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VS
ROMAN-JEWISH CALENDAR

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Does it really matter when we celebrate Yahweh's Sabbaths? Do the Jew's have the authority to set the calendar and when the days of the month fall, or has Yahweh already done this and shown us in the Bible how and when we are to worship Him? What are the oracles of Yahweh? The question we all have to ask ourselves before reading this booklet is if we really want to know the truth. If that answer is no don't read any further! Just put this booklet down and go back to what you were doing because if you can't say YES, if you can't say you want to know the truth and that you'll obey Yahweh and Him alone no matter what the cost then it really doesn't matter. Don't waste your time, go back to your own little world and let the god of this age have his way with you.

These may seem like harsh words but the truth is that unless we are willing to obey Yahweh and remain faithful to Him we are wasting our time. There are many different tools Satan uses to divide the assembly. Doctrine, greed, lust for power and worship of a man just to name a few. Most people look at this and say it is men "playing church or games Well it isn't, it's Lucifer attacking us with his divide and conquer tactics. The men in-

volved are only his puppets not the instigators.

One of the most effective attacks Satan has launched upon the world is to deceive men on the Sabbath's. He has accomplished this in different ways. Some of the most dedicated Christians are deceived into thinking the 4th commandment doesn't have to be kept so they go to church on Sunday. Others think that Sunday is the Sabbath. But perhaps the most tragic deception of all is that most of the people who do keep the 4th Commandment and observe Yahweh's annual Sabbaths keep the holy days at the wrong time.

I make that statement with mixed emotions because it is an effective wedge Satan has used to drive between the Sabbath keeping assemblies. I know this because up until the spring of 1989 I followed the so called "Jewish" calendar with my "assembly friends". I now understand I was wrong and was breaking Yahweh's real Sabbaths by not observing them at the correct time. I was following a pagan calendar that can be traced directly to Rome because I listened to men and not Yahweh.

These are not just my statements or conclusions, there is irrefutable proof that the "Jewish" calendar was forced upon the Jew's in the third century by the Roman Government right about the time that they forced Sunday

on the Christians. That's right I said the Romans not the Jew's instituted it. Hillel II went along with it to save his own neck, it wasn't his idea, but more about this later.

Lets examine the true calendar given to us in the Bible free from mans rules and corruption. The calendar that Yahshua kept as our example, the calendar that the disciples taught to the converts. Let's look at it's origin and find out how it works and what it's for. After all a Sabbath is a Sabbath is a Sabbath and if we are going to observe them we must do it on the right day or we're Sabbath breakers, not keepers.

WHAT THE CALENDAR IS FOR

The first thing we have to understand is how the calendar that Yahweh gave us works and what it is for, the best source for that is the Bible.

Gen 1:14 Then Yahweh said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years"

Did everyone catch that? Yahweh made the lights in the heavens (which includes the moon) for days and years. There is another verse we need to know about for

the full explanation of the moon.

Psa 104:19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knows its going down. (NKJ)

Yahweh made the moon for telling us when the seasons are and the meaning is becoming pretty clear. He intended us to have a calendar that was governed by the moon so we could tell the day, the season and the year. The reason we need to know this is so that we can determine when to celebrate His commanded Holy days. A quick look at Leviticus the 23rd chapter shows us that Yahweh tells us to worship Him on certain days of specific months. In order to do this He has given us a visible sign so we know when these times are.

Why do we have to know these things you might be asking yourself about now. Don't the Jew's take care of this because it's part of their duty? Lets look at one of the most effective smoke screens ever devised by Satan on this subject. It kept me from learning the truth for over a year from the first time I heard the argument.

The first time I heard we were supposed to determine the months by the sighting of a new moon I asked a few questions and was told the Jew's control this because

they were given the “Oracles of Yahweh” and was cited Romans 3:2. I looked it up and sure enough there it was. I didn’t know what the oracles were but it sounded pretty important with Yahweh’s name beside it.

