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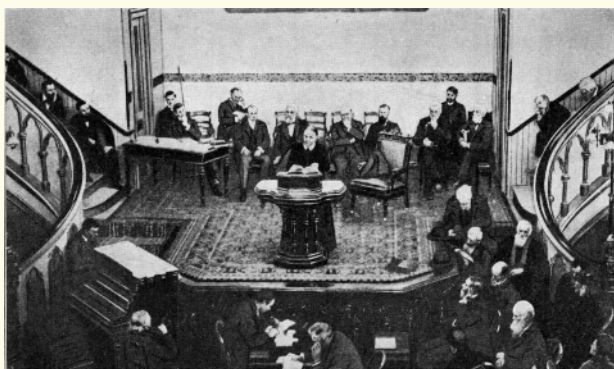


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THE LAMB ARE THE TEMPLE OF IT.
(Revelation 21:22)



**Ellen White's Birth place at
Goram ME.**

**Ellen White at the Battle Creek
Tabernacle**



**MRS. E. G. WHITE SPEAKING IN THE BATTLE CREEK TABERNACLE.
AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION, 1901**
Seated on rostrum, left to right: H. E. Rogers, L. A. Hoopes, E. P. Szurman, P. T. Magnin, G. A. Iwells, S. H. Lane, W. C. White, S. N. Haskell, Dr. David Prudden, J. N. Longshoreman. The old men on the stairs are from the James White Memorial Home.



Ellen White - 1899

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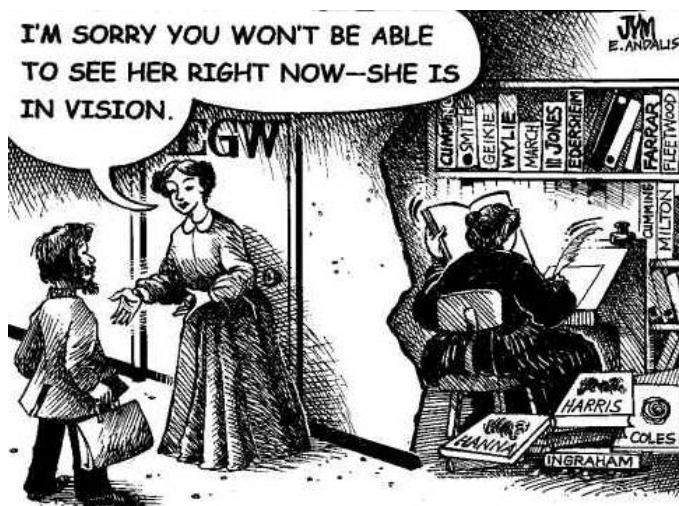
AS YOU FOLKS WILL NOTICE Rod does not reference anything that I have posted. He just goes wild and calls me all sorts of names. For it is obvious that he is incapable of a comprehensive study of the Scriptures.

There has never been a post by me that reflects badly on Christ. I did say that Ellen G. White was a false prophet, and a Jewess. But unlike Rod I did a little search of what Ellen G. White has stated and is recorded in various books. Therefore, I present this as a rebuttal to Rod and to show why I say what I did about Ellen G. White being a false prophet.

Also, I have said repeatedly, I am not a preacher, I am a watchman, and as a watchman I care not what others think about me. Look at what I say and see if it is true. If it is not then forget it and go on about your business but if it is true then why chastise me, be warned and adjust your life so that you will be prepared when that great day of the Yahweh happens.

We know that there will be others on earth AFTER the judgment that neither believe in Yahweh, nor in Yahshua the one called Christ. For we find recorded in the Book of Revelation 22:14-15: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right TO THE TREE OF LIFE, AND MAY ENTER IN THROUGH THE GATES INTO THE CITY. FOR WITHOUT ARE DOGS, AND SORCERERS, AND WHOREMONGERS, AND MURDERERS, AND IDOLATERS, AND WHOSOEVER LOVETH AND MAKETH A LIE."

Ellen G. White Fact Sheet



In Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) circles, a vision that Ellen G. White (Ellen G. White) had in 1847 is important to their exaltation of the Sabbath command: (Ellen G. White is considered an inspired prophetess among the SDA.)

We felt an unusual spirit of prayer. And as we prayed the Holy Ghost fell upon us. We were very happy. Soon I was lost to earthly things and was wrapped in a vision of God's glory. I saw an angel flying swiftly to me. He quickly carried me from the earth to the Holy City. In the city I saw a temple, which I entered.

I passed through a door before I came to the first veil. This veil was raised, and I passed into the holy place. Here I saw the altar of incense, the candlestick with seven lamps, and the table on which was the shewbread. After viewing the glory of the holy, Jesus raised the second veil and I passed into the holy of holies.

"In the holiest I saw an ark; on the top and sides of it was purest gold. On each end of the ark was a lovely cherub, with its wings spread out over it. Their faces were turned toward each other, and they looked downward. Between the angels was a golden censer. Above the ark, where the angels stood, was an exceeding bright glory, that appeared like a throne where God

dwelt. Jesus stood by the ark, and as the saints' prayers came up to Him, the incense in the censer would smoke, and He would offer up their prayers with the smoke of the incense to His Father. "In the ark was the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of stone which folded together like a book. Jesus opened them, and I saw the ten commandments written on them with the finger of God. On one table were four, and on the other six. The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth, the Sabbath commandment, shone above them all; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honour of God's holy name.

"The holy Sabbath looked glorious -- a halo of glory was all around it. I saw that the Sabbath commandment was not nailed to the cross. If it was, the other nine commandments were; and we are at liberty to break them all, as well as to break the fourth. I saw that God had not changed the Sabbath, for He never changes. But the pope had changed it from the seventh to the first day of the week; for he was to change times and laws...

"I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question to unite the hearts of God's dear, waiting saints." (Early Writings, 1963, pp. 32,33)

The summary meaning of this Ellen G. White vision is stated as follows:

In this revelation, Mrs. White was carried down to the close of time and saw the Sabbath as the great testing truth on which men decide whether to serve God or to serve an apostate power (Early Writings, pp. XXI, XXII).

John Saw No Temple!

Several important points need to be mentioned about this key Ellen G. White vision: (1) She had this vision of the Holy City and stated that she saw a temple there. In contrast to this, the Apostle John saw the Holy City and stated that it had no temple:

"And I SAW NO TEMPLE THEREIN: FOR THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB ARE THE TEMPLE OF IT." (Revelation 21:22)

The Apostle John informs us that there is no temple in the Holy City, where Ellen G. White claims she saw one! Note: though we read of a "temple" in Revelation (7:15; 11:1; 11:19; 14:15,17; 15:5-8; 16:1,17) SUCH IS NOT FOUND INSIDE THE HOLY CITY, BECAUSE THE APOSTLE JOHN SAID THERE WAS NO NEED SINCE THE LAMB AND GOD ARE ITS TEMPLE.

Since there is no temple in the Holy City, according to Scripture, one must wonder: (1) Did Ellen G. White really have this vision? (2) If she did have the vision, it couldn't have been from the same spiritual source that John's vision was from, since the Apostle John said there was no need for a temple there. This single contradiction, centring around the temple in New Jerusalem, is enough to discredit Ellen G. White's whole prophetic ministry. This is true because a true prophet can't contradict God's written word. But there is even more to notice from that same vision. Ellen G. White stated in that same vision:

"...the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honour of God's holy name." Again, Scripture declares something different about the Sabbath:

"And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day." (Deuteronomy 5:15)

Scripture states the Sabbath command when given to Moses was a memorial for Israel to remember their deliverance from Egypt. It was not given in honour of God's holy name. Also, Ellen G. White exalted the Sabbath command to primary importance:

“I saw that the holy Sabbath is, and will be, the separating wall between the true Israel of God and unbelievers; and that the Sabbath is the great question to unite the hearts of God's dear, waiting saints (Early Writings, p. 33).

What Is The "Greatest" Commandment

In a different vision, Ellen G. White stated that the Sabbath is the "greatest" of the ten commandments:

“The pope has changed the day of rest from the seventh to the first day. He has thought to change the very commandment that was given to cause man to remember his Creator. He has thought to change the greatest commandment in the Decalogue and thus make himself equal with God, or even exalt himself above God.” (Early Writings, p. 65)

In contrast, the Lord Jesus Himself tells us something different about the "greatest" commandment:

“MASTER, WHICH IS THE GREAT COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW? JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour (this is making reference to your brother and sister Israelites and not to any other race or people) as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

When Jesus was asked the above question, it would have been the perfect time for the Him to state that the Sabbath command was the greatest command if it was.

