

Why Keep the Sabbaths?

Some people told me that it does not matter which day we worship Elohim on. Does it matter which day we dedicate to worshipping YHVH on, or does it?

What about the Biblical Holy Days? Should we keep them? If so, why?

I have asked myself these questions. Some people told me it is dangerous to ask these questions because it questions or challenges YHVH's logic and command. But what is the answer? Or is there more than one answer?

NKJ **Ezekiel 20:12** "Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, **to be a sign between them and Me**, that they might know that I *am* YHVH who sanctifies them.
A sign between the Almighty and us? A connection, a bond, a link, a kinship, a relationship.

A History of the Weekly Sabbath

NKJ **Genesis 2:1** Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

NKJ **Genesis 2:4** This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that YHVH Elohim made the earth and the heavens,

NKJ **Genesis 2:5** before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For YHVH Elohim had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to till the ground.

NKJ **Genesis 1:2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim was hovering over the face of the waters.
Was the earth re-created? We do not know the reason that the earth became this way.

NKJ **Genesis 1:3** Then Elohim said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

NKJ **Genesis 1:4** And Elohim saw the light, that *it was* good; and Elohim divided the light from the darkness.
The creation of light caused a divide between darkness and light.

NKJ **Genesis 1:5** Elohim called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So, the evening and the morning were the first day.
Day One is now in the history books. You can look up into space and see the evidence of this creation.

NKJ **Genesis 1:6** Then Elohim said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."

Everyone believes this is just on the earth, but this is throughout the cosmos. This is why, so far, we have found water on every world and moon we examine.

NKJ **Genesis 1:7** Thus Elohim made the firmament (*the expanse above a planet whether it be air or some other chemical*) and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.

The waters have been separated and dry land appears in the cosmos.

NKJ **Genesis 1:8** And Elohim called the firmament Heaven. So, the evening and the morning were the second day.

We now know, thanks to the Bible, there are three heavens.

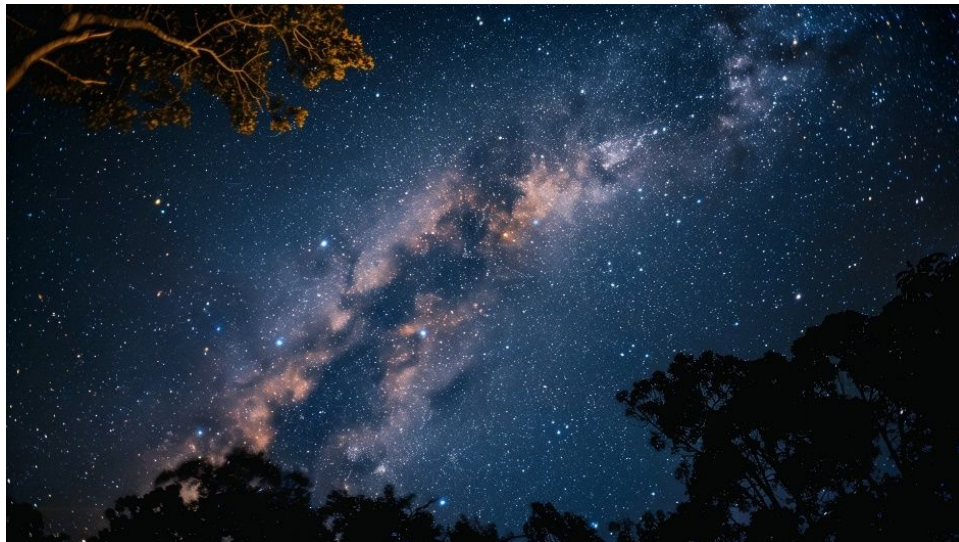
The First Heaven: Above the Surface of the Earth

NKJ **Luke 4:25** "But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land.

Why "heavens?" Because there is still loose water in the second heaven that could be used to water the planets. In this case, the heaven above us is the earth's atmosphere and no water fell from it for three- and one-half years.

NKJ **Revelation 11:6** These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

The two witnesses have the power to shut off rain in our atmosphere.