Unfortunately most of the people who cite this verse don’t know either. It’s a deceptive tactic used by a minority of men who want to manipulate us into doing what they say, not Yahweh. I believe they know better. Lets examine this verse and see what it says and more importantly what it means.

Rom 3:1 *What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision?*

Rom 3:2 *Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.*

What does the word oracles mean? It is Strong’s * 3051 logion (log’-ee-on); neuter of 3052; an utterance (of Yahweh):

Does everyone understand that? It is an utterance of Yahweh, what does this mean? the NIV version translates it correctly.

Rom 3:2 *Much in every way! First of all, they have*

been entrusted with the very words of Yahweh. (NIV)

It's so simple, what are the oracles of Yahweh? It is the preservation of the scriptures, Yahweh's words or utterances. This has absolutely NOTHING to do with the calendar. Now do you see why I call it a smoke screen? The Jew's were to preserve Yahweh's words for the world and they did that. This did not give the authority to change or alter them, they could only preserve them.

ROME FORCES CALENDAR CHANGE

Up until recently I thought that it was the Jew's idea to change the calendar in 358 A.D. I argued that no man could change Yahweh's laws, not the Pope, not even a Jewish Rabbi whose name was Hillel II. Yahweh gave us a visible calendar to observe and He told us how & when to observe it in the Bible. It's not confusing or complicated like some want to make believe. It's a little different, but so is everything else associated with Yahweh. From keeping the Sabbath, and the Sabbaths, to tithing. Yahweh tells us to "come out of Babylon" to be different.

Little did I realize that the calendar I was attacking was pagan to the core and directly from Babylon. After the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. there was no longer a need for a high priest. The position he held could no

longer be carried out without the temple. Instead of a high priest as their spiritual leader the Jew's had a NASI, pronounced (naw-see). He is the head Rabbi or chief leader like the pope is the leader of the Catholic Church.

In 351-52 A.D. the Jew's revolted against the Roman emperor Gallus & his commander Ursicinus and lost. After this the Romans limited the power of the NASI and forced him to give up the authority to proclaim the New Moon and the fixing of the festivals. Hillel II agreed to save his neck and a calculated calendar was instituted and published with it's rules in 358 A.D. (*Encyclopedia Judaica, Hillel II*).

HOW THAT CALENDAR WORKS

According to Rosh Hashanah 1:3-8 During the time when Yahshua was on earth the High Priest would hold court in the Temple to determine when the New Moon was. It was based on the testimony of three credible witnesses who had seen the crescent of the New Moon. Once a New Moon had been declared fires would be lit on the Mount of Olives to notify those who were not in the Holy City. According to the Mishna six witnesses were dispatched with a hand-delivered message that the New Moon was over Jerusalem.

The reason this was done is because since Yahweh designed a calendar for them to follow it was their duty to follow and observe it properly. The High Priest had no authority to hear testimony that the crescent of the New Moon was sighted and then declare the month would begin two or three days later! That would have been a sin. That is in essence to what happens today however with the Hebrew calendar and that is why once we realize this, it can NEVER be followed.

One of Hillel's rules is that no two Sabbath's fall consecutively. Therefore the calendar is manipulated so that *Rosh Hashanah*, (Trumpets) never falls on a Sunday, Wednesday or a Friday. This keeps Atonement from falling on a Friday or a Sunday which would make two Sabbath's in a row. There is no Biblical authority for this.

In order to keep this from happening Hillel inserted and deleted days which Yahweh has not commanded. The normal year which Yahweh commands us to follow has 354 days, with a leap-year-month added seven times every nineteen years. The present Hebrew calendar has 353, 354, 355, 383, 384 and 385 days! SIX DIFFERENT TYPES OF YEARS! He took out or added days to different months in the year which affects which day of the week all of the feasts fall on.

In 1979 the 1st day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar was March 29, one day before the New Moon over Jerusalem. On March 25, 1982 the 1st of Nisan was two days before the New Moon. In 1984 and 1985 the 1st of Nisan fell on the same day as the New Moon both years. The other months are no better. Tishri I (Trumpets) fell on the New Moon in 1984, but in 1986 it was two days before the New Moon. This is proof that the Hebrew calendar is not accurate and does not coincide with Yahweh's commands of beginning the month with a New Moon over Jerusalem.