Yahshua stated in the book of Mark 2:27-28:

“And HE SAID UNTO THEM, THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, AND NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.”

However, not only did He say that, the Lord clearly stated the (first and) greatest command was something else! So again, in contrast to God's message, E. G. White has clearly declared something different. This is the exact opposite of how her prophetic visions are presented:

“...Ellen White was given light that helped to explain their difficulty and open the way for the study to continue. The visions also placed the stamp of God's approval upon correct conclusions. Thus the prophetic gift acted as a corrector of error and a conformer of truth.” (Early Writings, pp. XXIII, XXIV)

Those Who Receive The Mark Of The Beast

According to Ellen G. White:

“The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. While the observance of the false Sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting

the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God (The Great Controversy, 1950, p. 605).

In other words, Ellen G. White stated that ONLY Saturday Sabbatarians will not receive "the mark of the beast." If you worship God on Sunday, like the early Christians did (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2), then you WILL receive the mark of the beast, according to Ellen G. White! The Bible states that such a time as when the mark of the beast will be issued will "call for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus" (Rev. 14:12). The "commandments" mentioned in context with that verse especially point to fearing and worshipping God (v. 7).

This "Mark of the Beast," which is brought out like a gun by a gunfighter and at the slightest excuse is a fallacy, as it is not at all what Christians have been led to believe about it. For Strong's Concordance states that the "666" the "Mark of the Beast," is a "CROSS," not some animal or false Christ.

The "Mark of the Beast" is referenced in two verses of the Book of Revelation:

Revelation 16:2: "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshiped his image."

Revelation 19:20: "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Strong's Concordance: #5516 chi xi stigma (khee xee stig'-ma); the 22nd, 14th and an obsolete letter (NT:4742 AS A CROSS) of the Greek alphabet (intermediate between the 5th and 6th), used as numbers; denoting respectively 600, 60 and 6; 666 as a numeral: KJV - six hundred threescore and six. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright (c) 1994, Biblesoft and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

If one is honest and really looks at history they will recognize right away that the Roman Catholic Church has made the "CROSS" an image to be worshiped. But let me ask you, if Christ had been killed with a shotgun would the Catholics worship a "SHOTGUN," not on your life, for they would not have been able to glorify a shotgun.

The command to worship God implies that Christians who "remain faithful" to Jesus won't commit idolatry by worshipping the image of the Antichrist.

"In A Few Months"

Ellen G. White also related what she says occurred on June 27, 1850:

Some of us have had time to get the truth and to advance step by step, and every step we have taken has given us strength to take the next. But now time is almost finished, and what we have been years learning, they will have to learn in a few months. They will also have much to unlearn and much to learn again. Those who would not receive the mark of the beast and his image when the decree goes forth, must have now to say, Nay, we will not regard the institution of the beast (Early Writings, p.67).

Since much more than a few months have gone by since 1850 and the decree to receive the mark of the beast has not been issued, we know this was a definite false prophecy by Ellen G. White. What does Scripture say about this?

You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the LORD?"

Deuteronomy 18:21-22: "And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."

According to the Bible, E. G. White was, therefore, a false prophetess. What did Jesus say about false prophets? He warned us to watch out for them for they are deceivers that have the appearance of a Christian:

Matthew 7:15: "BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHICH COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES."

Matthew 24:11: "And MANY FALSE PROPHETS SHALL RISE, AND SHALL DECEIVE MANY."

Furthermore, God told Jeremiah the following about false prophets:

Jeremiah 14:14-16: "Then the LORD said unto me, THE PROPHETS PROPHECY LIES IN MY NAME: I SENT THEM NOT, NEITHER HAVE I COMMANDED THEM, NEITHER SPAKE UNTO THEM: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning THE PROPHETS THAT PROPHECY IN MY NAME, AND I SENT THEM NOT, YET THEY SAY, SWORD AND FAMINE SHALL NOT BE IN THIS LAND; BY SWORD AND FAMINE SHALL THOSE PROPHETS BE CONSUMED. And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them."

Apostate Sabbath keepers "howling in agony"

Sabbatarians are given a very solemn warning through a different Ellen G. White vision:

"Then I was shown a company who were howling in agony. On their garments was written in large characters, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting." I asked who this company were. The angel said, "These are they who have once kept the Sabbath and have given it up." I heard them cry with a loud voice, "We have believed in Thy coming, and taught it with energy." And while they were speaking, their eyes would fall upon their garments and see the writing, and then they would wail aloud. I saw they had drunk of the deep waters, and fouled the residue with their feet; trodden the Sabbath underfoot, and that was why they were weighed in the balance and found wanting." (Early Writings, p. 37).

Seventh Day Adventist (SDA), remember do not be afraid of what any false prophet says (Deuteronomy 18:22), including Ellen G. White.

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The same can be said of Ellen G. White that can be said about Hall Lindsey and his book "The Late Great Planet Earth." It is false from one end to the other.

According to the General Index of Early Writings, the people in Ellen G. White's vision who were howling in agony were Apostate Sabbath keepers (p. 307). How convenient to have such a vision that could prevent other Adventists from leaving their group as occurred after "The Disappointment" of Oct. 22, 1844:

"Almost immediately following the disappointment of October 22, many believers and ministers who had associated themselves with the Advent message dropped away." (Early Writings, p. XV).

What Ellen G. White called a "disappointment" the Bible calls a false prophecy! (William Miller's false prophecy about the Lord's return on 10-22-1844 indicts him too.)

William Miller Rejected SDA Sabbath Teaching!

Ellen G. White was not consistent with her own vision though, for even William Miller turned from keeping the Sabbath, yet she said he would not be held responsible and upon his death entered the heavenly Canaan:

At the time of the disappointment on October 22, 1844, Miller was worn and ill. He depended largely on his younger associates who stood with him in proclaiming the Advent message. They led him to reject the Sabbath truth as it came to his attention soon after the Disappointment. For this they, and not William Miller, will be held responsible (Early Writings, p. 303).

"So also, I saw that William Miller erred as he was soon to enter the heavenly Canaan, in suffering his influence to go against the truth." (Early Writings, p. 258)

One must ask from these two Ellen G. White revelations: Is God a respecter of persons? The Bible clearly teaches NO (Acts 10:34). But if the apostate sabbath keeper, William Miller, would not be held responsible, as other apostate Sabbath keepers would, then either: (1) God is a respecter of persons, which is impossible or (2) Ellen G. White was not spreading God's truth to people!

Do Angels Carry "Golden Cards" as Passes?

Some ardent SDA members seem to imply that Ellen G. White never went beyond Scripture with her visions, but merely confirmed the correct interpretation. This could not be further from the truth. The follow Ellen G. White vision mentions golden pass cards that angels need, yet it is impossible for this to be verified with Scripture:

"Then my attending angel directed me to the city again, where I saw four angels winging their way to the gate of the city. THEY WERE JUST PRESENTING THE GOLDEN CARD TO THE ANGEL AT THE GATE when I saw another angel flying swiftly from the direction of the most excellent glory, and crying with a loud voice to the other angels, and waving something up and down in his hand." (Early Writings, 37).

Ellen G. White mentions the same elsewhere:

"All the angels that are commissioned to visit earth hold a golden card, which they present to the angels at the gates of the city as they pass in and out." (Early Writings, p. 39).

Friend, there is not the slightest hint of angelic golden cards in Scripture. No Seventh-day Adventist can supply Scriptural support for such. Therefore, members of the SDA church go

beyond the Bible for their beliefs and this is because of THE WRITINGS OF ELLEN G. WHITE, A BIBLE-DEFINED FALSE PROPHETESS.

Revelation 21:27: “And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: BUT THEY WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB’S BOOK OF LIFE.”

There is nothing here that even remotely that an angel or a follower of Christ, called Christian, has to have a card or any other thing to enter into the city, except be written in the Lamb’s (Yahshua, Christ) book of life.

Were Our Sins Placed On Jesus Or Satan?

The answer to that question depends on if you believe the revelations of Ellen G. White or the Bible. First, let's look at what Ellen G. White says:

“It was seen, also, that while the sin offering pointed to Christ as a sacrifice, and the high priest represented Christ as a mediator, the scapegoat typified Satan, the author of sin, upon whom the sins of the truly penitent will finally be placed. When the high priest, by virtue of the blood of the sin offering, removed the sins from the sanctuary, he placed them upon the scapegoat. When Christ, by virtue of His own blood, removes the sins of His people from the heavenly sanctuary at the close of his ministration, he will place them upon Satan, who, in the execution of the judgment, must bear the final penalty. The scapegoat was sent away into a land not inhabited, never to come again into the congregation of Israel. So will Satan be forever banished from the presence of God and His people, and he will be blotted from existence in the final destruction of sin and sinners.” (The Great Controversy, p. 422).