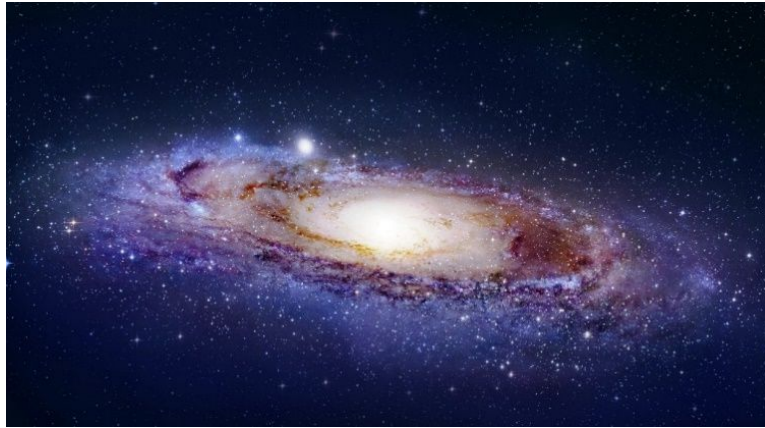
Looking through the first heaven at the second

The Second Heaven: Outer Space

NKJ **Revelation 6:13** And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

NKJ **Matthew 24:29** " Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens (*all three*) will be shaken.

The second heaven is where the other planets, water and physical stars are located.



Our neck of the woods

The Third Heaven: YHVH's Throne

NKJ **Matthew 5:34** "But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is Elohim's throne;

NKJ **Isaiah 66:1** Thus says YHVH: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?

And we know that there is water in all three heavens

NKJ **Revelation 22:1** And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb.

NKJ **Revelation 22:2** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

ESV **Psalms 8:1** TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO THE GITTITH. A PSALM OF DAVID. O YHVH, our YHVH, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

NKJ **Psalm 8:3** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

ESV **Psalm 8:4** what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

To continue...

NKJ **Genesis 1:9** Then Elohim said, "Let the waters under the heavens (*note that this is plural*) be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

NKJ **Genesis 1:10** And Elohim called the dry *land* Earth (*אֲדָמָה, Adamah: dirt, earth*), and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And Elohim saw that *it was good*.

Is this true of all planets? We know that there are seas of frozen water on other planets. It appears that at one time, Mars had flowing water, rivers, and seas. What happened?

NKJ **Romans 8:20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope.

It was subjected or forced to undergo a change. Now who could do this?

NKJ **Genesis 2:6** but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.

The earth was still cooling down. It was still too hot for plants and animals. This mist prepped the way for life. Perhaps all the planets went through this process.

NKJ **Genesis 1:11** Then Elohim said, "Let the earth (*Adamah*) bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

Is this why we find bacterial evidence of life on Mars? Perhaps this is true of all planets. They were designed to harbor life. Of course, this verse appears to be talking of our earth, but it could mean the cosmos. The cosmos was not created in death as we see it today. See "What Are the Main Inheritances of the Saints?" below.

NKJ **Genesis 1:12** And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And Elohim saw that it was good.

Look at all the work that has gone into creation so far!

NKJ **Genesis 1:13** So the evening and the morning were the third day.

NKJ **Genesis 1:14** Then Elohim 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*.

NKJ **Genesis 1:15** "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

NKJ **Genesis 1:16** Then Elohim made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.

NKJ **Genesis 1:17** Elohim set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth,

NKJ **Genesis 1:18** and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And Elohim saw that it was good.

NKJ **Genesis 1:19** So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
Whew! And that was the fourth day. What a lot of work! The Next day...

NKJ **Genesis 1:20** Then Elohim said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."

NKJ **Genesis 1:21** So Elohim created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And Elohim saw that *it was* good.

NKJ **Genesis 1:22** And Elohim blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."
Apparently, all animal life in the beginning was centralized.

NKJ **Genesis 1:23** So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
And that took a lot of very creative work!

NKJ **Genesis 1:24** Then Elohim said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so.
And now, he ups his creative power. More complex forms of life were created.

NKJ **Genesis 1:25** And Elohim made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And Elohim saw that it was good.

NKJ **Genesis 1:26** Then Elohim said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
Who knows how, but he created the most complex creature on the planet...man. His mind is so complex yet so loving.

NKJ **Genesis 1:27** So Elohim created man in His own image; in the image of Elohim, He created him; male and female He created them.