Do you see the problem with Hillel's calendar? It doesn't always begin a month with a New Moon. Yahweh intended the month to begin with the sighting of the New Moon crescent over Jerusalem. Why Jerusalem you might ask? because that's where He chose as His headquarters. The temples were built there and when Yahshua returns His kingdom will be there. It is the city of our appointed feasts, Isa. 33:20.

It's not impossible to have a calculated calendar that accurately predicts when the New Moon will be over Jerusalem. The lunar cycle is 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, and 2.8 seconds. New Moon calendars exist today and are available to anyone who requests them.

So why don't the Jew's who realize this correct this situation? They are no different than any other men. Just like the SUNday keepers make arguments for a SUNday worship, or Christmas observers make feeble arguments for a pagan celebration, the Jews say it really doesn't matter and that it is to much of an inconvenience to have two Sabbaths in a row. SINCE WHEN IS THE SABBATH A BURDEN?

What do you think Yahweh says about that? He tells us to use the sun and the moon to calculate dates and to let Him worry when they fall in the year. We can't tell Him we don't want the year to start on a Sunday, a Wednesday or a Friday for convenience sake because its easier to worship Him on days we choose rather than on His Sabbath's when He created them!

Most of the Church of God theorizes that Messiah will return on the Feast of Trumpets, a commanded assembly, a holy convocation. If this is accurate don't you want to be in the assembly when He returns? Would you want to be at work breaking His Sabbath intending to celebrate it two days later with the Jew's because it's more convenient? You will answer for that when you stand before Him on the judgment day!

Another hard saying you might ask?

Num 9:13 *"But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and ceases to keep the Passover, that same person shall be cut off from among his people, because he did not bring the offering of Yahweh at its appointed time that man shall bear his sin.*

MEN BLOWING MORE SMOKE

If you ask most Church of God organizations who sets the holy days they will give you a couple false answers. Let me clearly state at the onset that Yahweh Almighty and Him alone determines the Sabbaths. These men however will tell you that the assembly has the authority, (and of course since they run the assembly this means them and not Yahweh). THIS IS A LIE, it is the same lie that the Catholics use to argue that the Popes authority is equal to Messiah's when they substituted SUNDAY for the Sabbath. The assembly can only TEACH others about Yahweh's Sabbaths, they have absolutely no authority to sanctify one day or the other.

The other answer they will most likely give you is the "oracles of Yahweh" line. But as I previously pointed out that only means the preservation of the Scriptures. The bottom line is that they don't really have a good reason for not obeying Yahweh other than ignorance or stubbornness.

I stated earlier that I didn't think the leaders of the organizations believe their own statements on the calendar. Let me now explain why I say this. If they really believed that the Jew's set the Holy Days they would follow them. The truth is that they don't observe all the day's at the same time as the Jew's.

For those of you who were in the Worldwide Church of God do you remember when you used to observe Pentecost on Monday? What happened to the oracles of Yahweh then? Later when Herbert Armstrong realized his mistake the WCG reverted back to Sunday. Almost every other Church of God rightly observes Pentecost today on a Sunday. Do you realize that this is NOT when the Jew's observe it!

That's right they always hold it on Sivan 6, no matter what day of the week it falls on! As far as they're concerned it could be a Wednesday!!! Listen carefully because these men are talking out of both sides of their mouths. They can't have their cake and eat it too! If the Jew's set the Holy days they set them ALL, not just a few of them!

Do you realize that when Yahshua returns we will observe the New Moons with Him?

Isaiah 66:23 *And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,*” says Yahweh. (NKJ)

Do you think that we will come and worship before Messiah two days after the New Moon or will it be on the New Moon? After all it will be in Jerusalem and we will all see the crescent.