Now let's see what the Bible says:

Isaiah 53:6: “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

2 Corinthians 5:21: “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

1 Peter 2:24-25: “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”

Clearly then, Ellen G. White has taught something very different from the word of God about this most important issue related to the plan of redemption. The truth is, our sins were laid on Jesus not Satan!

Ellen G. White also stated in the aforementioned revelation that Satan will finally be blotted from existence. Again, this is clearly different from Scripture:

Revelation 20:10: “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

TO BE TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOR EVER AND EVER IS NOT BLOTTED FROM EXISTENCE, as Ellen G. White taught.

What About The Year 1844?

Today, sincere Seventh Day Adventists believe that Jesus entered the most holy place of the Heaven Temple in 1844 to make final atonement:

“Thus those who follow in the light of the prophetic word saw that, instead of coming to the earth at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844, Christ then entered the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary to perform the closing work of atonement preparatory to His coming (The Great Controversy, p. 422).

But before October 22, 1844 the Seventh Day Adventists believed something very different:

“Hiram Edson, one of this group, lived in central New York State at Port Gibson. He was the leader of the Adventist in that area. The believers met in his home on October 22, 1844, to await the coming of the Lord.” (Early Writings, p. XVIII).

Elsewhere Ellen G. White wrote about this time period:

Therefore, though they proclaimed the message which God had committed to them to be given to the world, yet through a misapprehension of its meaning they suffered disappointment.” (The Great Controversy, p. 352).

Do you believe that the message that October 22, 1844 was to be the coming of the Lord was the message which God had committed to William Miller and other Adventists to give to the world, as Ellen G. White wrote? Is it possible that God would want that lie about Christ's coming to be taught to the world? Isn't it impossible for God to lie? See Titus 1:2. If Ellen G. White was a true spokesperson for God how could she write like this?

Furthermore, in contrast to Ellen G. White, the Scriptures clearly teach something different about the point in time that the Lord entered the Most Holy Place. Please note that the following verses were written and fulfilled long before 1844:

Hebrews 6:19-20: “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”

Hebrews 9:12: “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

Please notice the past tense of the aforementioned word entered. But there is even more in Scripture to refute Ellen G. White. The following verse shows the atonement was completed by the time Romans 5:11 was written:

“And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.”

"It Is Finished"

To be more exact as to when the atonement was finished, let's consider the Lord's words from the cross:

John 19:30: “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”

The words It is finished do NOT mean the end of the moral law, but shows the plan of redemption was finished at that point, according to the Lord Jesus. This is further confirmed by the following:

Matthew 27:50-51: "Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent."

The tearing of the temple's curtain, before the Holy of Holies, shows that the whole system of sacrifice for sins is now over with once and for all since "the Lamb of God" [Jesus] was slain on the cross for our sins. Clearly, there is no more sacrifice for sin since the cross (Hebrews 10:10-14). Colossians 1:20 supplements this truth.

And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

In contrast to Scripture, Ellen G. White says:

"By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven." (The Great Controversy, p. 489).

"Therefore the announcement that the temple of God was opened in heaven and the ark of His testament was seen points to the opening of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary in 1844 as Christ entered there to perform the closing work of the atonement." (The Great Controversy, p. 433)

Which conflicting record about the atonement will you believe?

Where did Ellen G. White get the 1844 date? It comes from a misinterpretation of Daniel 8:14. That verse reads:

"And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

By taking the 2300 days mentioned in Daniel 8:14 to mean 2300 years and adding that number to 457 BC, the year that Artaxerxes decreed the restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem (Ezra 6:1,2), Ellen G. White got 1844. Several points need to be made regarding this SDA interpretation:

(1) The SDA people use Ezekiel 4:6 and Numbers 14:34 to interpret a day to equal a year! But if one is going to reject that Daniel's 2300 days means 2300 literal 24-hour time periods, that is, a little over 6 years, then why shouldn't we use 2 Peter 3:8 and Psalm 90:4 which states a day is 1,000 years! These verses are just as non-related to Daniel 8:14 as Ezekiel 4:6 and Numbers 14:34!

(2) The NIV version does not say "days" in Daniel 8:14, but instead "evenings and mornings," which clarifies that these are 24 hour time periods, not years, months or anything else. Daniel 8:14 does NOT say "days" in the Hebrew.

(3) The context of Daniel's vision is from 8:9 to 8:27. The context clearly shows the 2300 "evenings and mornings" (also in v. 26) is not years and it should not be calculated from 457 BC. Notice verses 13 and 14 together:

"Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, "How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled; the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?" He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be re-consecrated."

NOTICE: Daniel's vision concerns: (1) the daily sacrifice, which the Antichrist will take away (v. 11), (2) the rebellion that causes desolation, (3) the surrender of the sanctuary and (4) the host that will be trampled underfoot. Clearly, the time frame of this is the rebellion that causes desolation, as stated in v. 13.

Jesus referred to this same event in Mark 13:14-20. There the context is clearly the great tribulation period for it states then will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning of creation. This shows that Ellen G. White, who has been clearly wrong numerous times and is guilty of false prophecy, has also misinterpreted the meaning of Daniel 8:14. She has come up with something different about the atonement which Scripture says was done at the cross.

What Should Seventh-Day Adventist Members Do...?

What should SDA members do when they learn these revealing facts about Ellen G. White's unscriptural revelations and interpretations? They should cleave to Biblical truth only and forsake all teachings that conflict with it. In other words, they should believe the Bible and turn from Ellen G. White's teachings!

The True Plan Of Salvation

The true plan of salvation is concisely stated in the Bible as repentance towards God and faith in Christ Jesus (Acts 20:21). We are to produce fruit in keeping with repentance (Matthew 3:8) and prove our repentance by our deeds (Acts 26:20). To "repent" means to turn from your evil ways (Matthew 12:41 cf. Jonah 3:10). Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire (Matthew 3:10; 7:19). The Lord Jesus also taught the road to life is "hard" and only a "few" will find it (Matthew 7:13,14, NKJV). The Lord declared there that there are ONLY 2 gates, 2 roads, 2 groups of people and 2 eternal destinies. So don't follow the crowd, since they are on their way to eternal fire, even though they might not know it.

Moreover, many get saved, but afterwards fall away (Luke 8:13; John. 6:66; 1 Timothy 1:19; etc.). In other words, after initial salvation we must endure to the "end" to enter the kingdom of God and escape the lake of fire (Matthew 10:22; Hebrews 3:14; Revelation 2:10,11). Eternal life comes to the repentant the moment such believe on Jesus for salvation (John. 3:16; 6:47; 1 John 5:12,13), but there is another important aspect of eternal life that many are totally unaware of in our day because of a different false teaching which is commonly called "once saved, always saved." According to true, Biblical, grace teaching, eternal life is also a HOPE (Titus 3:7), yet to be REAPED (Galatians 6:8,9) in the AGE TO COME (Mark 10:30) for only the ones who PERSIST IN DOING GOOD (Romans 2:7) and DO NOT GROW WEARY AND GIVE UP (Galatians 6:9).

Also, remember this: If a saved person sows to please his sinful nature he'll die spiritually (Romans 8:13; Galatians 6:8,9). The prodigal is a clear example of this (Luke 15:24,32). The end result of sin is spiritual death. DO NOT BE DECEIVED by the "once saved, always saved" teachers (James 1:14-16). We must continue to believe (TRUST) on Jesus for our soul's salvation to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus described his "sheep" as his "followers" (John 10:27). James stated that faith without works is "dead" (James 2:17).

In conclusion, Jesus successfully destroyed the devil's work (1 John 3:8). He is the resurrected "Lord of glory" (1 Corinthians 2:8), before whom every knee will bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord (Philippans 2:9-11). Jesus has the ONLY name in which salvation is found (Acts 4:12), is the ONLY mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5) and is the judge of the living and the dead (Acts 10:42; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5). We are advised in Scripture to go directly to Him for forgiveness and to TRUST in Him alone for our soul's salvation.

Now let's take a close look at the Sabbath that Ellen G. White calls the Holy Sabbath and see just what it actually is, when and the duration of it.