NKJ **Genesis 1:28** Then Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

NKJ **Genesis 1:29** And Elohim said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

We were pure vegetarians. All the plants, except the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil bore fruit that completed our dietary needs.

ESV **Genesis 1:30** And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

Even the animals were vegetarians!

NKJ **Genesis 1:31** Then Elohim saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So, the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

NKJ **Genesis 2:2** And on the seventh day Elohim ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

YHVH busted his tail for six days creating everything natural beyond space, and here on earth. It was time to kick back and enjoy his creation.

NKJ **Genesis 2:3** Then Elohim *blessed (favor, grace, bestowed on)* the seventh day and *sanctified (set it apart for a special purpose)* it, because in it He rested from all His work which Elohim had created and made.

He loves the Sabbath! This is the day he took a break and gave favor to the seventh day.

NKJ **Exodus 20:11** For in six days YHVH made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, YHVH blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed (*separated it for a holy purpose*) it.

One Purpose of the Sun...Day, the Definition

JPS **Genesis 1:5** And Elohim called the light Day (*Yom in Hebrew meaning Hot*), and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening (*dusk or sunset*) and there was morning (*the period of sunlight*), one day.

Sunset to sunset equals one day. The night portion and the day portion are one day. The day actually starts at sunset. And there is a pattern here. Darkness came before the creation of light. Night begins the day. See the relationship?

Why Keep the Sabbaths

NKJ **Jeremiah 31:35** Thus says YHVH, who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (YHVH of hosts *is* His name):

NKJ **Psalm 74:16** The day *is* Yours, the night also *is* Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun.

Here is another purpose for the sun. It tells us the days.

NKJ **1 Corinthians 15:41** *There is* one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory.

NKJ **Psalm 136:7** To Him who made great lights, For His mercy *endures* forever –

NKJ **Psalm 136:8** The sun to rule by day, For His mercy *endures* forever.

NKJ **Psalm 136:9** The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy *endures* forever.

THE GOD OF ISRAEL'S Days of the Week		(GREGORIAN) Man's Days of the Week		
Day	#/Name	Name	Deity	Star/Planet
1	1	Sunday	Sun(Sol) God, personified as, Helios, Apollo, Ogmios, Mithras, and St. Elias.	Sun
2	2	Monday	Moon Goddess, personified as, Selene, Luna, and Mani.	Moon
3	3	Tuesday	God of Power, energy and endurance, personified as, Ares, Tiwas, Tiw, Tuisco, and Tyr.	Mars
4	4	Wednesday	God of knowledge & Wisdom, personified as Woden or Odin, and Hermes.	Mercury
5	5	Thursday	God of Thunder, personified as, Thunor (Thor). Other names for him are Zeus, Taranis, Perun, Perkunas, and St. Olaf.	Jupiter
6	6	Friday	Goddess of love, personified as, Frigg.	Venus
7	Sabbath	Saturday	God of Saturn, personified as, Seater or Seater.	Saturn

The Days of the Week

Biblical Calendar vs. Jewish Calendar	
BIBLICAL	JEWISH (MODERN)
The biblical calendar is based on observation.	The modern Jewish calendar is based on calculation.
The Bible begins the year in the spring with the confirmation of the Abib barley, Exodus. 9:31 and Deuteronomy 16:1.	The Jewish calendar begins the year in the fall with the month of Tishri (seventh biblical month).
The Bible verifies that each month begins with the first visible sighting of the new moon crescent (Hebrew, chodesh), Exodus 12:1-2, Psalms 81:3.	The Jewish calendar begins each month with the conjunction (Hebrew, molad), also called the astronomical new moon or dark moon.
When the barley is not yet in the Abib stage (which is a specific phase in its development) by the end of the 12th month, a 13th month is added, called Adar II.	The Jewish calendar provides a calculated 19-year cycle in which it adds a 13th month every 2-3 years. The cycle is: R-R-L-R-R-L-R-R-L-R-L-R-R-L-R-L (R=regular; L=leap).
The Bible provides the exact dates for the annual Sabbaths or Feasts without exception or deviation, Leviticus 23 and Deuteronomy 16.	The Jewish calendar contains calculated postponements ensuring that an annual and weekly Sabbath do not fall consecutively.

