabbath. Sabbath comes on Monday. Won't that be handy where you work?

Come up to your boss and say, 'Well, in December I kept the Sabbath on the Sabbath, but now in January I'm going to keep it on Monday. I need every Monday off for four Mondays in a row.' Really? They don't count two days. They're losing time. This is absolutely insane.

Observe again the third month here. You will see they have two days that are not counted and the new moon is on Thursday. So they count:

1. Thursday
2. Friday
3. Saturday
4. Sunday
5. Monday
6. Tuesday
7. Wednesday

Hey, Sabbath's on a Wednesday. 'Hey, Mr. Boss, I've got to have Wednesday off this month.' *Really!* 'Yes, it's my Sabbath.' *How do you figure?* 'Well, we've got an inspired calendar. The lunar/Sabbath calendar.'

Then you have Sabbath again on a Wednesday. If that were not bad enough, let's look at another version on it, because you see, men like to out-righteous one another. So even though they have the same scheme as looking for the new moon, let's see what this second group does. So, we will change the chart to a different one.

Look at this one. This is one is even worse. December 2010, new moon, but that day is not counted and you don't work on that day either. And you start counting beginning with the next day. So, you go one, two, three, four, five, six, seven and Sabbath is on a Sunday. Hooray!

Then you come to the next month. Let's take a look at what happens then. Let's see how they handle the two days that they don't count. Let's look at it here. You come to January 3<sup>rd</sup> and that's a day

that's not counted. Then January 4<sup>th</sup> is a new moon day, which is not counted, and you don't work either one of those days either. So, 'Dear boss, I've got to have lots of time off to keep this. I'll be here some weeks three days, some weeks five days, some weeks four days, some weeks two days. But I want a full-week's work pay.'

Notice what happens when you count this one. So Sabbath is on a Tuesday. You've got one, two, three, four Sabbaths and let's look what happens with the next month. Look at February. February 1<sup>st</sup> is a Sabbath on a Tuesday, Wednesday is not counted. You can't work on that day either, you don't count it, 'but pay me, boss, pay me.'

New moon, not counted—no workday. Then you go Friday is one, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Oh, Sabbath is now on a Thursday. 'Aren't we righteous! We know more than God.' *There are some people in the Churches of God that believe this nonsense!*

With these charts that are included in this mailing, you can follow along and see the insanity of this kind of calculation for the Sabbath. This has got to be a masterpiece of Satan the devil that if those who are in the Churches of God are so ignorant, and are so self-righteous, and so locked in to following a man that they would believe this ridiculous kind of calendar figuring for the Sabbath, they indeed are bordering on insanity. This is not of God, but people believe it and follow it. I wanted to demonstrate it to you with these charts. I hope that this has been helpful to you.

Remember, the calculated Hebrew calendar is what God gave, is what the priests and Levites within the Jewish community have preserved, and it is correct. It is accurate with all the rules, with all the postponements, with everything about it, *because God gave it!* And it is the most accurate for keeping the Sabbath and the Holy Days of any device of men.

I hope that helps answer the question. If you really want to get yourself deeply involved in it, we'll send you all the calendar material. If you don't want to get deeply involved in it, we will always send you the calendar, which coordinates the Holy Days on the Roman calendar, so you will know when to keep them.

For those who want it, we'll send it to you. There are now 5 videos that go with this. There's a stack of material this high. We have the book on how to calculate it longhand. We have the CD which has the digitized calculation of the days and you can go forward and backward on that.

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- *A Harmony of the Gospels* by Fred R. Coulter
- *Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar* by Arthur Spier

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- *When Was Jesus Born?* (Appendix E, *The Holy Bible in Its Original Order, A Faithful Version*)
- *God's Weekly Sabbath, The Annual Festivals and Holy Days, and The Calculated Hebrew Calendar* by Fred R. Coulter

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