The Sabbath

For many years most States had laws called Blue Laws. Which forbade most from doing business on Sundays, but few Americans ever really knew why. The answer is found in part:

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates." (Exodus 20:8-10)

"Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant." (Exodus 31:16)

The Weekly Sabbath

When the Israelites of old were in Egyptian bondage, God Almighty told the prophet Moses to have the Israelites kill their Passover lambs at a specific time on a particular day. Besides the witness of Moses, what other Biblical character could provide an absolutely factual testimony as to that exact day and hour?

Now consider this: A very special guest is coming to your home for dinner. You have decided to serve a whole roasted lamb. To be assured that the lamb will be fresh, you have decided not to have it killed until the last minute. At what time should you have the lamb killed so that you can serve your special dinner guest the roast lamb at 6 p.m.? The answers to these questions are found in the Holy Writ and are critical elements in determining which day of the week is the Sabbath and at what time of day the Sabbath begins.

From When to When? "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." (Exodus 31:15, 17)

In Matthew 15:9 - Christ told us: "...in vain do they worship me, teachings for doctrines the commandments of men."

In Matthew 15:1-9 - Christ calls the Pharisees hypocrites. In verse 6 he tells them that they have,

"...made the commandments of God of none effect by your tradition." {which are the traditions of men}.

In Titus 1:10-16 - The Apostle Paul tells that there are: "...deceivers, specially of the circumcision: whose mouths must be stopped..."

Paul went on to tell us in verse 14 not to listen to or follow:

"...Jewish fables, and **COMMANDMENTS OF MEN**, that turn from the truth..."

Those same teachings of "Phariseeism" which Christ and Paul warned us about are being taught today by the "deceivers of the circumcision" who worship in "synagogues" and teach the "traditions of men" and call those traditions "the commandments of God." Make no mistake about it those deceivers are spreading their "Jewish fables" and are "turning from the truth"

millions of people in regards to the true Sabbath of Scripture and are causing people to follow their "Jewish traditions," thereby profaning God's true and holy Sabbath. In this study we will learn from the Scripture when God's true weekly Sabbath begins and ends.

Definitions

To start this portion of the study, we must first define the meanings of words and of the idioms and expressions used by the people in Bible times, not in to days language. We must also learn of the warnings of the Scripture which applied to the people in those days as well as to now, so that we will be able to properly understand what we are being told in the Bible.

Day: First let us establish what is meant by the word "day." There are two primary periods of time that are called "day." There is the 24 hour period of time that it takes for the earth to make one complete rotation of the sun.

"And the evening and the morning were the fourth day." (Genesis 1:19)

Notice that the evening comes first, and morning came second. This is consistent throughout all the Genesis One accounts.

Secondly, there is that period of time when the sun lights any given face of the earth, which we call daytime.

"Jesus answered, are there not twelve hours in a day?" (John 11:9)

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

In these passages, Christ is clarifying the fact that there are two separate and distinct periods of a 24 hour day; light, which is called "day" and "darkness," which is called "night."

EVENING AND MORNING: There are two other periods of time in a 24 hour day whose duration never changes; they always remain a 12 hour period. These 12 hour periods are called "evening" and "morning." The Bible tells us: "The evening and the morning were the fifth day." (Genesis 1:23) "Evening" is the 12 hour period that starts when the sun is at its highest point, which is called the "apex" or "meridian."

Colloquially, people often say "high noon" or "12 o'clock noon." Immediately after that point, the sun starts its decline or descent (which in the Scripture is called "the going down of the sun") and ends 12 hours later at the time that we call "midnight."

"Morning" is the corresponding 12 hour period that starts at 12 o'clock midnight and ends at 12 o'clock noon; i.e., when the sun again reaches its meridian. Therefore the 12 hour period that is called "evening" is referred to as "p.m." which means "post meridian" (afternoon) and the 12 hour period that is called "morning" is referred to as "a.m." which means "ante meridian" (before noon).

Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines the following: "even" (as a noun): "1). The decline of the sun..."; "decline" (verb intransitive): "To lean downward; to bring down; 2). To bend to one side; to move from a fixed point or right line."

Here we see Webster defining "even" as "the decline of the sun:" the time when it moves from a fixed point directly perpendicular to the earth, which is called a "right line" or "right angle" and "bends down" toward the earth.

Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines: "even" (the adverb): 2). "noting equality or sameness of time..."

Here we see an "equal" period of time before and after "even." When the sun is at its apex, which is at 12:00 o'clock noon, the daylight portion of a day is divided into two "even" parts. The time from sunrise to noon is equal to the time from noon to sunset. We hear the following expressions almost daily:

"At 2 o'clock this morning, I heard a strange noise outside, so I got out of bed to see what it was."

"Wake me at 3:30 in the morning so we can get an early start on our trip."

"The next time my son stays out until 1:00 in the morning, he will be punished severely."

"Will you meet me at 11 o'clock this morning for an early lunch?"

"Please wake me at 6:30 this morning so I won't be late for work."

"Will you pick me up at 5 o'clock this evening (or this afternoon)?"

"Dinner will be served at 7:30 this evening; don't be late."

Today, in the Deep South of the United States many people still say: "Have a good evening" any time they greet someone after 12 noon. To properly understand the Bible, it is vitally important that we recognize that the periods of time that are called "day," "night," "evening," and "morning" are four separate and distinct periods of time, and that they refer to four separate portion of the 24 hour day.

To properly understand the Bible, it is even more important that we understand and realize that the 24 hour period that we call a "day" starts at 12 o'clock noon, and that the daylight portion that is called "day," (as opposed to "night") starts at sunrise. You will find there is a **DAY** portion of **EVENING** and a **NIGHT** portion of **EVENING**; also that there is a **NIGHT** portion of **MORNING** and a **DAY** portion of **MORNING** which are separate and distinct portions of the 24 hour day. Notice in that "Day" (which is referring to the daylight portion) is divided into two equal or even parts (high noon) and this division is often referred to in the Bible as "even."

We see this in the following verses:

"...David said unto Jonathan...let me go that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day **at even**...It came to pass **IN THE MORNING**, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David..." (1 Samuel 20:5, 35)

"...the children of Israel...kept the Passover...**AT EVEN**..." [even: #6153], (Joshua 5:10)

"...Israel shall kill [the Passover] **IN THE EVENING**." [evening: #6153]. (Exodus 12:6)

"...there thou shalt sacrifice the Passover **AT EVEN**, at the going down of the sun..." (Deuteronomy 16:6)

Equinox: Day and night are of equal length. March 21st & September 23rd - Webster's 1828 Dictionary. John 11:9 - Christ said:

"Are there not twelve hours in the day?"

Matthew 12:40 Christ said:

"For as Jonahs was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the son of man be three days and nights in the heart of the earth."

We see by the Scriptural verses that Jesus Christ recognized that there is night and that there is day, and also that there are twelve hours in the day. If there are 24 hours from sun to sun and if there are, as Christ said, "...twelve hours in the day" then we know that there are also twelve hours in the night.

Technically, this only applies to two days out of the year: spring and fall 'equinox,' when day and night are of equal duration. We all know that in the summer the daylight portion is much longer than the dark portion of the day and that the reverse is the case in the winter."

We see also in John 11:9 and Matthew 12:40 that Christ was saying that He was going to spend three days of 12 hours each for a subtotal of 36 daylight hours in the grave and three nights of 12 hours each for an additional 36 hours, not Friday night to Sunday morning as most preachers teach from their pulpits.

"...in the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him." (Judges 16:2)

"...David said unto Jonathan ...Let me go that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even." (1 Sam. 20:35)

"Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee; and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart." (1 Samuel 29:10)

"...the priests ...killed the Passover ...and they roasted the Passover with fire according to the ordinance...and divided them speedily among all the people ...the priests... were busied in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night ...so all the service of the Lord was prepared the same day..." (2 Chronicles 35:10-16)

"...in the morning, rising up a great while before day, [Jesus] went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." (Mark 1:35)

"...as soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away..." (Genesis 44:3)

"...when the morning is light, they practice [iniquity]..." (Micah 2:1)

"...they abused her all night until the morning: and when the day began to spring [#5927; to ascend], they let her go." (Judges 19:25)

EVEN AND EVENING: The reason that there is so much confusion about the words "even" and "evening" as they are translated in the Bible is because there are over 40 different Hebrew, Chaldee and Greek words which are all translated as "even" or "evening," {six of which refer to a time of day} and some of these words are translated as both "even" and "evening" which further adds to the confusion. Therefore, we must look at the words "even" and "evening" **EACH AND EVERY TIME IT IS USED** and then check the original word to see what is meant and **HOW IT APPLIES IN THE CONTEXT** of that particular Scriptural passage.