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The difference between the Biblical Calendar and the Jewish Calendar

The First Purpose of the Moon

NKJ **Genesis 1:15** "and let them be for lights in the firmament (*in outer space*) of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

NKJ **Genesis 1:16** Then Elohim made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also.

There is the first purpose of the sun, the moon, and stars.

MONTHS OF THE YEAR					
BIBLICAL CALENDAR			GREGORIAN CALENDAR		
MONTH	NAME	BIBLE REFERENCE	MONTH	NAME	DEITY
1	Abib	Exodus 12:1-2, 13:1-4	4	April	Aphrodite*
2	Zif	1Kings 6:1	5	May	Maia*
3	Sivan	Esther 8:9	6	June	Juno*
4	4th	Jeremiah 39:2	7	July	Julius*
5	Month	Numbers 33:38	8	August	Augustus*
6	Ab	Nehemiah 6:15	9	September	Pomona*
7	Elul	1Kings 8:2	10	October	Astraea*
8	Ethanim	1Kings 6:38	11	November	Samhain*
9	Bul	Nehemiah 1:1, Ezra	12	December	Decima*
10	Chisleu	10:9	1	January	Janus*
11	Tebeth	Esther 2:16	2	February	Februa*
12	Shebat	Zechariah 1:7	3	March	Mars*
	Adar	Esther 3:7,13; 9:19, 21			

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The Second Purpose of the Moon...The Appointed Seasons

ESV **Psalm 104:19** He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

Seasons? What exactly is this?

Barnes' Notes on the Bible

He appointed the moon for seasons - Genesis 1:14-18. That is, the moon, as well as the sun, is appointed to divide time; to determine its progress; *to indicate the return of festival occasions, or appointed times to be observed.*

The Seasons or Appointed Times...What are They?

JPS **Leviticus 23:2** Speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them: The *appointed seasons* of YHVH, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, *even these are My appointed seasons.*

These are Sabbaths that occur at specific times of the year.

The Weekly Sabbath

NKJ **Leviticus 23:3** ' Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of YHVH in all your dwellings.

NKJ **Exodus 20:8** " Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

NKJ **Exodus 20:9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

NKJ **Exodus 20:10** but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of YHVH your Elohim. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates.

NKJ **Exodus 20:11** For in six days YHVH made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, YHVH blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

NKJ **Deuteronomy 5:12** ' Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as YHVH your Elohim commanded you.

ESV **Leviticus 23:32** ... from evening to evening shall you keep your Sabbath."
So, from Friday evening to Sabbath evening.

NKJ **Deuteronomy 5:13** Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

NKJ **Deuteronomy 5:14** but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of YHVH your Elohim. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor

your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.

NKJ **Deuteronomy 5:15** And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and YHVH your Elohim brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore, YHVH your Elohim commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Things to remember on the Sabbath.

1. *Remember that YHVH created everything in 6 days*
2. *Remember that we were slaves in Egypt*
3. *The Sabbaths were created for man, not the other way around.*

NKJ **Mark 2:27** And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

4. *Remember the Sabbath Day itself and what it is for*

ESV **Jeremiah 17:21** Thus says the YHVH: Take care for the sake of your lives, and do not bear a burden on the Sabbath day or bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem.
Or any city for that matter.

NKJ **Jeremiah 17:22** "nor carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

NKJ **Jeremiah 17:23** "But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.

NKJ **Jeremiah 17:24** " And it shall be, if you heed Me carefully," says the YHVH, "to bring no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work in it,

NKJ **Nehemiah 13:19** So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I posted *some* of my servants at the gates, *so that* no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.

We aren't to conduct normal business on the Sabbath. No buying or selling!

NKJ **Amos 8:5** Saying: "When will the New Moon be past, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may trade wheat? Making the ephah small and the shekel large, Falsifying the scales by deceit,

ESV **Amos 8:6** that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

Cheating merchants!

The Feast Days...The Sabbaths Occur at Specific Times

NKJ **Leviticus 23:4** ' These *are* the feasts (*Sabbaths*) of YHVH, holy convocations (*church meetings*) which you shall proclaim **at their appointed times**.

The Passover...Sacrifice of the Lamb of YHVH for Our Sins

NKJ **Exodus 12:2** "This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.

KJV **Leviticus 23:5** In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at even (*twilight*) is YHVH'S Passover.
Though listed as an appointed festival, it is not a Sabbath. See "The Foot Washing Ceremony" in "Isaiah 29:6, The Book, Part 2."