The Jew’s today celebrate the New Moon every month at the Synagogue but not always on the correct date because sometimes Hillel’s, calendar is off by more than two days from the crescent over Jerusalem.

I asked a Rabbi in Knoxville about this and his answer to me was very interesting. I was in his office at the Synagogue with my wife and the conversation went like this: “Rabbi, because in the Hebrew calendar days are inserted or deleted so no two Sabbaths fall consecutively, *Rosh Hashanah* (Trumpets) might not fall on the day of a crescent. Does a man, even a well intentioned Jewish Rabbi have the authority to change the day a Sabbath falls on?”

Answer: “I don’t know, I think so. But that’s why we celebrate them for two days in a row, just in case”. That’s

right the Jew's celebrate the annual Sabbath's, and the New Moons for two days in a row because even they don't know if Hillel had the authority to allow the Romans to tamper with Yahweh Sabbaths! Look at any Jewish calendar that is sold in a Synagogue and you will see that the annual Sabbath's: Trumpets, New Moons etc. are observed for two days.

CONCLUSION

Most people will object over another booklet that can cause more division in the assembly. Like I said it was with a heavy heart I researched all of this. I knew if it were true most people wouldn't obey and I knew there would be no choice for me and that it could drive a wedge between me and my friends who are in another organization. It also would be harder because I was now in even a smaller minority of Sabbath keepers.

Well it was true, Satan had pulled it off more than 1,600 years ago. The question is should we disobey Yahweh just to keep harmony in the assembly or for convenience? I think you can see that there really isn't even a question.

One Church of God leader calls the obedience and following of Yahweh's directives unnecessary right-

eousness and leavening. He says we'll use this as a stumbling block to others, saying only we have the key. He says we'll exclude them saying we know something they don't and we will claim they can't enter the Kingdom because of it. This is a very carefully planned smoke screen that is designed to keep others in the dark because he is either too afraid or too stubborn to admit that Yahweh can reveal truth to someone with a different last name than his.

This man would rather have us be lukewarm, or maybe close like in horse shoes. Well Yahweh's kingdom and your salvation are not a game. Sometimes He tells us to do a hard thing like to sell all that we have and give it to the poor. If He told us that we had to stand on our head while we prayed I would do it faithfully. If you want to call obedience to Yahweh unnecessary righteousness and leavening you're sadly confused. Yahweh calls not obeying Him and breaking His Sabbaths a **FILTHY ABOMINATION**.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

We should be keeping the Passover and the other feasts according to the heavenly calendar like Yahshua did, and try to the best of our ability to be as accurate and as faithful as we can. As long as we're human we will

never be perfect but that's not an excuse to disobey Yahweh now.

Like all of our other shortcomings when we did them in ignorance, as soon as we learned the truth we went to Yahweh in repentance and asked His forgiveness. This too can be done with breaking Yahweh's annual Sabbaths by observing them incorrectly. However if you know the truth and continue to disobey Yahweh you will suffer the consequences.

In other words, Yahweh expects nothing less than complete faithfulness and obedience. Pick up your yoke and follow Messiah letting the others bury the dead. Like the song goes "trust and obey, there's no other way".

Jos 24:15...choose for yourselves this day' whom you will serve,... But as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh." (NKJ)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

To find out about the origin of today's calendar read Hillel II in the Encyclopedia Judaica, the Mishna and Rosh Hashanah. There are also booklets available from other Churches of God that observe the new moons. Churchlite Publications, Lantana Christian Church of

God, David Smith etc.

People have suggested that I put my name on this booklet but I have chosen not to do that for a reason, if you want to know why read Matthew 6:2-4.

There is nothing new in this booklet, all the information is borrowed from other sources, (the original is the Bible). It is not written to “raise up” an assembly or a group, nor to support a ministry or for self glorification like most other works. I am not nor do I claim to be a prophet, the end time Moses, Noah, Elijah or one of the two end time witnesses like some liars claim that they are.

This booklet was written because there is a lack of understandable published information on Yahweh’s calendar because Satan has successfully deceived most Sabbath keeping people.

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