Days: God gave us the lights of the heavens; the sun, moon and stars to help us to determine seasons, **DAYS** and years. We are told in Genesis 1:14-19 that:

"...God said let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for **SEASONS**, and for days, and years ...and it was so..."

In Psalms 104:19 we learn that God "...appointed the moon for seasons..." Astronomers determine **YEARS** by the position of the stars; **SEASONS** by the moon; and **DAYS** by the sun. God gave us the sun to tell us when our 24 hour day is to begin.

Astronomers around the world use the sun, when it is at its "meridian," which is what we call "high noon," to set the clocks of the world. Why do they always use high noon? Because high noon never changes. No matter where you are on the face of the earth, on any and every day of the year, the sun always reaches its "apex" or "meridian" at 12 o'clock noon. Everyone can tell when it is noon by observing the sun, and thereby knowing that a new 24 hour day has begun.

EVEN: The going down of the sun: In figure #4 you will see that at sunrise the sun is in its ascent or is climbing. It continues to climb until it reaches high noon, at which time it starts its descent or starts going down. This descent is often referred to in Scripture as "even, the going down of the sun."

Examples are:

"...there thou shalt sacrifice the Passover at **EVEN, AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN.**" (Deuteronomy 16:6-7)

"...[King Ahab] died at **EVEN**...and there went out a proclamation...about **THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN**..." (1 Kings 22:35-36)

"...the king of Israel stayed...up in his chariot...until **EVEN**; and about the time of the **SUN GOING DOWN** he died." (2 Chronicles 18:34)

The sun starts going down at about 12:01, just after noon. More examples are as follows: "And when the sun **WAS GOING DOWN**, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him." (Genesis 15:12);

"...there thou shalt sacrifice the Passover **AT EVEN** [Strong's 6153], at the **GOING DOWN OF THE SUN**...and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents." (Deuteronomy 16:6-7);

"...it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark [i.e., shaded] before [i.e., at the front of] the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath..." (Nehemiah 13:19)

"And it came to pass at the time of **THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN** ...they took off of the trees ...And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king ...he ...destroyed..."

We have often been misled into thinking that the "going down of the sun" **ALWAYS** means "sunset," because some Hebrew and Chaldee words that **DO** mean "sunset" have been translated "going down of the sun." But in all the above cited cases it is a different Hebrew word, and it means "noon."

In the Hebrew lexicon of Strong's Concordance under word #6153, "evening," we find:

"The Pharisees ...and the Rabinists considered the time **WHEN THE SUN BEGAN TO DESCEND** to be called first **EVENING** ...and the second evening to be the real sunset..."

From this we can clearly see that the word "evening" can and is used to indicate both high noon and also sunset.

DEFINITION CONCLUSIONS: We now come to the point where we can capsule our definitions.

DAY: A 24 hour period of time; also, sunrise to sunset.

1). A 24 hour period of time starting at 12 o'clock noon and ending at 12 o'clock noon the following day.

2). The daylight portion of a 24 hour period of time starting at sunrise and ending at sunset.

NIGHT: Sunset to sunrise. The dark portion of a 24 hour period of time starting at sunset and ending at sunrise.

EVENING: 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight. The ever constant 12 hour period of time that starts at 12 o'clock noon (the beginning of the Biblical day) and ends at 12 o'clock midnight.

MORNING: 12:00 midnight to 12:00 noon. The ever constant 12 hour period of time that starts at 12 o'clock midnight and ends at 12 o'clock noon (the end of the Biblical day).

EVEN: 12:00 noon. The point in time of a 24 hour day when the daylight portion of that day is divided into two equal or even parts: thus the term "even." This equal division always occurs at 12:00 noon at any place throughout the world.

THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN: At even; 12 o'clock noon. The point in time when the sun reaches its apex, its highest point; immediately after which it then starts its decline or when it starts going down.

Warnings for Christians against the Doctrine of men and Jewish Fables: It is a good thing that Christ, Paul and the other apostles warned us about wolves in sheep's clothing and **FALSE TEACHERS** that would come into our midst and even spring up from our own church bodies to lead people away from the truth. There is a group of people today who follow the doctrine of teachings of men; people who practice the teachings of ancient Phariseism, the Phariseism that Christ accused the Scribes and Pharisees of his day of practicing:

"...[Jesus] answered and said unto [the Scribes and Pharisees], why do ye also transgress the commandments of God by your tradition?...Ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition ...in vain they do worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:1-9 & Mark 7:1-9)

This modern day **PHARISEEISM** is called "talmudism" because these people use the **TALMUD:** the writings of those whom they call "the learned elders of Zion," as their bible. The Talmud is the foundation of their Babylonian religion. These writings called the Talmud are bound in approximately 63 volumes. In the book, *The Pharisees*, written by Louis Finkelstein, the Provost and Solomon Schechter Professor of Theology at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, wrote in the Forward to his first edition on page xxi:

"Phariseeism became Talmudism, then became Medieval Rabbinism, and Medieval Rabbinism became modern Rabbinism. But throughout these changes of name...the spirit of the ancient Pharisee survives unaltered. When the Jew...studies the Talmud, he is actually repeating the arguments used in the Palestinian academies."

These modern day Pharisees, who follow the teachings of Talmudism, say that they are "God's Chosen People." They call their religion "Judaism" and call themselves "Jews" (Judahites), but they do lie and are of the "synagogue of Satan" as Christ told John in the Book of Revelation:

"...I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews [Judahites], and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan." (Revelation 2:9; 3:9)

"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews [Judahites], and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." (Revelation 3:9)

These people who call themselves "God's Chosen People," but do lie, begin their day at sundown and have deceived millions and millions of people in Christendom to follow their traditions and "commandments of men." Christ warned us about these people when He told us: "...beware of the leaven [doctrine] of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." (Matthew 16:6-12; Mark 8:15)

Christ also said of these people:

"...ye are of your father the devil ...he ...abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him." (John 8:44)

The Apostle Paul warned us in Titus 1:14 not to give, "...heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men, that turn from the truth."

Again Christ warned us: "...they shall deceive the very elect." (Matthew 24:24)

Starting the weekly Sabbath at sundown is following a "Jewish fable," a tradition of Judaism, which is taught in the Talmud, the bible of Judaism. This Jewish fable has deceived millions of people and has led them away from the truth of God's true Sabbath.

Confusion:

"...God is not the author of confusion..." (1 Corinthians 14:33)

To say that the day begins at sundown is confusion. Consider the fact that no other day of the week starts at sundown. Consider also that sundown changes daily at any given location on earth. On some days of the year the sun rises very early and sets very late, making the daylight hour as long as 16 to 23 hours. At other times of the year, the sun rises very late and sets very early, making the daylight hours as short as one to eight hours.

The time of sunset is always changing. Not only is sunset changing daily but sunset can be at a different time of the same day between communities as close as five to ten miles apart, particularly in mountainous regions; thereby causing neighbours to start their days at different times; this is certainly confusion.

Attempts have been made to hide this confusion by picking a time, such as 6 p.m. as the time to start the Sabbath, knowing full well that time is not really sundown. This is just another one of those commandments of men; the commandment of God is still being ignored.

In Revelation 18:4 we are told to come out of Babylon (which means "confusion"). When we use sunset (which is constantly changing) to determine when our day is to begin, we find ourselves in confusion (Babylon). Isn't it wonderful that God gave us a time of day that never changes which can be determined by everyone, even the uneducated? Yes, high noon is always the same, because God gave us the sun to determine when our day is to begin. (Genesis 1:14) A Look at Scripture: Now let us take a look at some Scriptural commands in regards to observing certain days, commands given to us from God Himself.

In Deuteronomy 16:1-8 we are told when to kill the Passover, how to cook it and when to return home: "...thou shalt sacrifice the Passover at **EVEN, AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN** ...thou shalt roast it ...and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents."

In Exodus 12:1-51 we have the detailed account of the first Passover and its detailed instructions:

"...take ...a lamb ...without blemish, a male of the first year ...from the sheep, or from the goats...Israel shall kill it **IN THE EVENING** [Strong's #6153, this is the same word translated 'even in Deuteronomy 16:6 above]... they shall eat the flesh in the night, roast with fire ...eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purveyance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire ...in one house shall it be eaten: thou shalt no carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof."

Exodus 34:25 tells us:

"...neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of Passover be left until the morning." We are also told in Exodus 12:29 that, "...it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land."