NKJ **Exodus 12:14** 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to YHVH throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

NKJ **Luke 22:19** And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

NKJ **Numbers 9:10** "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If anyone of you or your posterity is unclean because of a corpse, or *is* far away on a journey, he may still keep the YHVH's Passover.

NKJ **Numbers 9:11** 'On the fourteenth day of the second month, at twilight, they may keep it. They shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

NKJ **Numbers 9:12** 'They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.
A "make-up" Passover.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread...Putting Sin Out of Our Lives

Most Churches do not keep this Holy Day.

NKJ **Leviticus 23:6** 'And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the Feast of Unleavened Bread to YHVH; seven days you **must** eat unleavened bread.

ESV **Exodus 12:15** Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.
We clean out every crumb of leavened products. We eat unleavened bread on each of the seven days.

JPS Exodus 12:16 And in the first day there shall be to you a holy convocation, and in the seventh day a holy convocation; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done by you.

The first day and the seventh day is a holy convocation – church. They are Sabbaths and no work is to be done.

NKJ Exodus 12:17 'So you shall observe *the Feast of Unleavened Bread*, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore, you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.

It is to be observed by all of us, throughout all our generations.

NKJ Leviticus 23:7 'On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.

It is a Sabbath. The first day is for Church services. No work is to be done. This includes employment and housework.

NKJ Leviticus 23:8 'But you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHVH for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.' "

We give an offering to YHVH for seven days. On the seventh day, there is a church service, and no work is to be done.

The Wave Sheaf Offering...Our Acceptance by YHVH

Most churches do not keep this vital Holy Day. The off shoots of the Worldwide Church of God do not keep it as a Holy Day.

NIV Leviticus 23:10 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest.

NKJ Leviticus 23:11 'He shall wave the sheaf before YHVH, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath (*the first weekly Sabbath during ULB*) the priest shall wave it.

During the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Wave Sheaf offering is after the first weekly Sabbath, on a Sunday. We fast on that day until the offering is complete. Also, this is a time of offering to YHVH a free will offering.

ESV Leviticus 23:14 And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your Elohim: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

ESV Leviticus 23:15 "You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering.

NKJ Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be conformed* to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Pentecost...Giving of the Law and the Holy Spirit

NLT **Leviticus 23:16** Keep counting until the day after the seventh Sabbath, fifty days later, and bring an offering of new grain to YHVH.

Counting 50 days after the Wave Sheaf Offering, which is always a Sunday, is the day of Pentecost, which is also always on a Sunday. It is a day we give an offering to YHVH.

ESV **Leviticus 23:17** You shall bring from your dwelling places two loaves of bread to be waved, made of two tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour, and they shall be baked with leaven, **as first fruits to YHVH.**

This is a special acceptance of YHVH! He is showing that he accepts those who have repented and have received the Holy Spirit and no one else!

NKJ **Leviticus 23:21** 'And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

It is a Sabbath.

NKJ **Leviticus 23:22** ' When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am YHVH your Elohim.'

Modern interpretation: We give an offering specifically for the poor.

Trumpets...Return of Our King and a Warning of War

NKJ **Leviticus 23:24** "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

It is a Sabbath day. We blow the Shofar to announce two things: The Return of our King, Ya'sha the Messiah, and a warning to the nations of war. In our time, the war the Anti-Messiah will conduct. This is a Sabbath where no common work, like employment or housework is to be done. We have church services on this day.

NKJ **Leviticus 23:25** 'You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHVH.' "

The Day of Atonement...Fasting for the World and Satan put Away

NKJ **Leviticus 23:27** "Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to YHVH.

It is a Sabbath Day. Not only do we have church services, but we also fast from sunset to sunset. It is also a day we give an offering to YHVH.

ESV **Leviticus 23:32** It shall be to you a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict yourselves. On the ninth day of the month beginning at evening, from evening to evening shall you keep your Sabbath."

It is a solemn (formal, dignified, kept with deep sincerity) festival.

ESV **Leviticus 23:28** And you shall not do any work on that very day, for it is a Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before YHVH your Elohim.

ESV **Leviticus 23:29** For whoever is not afflicted on that very day shall be cut off from his people.