In the above passages we can see that a fair amount of time will have elapsed from the time of killing the Passover at "even," at the going down of the sun, (12 Noon) and the burning of the leftovers, which must be completed before midnight. Why must the left-overs be burned before midnight? Because God had commanded them to return to their tents "in the morning" (which commences at midnight. (Deuteronomy 16:7)

Midnight is the time when the Lord smote all the firstborn of Egypt. Israelites were to be in their houses with the blood of the lamb smeared on the doorposts and lintel.

Let's take a look at what must be done and the approximate length of time it would take to do it.

- 1). They must kill, skin and clean the lamb. (Estimate: one hour).
- 2). They must roast it until it is completely done, not raw. Today if you roast a turkey that weighs 20 to 25 pounds in a modern oven, it will take between six to eight hours to roast. We have no idea how much longer it took in their ovens or fire pits. (Estimate: 6-8 hours).
- 3). They are not to eat it. (Estimate: ½-1 hour).
- 4). They are now to burn with fire everything that is left over. (Estimate: ½-1 hour).
Total elapsed time: 8-11 hours. After looking at the things that are required to observe the Passover, it becomes quite clear that it could not have been accomplished if it had been begun at sundown.

The day before the Day of Atonement: In Leviticus 23:32 we are commanded:

"It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month **AT EVEN, FROM EVEN UNTO EVEN**, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath." In this passage, all three of the words that were translated as "even" are Strong's #6153, the same as in Deut. 16:6, and means "noon."

At the time of Nehemiah: A few Israelites of old were carried off to Babylonian captivity, and after 70 years God allowed about 50,000 of those who wanted to, to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls and the city.

After the walls were rebuilt, the Israelites started to profane the Sabbath as their fathers had done before them. This was the main reason for their captivity in the first place. The prophet Nehemiah became very angry when he learned what the Israelites had been doing in his absence and he upbraided them severely, as recorded in Nehemiah 13:15-22. In verse 19, we learn that: "...it came to pass that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark [shaded] before [at the front of] the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath."

In this passage the word that is translated "dark" is Strong's #6751. it is used only twice in scripture, and it means "to shade." The main gate in Jerusalem faces east, and just after the sun reached the apex (noon), a shadow was cast on the main gate. It was at that time that Nehemiah ordered that the gates were to be shut to commence the Sabbath.

Saul is King of Israel: During King Saul's reign over Israel, he became jealous of David and sought ways to kill him. Saul's son, Jonathan, was David's faithful friend who warned him of Saul's plans to kill David. In 1 Samuel 20:5 we learn;

"...David said unto Jonathan ...let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at **EVEN**." (Strong's #6153)

Later on in 1 Samuel 20:35, we find that Jonathan went out **IN THE MORNING** and met David at the **TIME APPOINTED**, which was at noon, or "even."

"...it came to pass in **THE MORNING**, that Jonathan went out into the field at **THE TIME APPOINTED** with David..."

In the first passages we see that David appointed a time to meet, which the Bible calls "**even**," on the third day. In the second passage we see that they met at the "**APPOINTED TIME**" which was "even." When we look closely, we see that Jonathan went out into the field in the "**MORNING**." That means he went out sometime between "midnight" and "noon," and met him at the **APPOINTED TIME**, which it now becomes obvious was noon or shortly thereafter.

Morning: In the gospel of Mark, chapter one, verse 35, we read that Christ got up "a great while" **BEFORE DAYLIGHT** to pray, but it was already "morning" when he got up: "...**IN THE MORNING**, rising up a great while **BEFORE DAY**, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

TRANSLATORS INCONSISTENT: The above example clearly illustrate that there are times, as recorded in Scripture, when the words "even," "evening" and "the going down of the sun" mean 12 noon. There are many other times when this is the case. There are also numerous times that the same words (even, evening, going down of the sun) do **not** mean 12 noon. Therefore, we must always, as we have stated before, check the context of each passage where those words occur. We must not blindly assume that if it means "noon" in one verse that it always means "noon," or if it means "sunset," in a particular verse, that it always means "sunset." I repeat: **ALWAYS CHECK THE CONTEXT.**

Secular History Findings: We found it quite interesting to learn that the secular world also started and ended the day at 12 o'clock noon. In the third edition of Van Nostrand's Scientific Encyclopaedia we find (pp. 1691-1692) under the heading "Time," the following: "From the earliest recorded history the ..sun has been adopted as the clock for regulating human affairs, and the apparent [visible to the eye; obvious] solar day is the interval of time between successive passages of the true sun across a local meridian. For many centuries upper culmination, or

apparent noon, marked the beginning of an apparent day and local apparent time was the **HOUR ANGEL** of the true sun. In 1925, to bring the apparent day into synchronism with that used in civil life, the beginning of the apparent day was transferred to lower culmination, or midnight, and the local apparent time defined as the hour angle of the true sun plus 12 hours ...Prior to 1925 the mean solar day began at upper culmination (mean noon) and the civil day began at midnight."

In the New English Dictionary under the word "day," we are told: "The solar day is the fundamental unity of time ...being determined by observations of the sun [day], is taken to begin with the passage of the mean sun over the meridian ...at high noon ...while the civil day begins at midnight."

In the United States Department of Agriculture book "A Walk Through Time," we find: "During Saxon times, simple sundial forms placed above the doorways were used to identify **MIDDAY**..."

This way the early Saxons - our Israelite ancestors, knew when to start their day. According to the archaeologists, the Umbri of Italy are the direct descendants of the Israelites of Scripture. We found in the "Encyclopaedia of English Law," under the title "day," the following: "...the Umbri in Italy began [the day] at midday ...the Egyptians and Romans at midnight..."

In the United States Constitution one will find under Article XX: "Section 1. The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at **NOON** on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at **NOON** on the 3rd of January..."; "Section 2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meetings shall begin at **NOON**..."

After a thorough search of the Holy Scriptures and then checking secular history to see what actually took place, we have come to the conclusion that the "weekly Sabbath" of Scripture starts at 12 o'clock noon at the end of the sixth day and continues until 12 o'clock noon at the end of the seventh day. This changing of times is nothing but fulfilment of the prophecy of Daniel 7:25: "...he [the fourth beast] shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws..."

The Weekly Sabbath - Which Day of the Week?

"...it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy god ...the Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways. And all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee." (Deuteronomy 28:1-10)

Shortly before his death, Moses, the prophet of God, told the Israelites the blessings and the curses that Almighty God had assigned to His people, the sons and daughters of Jacob/Israel. You can read about them in Deuteronomy, chapters 28 through 34. There you will learn to whom they apply, and in 28:46 you will learn how long those blessing and curses will be in effect: "...they shall be upon thee for a sign and a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever."

You might be wondering at this point; what has all this to do with which day of the week is the Sabbath. Our answer is "Everything!" As you read on, you will be seeing the fulfilment of this prophecy right up to the present day. Moses made this prophecy before the Israelites entered into Canaan land.

As we read the books of Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah and all the other prophets, we find that whenever the Israelites obeyed God's commandments, which includes keeping His Sabbath, that none of their enemies could stand before them, and their prosperity was beyond comprehension to the nations around them. The most famous account, of course, was that of King Solomon, of whom it is written: "...King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and wisdom. And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart." (1 Kings 10:23-24)

As you read the history of Israel in the Bible, you will see that as long as Israel obeyed God's laws, and kept His Sabbaths, they prospered; but when they disobeyed and violated His Sabbaths and went a-whoring after other gods, then the curses of Deuteronomy 28 were again showered upon them and they prospered.

This was no accident, but only God fulfilling His promises. This up and down, roller-coaster prosperity that followed the Israelites has been going on now for over 3,000 years. This might seem like a long time, but when you re-read the prophecy you will notice that the blessings and the curses will follow the Israelites and be "...upon thy seed for ever."

PROPHECY FULFILLED IN AMERICA: Sometime around 1611 A.D., a group of Israelites left the shores of Europe and headed west. Their written and expressed intentions and beliefs were that they were the blood/genetic descendants of Jacob. Israel and that they were going to the **NEW CANAAN LAND** that God had told King David that He would ordain for them, a place from which they would never have to move again.

"Moreover I [God] will appoint **A PLACE FOR MY PEOPLE ISRAEL**, and will plant them, **THAT THEY MAY DWELL IN A PLACE OF THEIR OWN, AND MOVE NO MORE;** neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime." (2 Samuel 7:10)

"Also I [God] will ordain **A PLACE FOR MY PEOPLE ISRAEL**, and will plant them, and **THEY SHALL DWELL IN THEIR PLACE, AND SHALL BE MOVED NO MORE;** neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning." (1 Chronicles 17:9)

Can you not see, God told David, while he was in his home in Jerusalem, in the Promised land that He [God] would move the Israelites to another place, which would be their home forever. They arrived at a place they called "Plymouth," and there set up their community; they covenanted together to abide by the laws of God. They kept His Sabbaths; they punished or executed those persons who disobeyed God's laws. Other Israelites came from all parts of Europe and from around the world: Anglo-Saxons, Germans, Scandinavians, Celts and other kindred people **WHO ARE THE BLOOD DESCENDANTS OF JACOB/ISRAEL TODAY.** They built the greatest nation on earth; in the history of the world; they prospered beyond any nation in history. They were the most loved, respected and feared nation in the world. Their might and power were unmatched throughout the world. Why? That question is probably best answered by the statement of a French philosopher who came to America to find out why America was so great. After searching out the country's industry, commerce, agriculture, etc., yet he could not find the answer. Then he visited America's churches and across the land he heard ministers on every Sabbath preaching obedience to God's laws. He returned to France and wrote: "...America is great because America is good, but when America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great..."

This is just another indication of the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 that God put upon the "seed of Israel" according to His promise. The Sabbath Observed in America: For centuries, until 1925, the United States and most of the rest of the world started and ended their day at 12 noon. On Saturday at noon businesses closed, the post office shut down, all government offices closed until Monday morning. This included the military.

The people stopped their work and began their Sabbath rest. They took their Saturday night bath; they attended church services the following morning. After church services were over and the Sabbath was at an end, they would go home or visit friends for their Sunday dinner. After dinner they relaxed or played games or sports for their recreation (re-creation and rejuvenation). They could also water and feed their animals without breaking Gods Sabbath, thus bringing down the death penalty upon themselves.

This is how the weekly Sabbath was observed, in general, throughout the United States. It was during this era - while the Israelites of this country were obeying God's laws and keeping His Sabbaths - that our country was blessed and prospered to become the mighty nation that it was - still another example of God keeping His promises of Deuteronomy 28.

THE CURSES: Just like their fathers of old, these modern Israelites just couldn't stand all that prosperity; so, like their fathers of old, they started whoring after other gods; the god of money, the god of materialism, the god of sex and fornication, the god of baby sacrifice in the abrotitoriums, the god of sodomy and lesbianism - need I go on?

Now, mind you, it didn't all happen at once. No, it was very gradual and very subtle. Most preachers today will tell you it was the work of the devil, but Scripture tells us it is the evil lusts of our own hearts (James 1:12-15; 1 John 2:16-17; Romans 1:24; 2 Timothy 4:3; 1 Peter 4:2 to name just a few) It started out by ignoring some little laws. That didn't seem too bad, so a few more laws were ignored. We changed the time of starting the day and gradually drifted away from observing God's true Sabbath, and started profaning it by letting stores stay open on Saturday afternoon.

We stopped executing the death penalty for crimes worthy of death. We then allowed businesses to stay open seven days a week, and we Christians patronized them. We allowed freedom of choice for those who wished to kill their unborn babies. We accepted the sodomite life style as an alternative in our government employees as well as in private life. The alleged Christian churches condoned sodomy and they ordained sodomites into the ministry.

Today, the highest office in the land, the presidency of the United States, is held by a male who, along with his wife, promote this detestable, degenerate, abominable life style. And what has happened to our nation's wealth, its might, respect, morals, etc.? They have reached their lowest point in history, in direct proportion to our disobedience to God's laws.

The worst part of it all is that we have professing Christians who have been deceived into believing that God doesn't mind if we start His Sabbath on just any day of the week, or on a Wednesday, or Friday night, or Sunday morning. they expect God to pour out His promised blessings upon us. They just can't understand why God doesn't bless them as He did before.

NOT TILL WE OBEY: No, ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters in Christ, fellow Israelites, don't expect our heavenly Father to honour His part of the covenant in regards to His blessings, until we do our part by keeping His weekly Sabbath as we did in days gone by: from 12 o'clock noon, the beginning of the seventh day; which we call Saturday noon, 12 o'clock noon the following day, which we call Sunday noon.

Then we need to study God's laws diligently and see how there were very few laws that were done away with by Christ's death (the blood ordinances and Levitical rituals, etc.). Then we must put those laws into practice. Then, and only then, will God look upon our affliction, see that we have repented, and start again to pour out His blessings upon us, and start to heal our land as He promised in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The Bottom Line: Most of you who have read this study:

- 1). Love and worship the only true God.
- 2). Don't have any idols you bow down to and worship.
- 3). You don't take God's name in vain.
- 4).
- 5). You honour your fathers and mothers.
- 6). You don't commit murder.
- 7). You don't commit adultery.
- 8). You don't steal.
- 9). You don't bear false witness against your neighbour.
- 10). You don't covet your neighbour's wife or goods.

How about #4, the one that says "keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee?" God set aside a specific 24 hour period each week, that He wants us to set aside out of our work week to keep holy unto him. You now know that 12 o'clock noon is when God says we are to begin our 24 hour day. You now know that God's weekly Sabbath begins at 12 o'clock noon on the day that we call Saturday, and it ends at 12 o'clock noon on the day that we call Sunday. The final question is, **WILL YOU** "keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee?"

Right now, many of you may be saying: "This all sounds pretty convincing, but I know of a passage or several passages that appear to contradict the belief that the Bible Sabbath starts at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday and ends at 12:00 o'clock noon on Sunday."

Matthew 28:1: One of the most common passages that seems to be contradictory is found in the gospel of Matthew chapter 28, verse 1, which states: "**IN** the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn **TOWARD** the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre."

Let us start with the very first word: "In." "In" is word #1722 in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, it is: "A primary preposition, denoting a fixed position in time ..." This word (#1722 has been translated as 35 different words, which means it can have many different meanings, depending on the context in which it is being used.

It has been translated as: "toward" and "before" on at least four occasions. We believe that either "toward" or "before" would have been a more correct translation because the context of the passage so indicates. It says further on in this passage: "...As it began to dawn **TOWARD** the first day of the week..." The word "toward" here very clearly tells us that it was not yet the first day of the week, but that that time was soon coming. Consider this: It is just beginning "to dawn;" it is "before" "the end of the Sabbath."

The time of the year is shortly after the "spring Equinox" when daylight and dark hours are nearly equal, therefore "dawn" is around 6:00 a.m. There are still six more hours to go before 12:00 o'clock noon, (when the first day of the week will begin). This is the hour that the two Marys went to Christ's sepulchre. The Sabbath has nearly ended and the first day of the week is near. We believe this will clear up the confusion brought about by the old English style of writing found in the King James Bible.

EXODUS 16:19: In Exodus, chapter 16, we learn that God gives the Israelites "manna" to take the place of grain for their main staple of food. Moses told the people not to leave any of the "manna" till the morning. We find this in Exodus 16:19: "And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till morning."

We learned in Part I that morning begins at midnight, so we see here that Moses is telling the people not to keep the manna overnight. Each morning they were to gather as much manna as they would need to eat for their meals that day, but they were not to try to save any overnight, except on the sixth day, when they were to gather twice as much, which was to last them through the Sabbath, since there would be none to be gathered on the Sabbath.

The day starts as 12:00 noon. Midnight comes 12 hours later. Sunrise comes at about the 18th hour of the 24 hour day. Noon comes at the 24th hour and another day begins. When Moses told the Israelites to gather a double portion of manna on the sixth day, he was referring to the 18th hour of the sixth day. This double portion would then provide them with the amount that they would normally have gathered on the seventh day, around the 18th hour. By the 18th the **FIRST DAY** of the week, they would again find manna in the fields.

THE LAST SUPPER: Many people say that the last supper of Christ which was the Israelite Passover does not support the "noon to noon" belief. Let's go to the Scripture and see if that statement is true or not. We don't believe that anyone will deny the fact that Christ knew when the Passover was to be killed and eaten; nor is it likely that anyone will deny that Christ and His apostles kept the Passover according to the law given to Moses for the Israelites.

We will start by reading the pertinent facts of the "last supper," starting in the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 14, verse 12: "...The first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the Passover, [Christ's] disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the Passover? And he sendeth forth two of his disciples ...And they made ready the Passover. And in **THE EVENING** he cometh with the twelve. And ...they sat and did eat..."

Here we see in verses 12 through 16, that the two apostles prepared the Passover. To prepare the Passover they had to get a lamb; they had to kill the lamb and drain the blood; they then had to skin it. Next they had to roast it with fire until it was completely cooked because the law forbade them to eat it raw. All this takes **AT LEAST** five to six hours. In verse 17 we learn that Christ and His apostles came and sat down to eat the Passover "in the **EVENING**." This word "evening" is the Greek word #3798 in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance and it means: "Late afternoon or nightfall." The Israelite Passover comes two weeks after the "Spring Equinox."

That is the time of the year when nightfall comes around 6:00 o'clock p.m. Now remember, the "two apostles" didn't "prepare" the Passover at 6:00 p.m.; they ate the Passover with Christ at 6:00 p.m. Simple arithmetic will tell anyone that if they ate the Passover at 6:00 p.m., and if it takes about six hours to make all the preparations for the Passover to be eaten, then we must realize that the "two apostles" started the preparations around 12:00 o'clock noon: which was the start of the Israelite Passover day.

CHRIST: Our Passover Lamb: Numerous Scriptures tell us that Christ is our Passover Lamb. (See 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:19; John 1:29, 36; Revelation 5:5-14; 7:9-14; 21:14) Some people say that Christ's death does not coincide with the "noon to noon" belief. We will now go to the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 27, and Mark, Chapter 15, to see if the above statement is true or not. Matthew 27:1-2 tells us: "When the **MORNING** was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor."

The above-stated "morning" is the morning after Christ had eaten the Passover; prayed in the garden; was arrested and taken before Caiaphas and falsely judged by him. Now we will go to the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 15. Here we learn in verses 15 through 37; the sentence by Pilate; the hour when Christ was nailed to the stake; the hours of darkness and the hour of His death. (Mark 15:15, 25, 33-34, 37) "...Pilate ...delivered Jesus, and when he had scourged him, to be crucified...[25] It was the third hour, and they crucified him ...And when the sixth hour was

come, there was darkness over the land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice...[37) Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost."

To understand what we are being told in the above passages we must first understand that at the time of Christ's crucifixion, the Israelites were under Roman rule, and the Pharisees were in charge over Israel on a local level. At that point of time in history the Pharisees had already changed the time when a day was to begin. Instead of having the day start at noon, the Pharisees changed it to start at sunset. Because sunset is always changing, they settled on 6:00 p.m. as the start of their day. (In The Encyclopedic Dictionary by Robert Hunter and Charles Morris, printed in 1896, we read on page 1450 under the word "day:" "Among the Jews the day began at sunset...")

The Jews divided their day into two 12 hour periods. The first 12 hour period started at sunset and went to sunrise and was called the "first" through the "twelfth" hour. At sunrise they start their second 12 hour period. This second half of the Pharisees' official day started at 6:00 o'clock in the morning. Therefore, 7:00 o'clock was their "first hour," 8:00 o'clock was their "second hour." 9:00 o'clock was their "third hour," and so on. Therefore the terms; third hour, sixth hour and ninth hour were terms used in the gospel accounts.

In verse 25 above, we are told that Christ was actually nailed to the stake at 9:00 a.m., which was their third hour. Christ then hung on the cross from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Verse 33 tells us that from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. "...There was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour." [3:00 p.m.] It was during this period of time that the prophecy of Isaiah 53:8 was fulfilled: "He was taken from prison and from judgment ..for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

At 3:00 p.m. Christ cried with a loud voice, gave up the ghost and died. We find in verse 34 and 37: "And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voiceJesus cried with a loud voice and gave up the ghost."

We can plainly see by the above passages that Christ was killed shortly after 12:00 noon, (which in the Old Testament is often referred to as: "even, the going down of the sun") which is in keeping with the law as spelled out in Deuteronomy 16:6: "...Thou shalt sacrifice the Passover at **EVEN**, at the going down of the sun..."

There were other ways that Christ could have been executed, but to fulfil prophecy, Christ had to die by crucifixion, which is a slow and very painful death. It was finally completed by 3:00 p.m., not at sunset as the modern day Jews (Pharisees) would have us believe.

THE HIGH SABBATH OF JOHN 10:31: Many people read John 19:31 and say: "See, it is very clear that the Sabbath was to begin at sundown." Those people are absolutely correct. As we pointed out earlier in Part III: the Pharisees - under Roman rule - were in charge of the Israelites. Also, we pointed out that the day began at sunset for the Pharisees (the Jews): "Among the Jews the day began at sunset..." Therefore the high Sabbath day which followed Christ's crucifixion was to begin at sunset, because it was the Jews' (Pharisees') time to start their day. I repeat: **SUNDOWN IS THE BEGINNING OF THE PHARISEES' DAY AND THE BEGINNING OF THE PHARISEES' SABBATH AND IT WAS THE "PHARISEES' SABBATH"** that John was recording in this verse. This is what John 19:31 says: "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath day, (for **THAT SABBATH DAY WAS AN HIGH DAY**), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away."

This Sabbath day, which was the Pharisees' "high day" was another of the Pharisees' perversion of God's law: specifically the law which is recorded in Exodus, Chapter 12, which was given to the Israelites before the first Passover. In Exodus 12:15-16 we read: "Seven days shall ye eat

unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses ...**IN THE FIRST DAY THERE SHALL BE AN HOLY CONVOCATION**, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you."

In verse 16 we see that the first day of "unleavened bread," when the Passover is to be killed, is to be an "holy convocation," which is a "sacred meeting." The first day of unleavened bread is also to be a Sabbath of rest wherein no work, except food preparation, is to be done. We pointed out in the section entitled "The Last Supper" that Christ and His apostles did, on the first day of unleavened bread, prepare and eat the Passover, according to the law.

You will see by the following verses that the Pharisees started the preparation for their Passover at a different time than Christ; and that the Pharisees also had their "holy convocation" which they called a "high Sabbath day" on the second, not the first day of unleavened bread as was required by law. Let us now turn to the Gospel of John, Chapters 18 & 19 for confirmation of this truth. John 18:28 tells us: "Then led they [the Pharisees] Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment [where Pontius Pilate judged]: and it was early; and they themselves [the Pharisees] went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the Passover."

Here we learn that Christ, who had already eaten the Passover the night before, was brought before Pilate, but the Pharisees refused to enter the judgment hall because if they had, according to Pharisee law, they would have been defiled and would not have been able to eat their Passover. John 19:13-14 tells us: "...Pilate ...brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat ...and it was the preparation of the Passover..."

Here we have a second witness that the day that Pilate judged Christ was on the PHARISEES' Passover preparation day. Later on, after Christ's death, we are told in John 19:31: "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was an high day), besought Pilate that ...they might be taken away."

We see here that it was still the Pharisees' Passover preparation day and that the Jews (the Pharisees) wanted the bodies to be taken off of the crosses before sundown when the Pharisees' high Sabbath day was to begin. Remember, this was **NOT** the weekly or seventh day Sabbath, but it was a special "high Sabbath."

There are several other "high Sabbaths" or holy convocations in Scripture and they can be found in Leviticus 23 and Numbers 28 and 29. It now becomes very clear that the "high Sabbath day" of John 19:31 was **NOT** the Sabbath of Israel, but it was the "high Sabbath of the Pharisees" and therefore, because the Pharisees started their day at sunset, they also started **THEIR** "high Sabbath" of John 19:31 at sunset.

If you check with any Jewish synagogue today you will find that they still follow this same Pharisaical practice of starting their weekly Sabbath and their Passover Sabbath at sundown, simply because they are following the same teachings as the Pharisees of Christ's time.

Scriptural Warnings: The Pharisees of Christ's time and the Pharisees of today, whom we call "Jews," did not then, nor do they today, start their "day" according to Scripture; they do not start their "Sabbath" according to Scripture; and they do not observe "the Passover" according to Scripture. Therefore Christians of today should look to the Jews of today for **NOTHING**, absolutely **NOTHING!**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please remember Christ's warning to His disciples: "...Take heed and beware of the leaven [doctrines or teaching] of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." (Matthew 16:6, 12) And finally, remember Paul's warning to us as recorded in the Book of Titus, Chapter 3, verse 14: "...not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn

from the truth." When you go to the Jews or Jewish writings, you will get nothing but "Jewish fables," and where you spend eternity may lie in the balance.

The Christian Bible Sabbath begins at noon on Saturday and ends at noon on Sunday. The Jewish Sabbath begins at sundown on Friday night and ends at sundown on Saturday night. **WHICH ONE WILL YOU CHOOSE?** May the God of Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob bless you and encourage you to diligently search the Scriptures to see if what we tell you is true. (Acts 17:11)



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