The Afflicted Soul is fasting.

NKJ **Leviticus 23:30** "And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people.

Best not work. This is the first of the festivals that comes with a warning.

NKJ **Leviticus 23:31** "You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

No matter where you live on Earth, The Day of Atonement is to be kept.

NKJ Revelation 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

NKJ **Revelation 20:2** He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

The Feast of Tabernacles...The Kingdom on Earth

NKJ **Leviticus 23:34** "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to YHVH.

NKJ **Leviticus 23:35** 'On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it.

The first day is a Sabbath and we have church. Like all Sabbaths, no customary work is to be done...like employment and housework.

NKJ **Leviticus 23:36** 'For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHVH...

We make offerings to our Elohim.

The Eighth Day...The Great White Throne Judgment

NKJ **Leviticus 23:36**...and the eighth day shall be a holy convocation to you; and ye shall offer whole-burnt-offerings to YHVH: it is a time of release, ye shall do no servile work.

Again, it is a Sabbath. We have church and give an offering.

Why Keep the Sabbaths

NLT Leviticus 23:37 "These are YHVH's appointed annual festivals. Celebrate them by gathering in sacred assemblies to present all the various offerings to YHVH by fire-- whole burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrificial meals and drink offerings-- each on its proper day.

And there you have it. The Sabbaths of YHVH. But why are we to Keep them?

Roman Year	Passover	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Pentecost	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Feast of Tabernacles	The Eighth Day
2013	March 25	March 26-April 1	May 19	Sept. 5	Sept. 14	Sept. 19-25	Sept. 26
2014	April 14	April 15-21	June 8	Sept. 25	Oct. 4	Oct. 9-15	Oct. 16
2015	April 3	April 4-10	May 24	Sept. 14	Sept. 23	Sept. 28-Oct. 4	Oct. 5
2016	April 22	April 23-29	June 12	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2017	April 10	April 11-17	June 4	Sept. 21	Sept. 30	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 12
2018	March 30	March 31-April 6	May 20	Sept. 10	Sept. 19	Sept. 24-30	Oct. 1
2019	April 19	April 20-26	June 9	Sept. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 21
2020	April 8	April 9-15	May 31	Sept. 19	Sept. 28	Oct. 3-9	Oct. 10
2021	March 27	March 28-April 3	May 16	Sept. 7	Sept. 16	Sept. 21-27	Sept. 28
2022	April 15	April 16-22	June 5	Sept. 26	Oct. 5	Oct. 10-16	Oct. 17
2023	April 5	April 6-12	May 28	Sept. 16	Sept. 25	Sept. 30-Oct. 6	Oct. 7
2024	April 22	April 23-29	June 16	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2025	April 12	April 13-19	June 1	Sept. 23	Oct. 2	Oct. 7-13	Oct. 14
2026	April 1	April 2-8	May 24	Sept. 12	Sept. 21	Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Oct. 3

In biblical reckoning, days begin in the evening (Genesis 1:5), when the sun goes down (Joshua 8:29; 2 Chronicles 18:34; Mark 1:32), and are counted "from evening to evening" (Leviticus 23:32). Thus, all God's festivals begin the sunset just before the dates listed in this table. For example, in 2015 Passover is observed on the evening of April 2, after sundown, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the following evening, April 3. The festivals end at sunset on the dates given.

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Note that they don't keep the Wave Sheaf Offering

The Sign of YHVH for His People

NKJ Ezekiel 20:12 "Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am YHVH who sanctifies them.

There it is! It is a sign, or connection to YHVH. They remind us that we are sanctified which means set apart for a specific purpose. What is that purpose?

NKJ Ezekiel 20:19 'I am YHVH your Elohim: Walk in My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them;

KJ Ezekiel 20:20 'hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am YHVH your Elohim.'

ESV **Exodus 31:13** "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you **throughout your generations**, that you may know that I, YHVH, sanctify you.

NLT **Colossians 2:16** So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink (*Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 separates foods fit for his Kings and Priest*), or for not celebrating certain holy days (*pagan holidays*) or new-moon ceremonies or Sabbaths (*Leviticus 23*).

Who Are these People?

ESV **Revelation 14:12** Here is a call for the endurance (*patients*) of the saints, ***those who keep the commandments of Elohim and their faith of Ya'sha.***

NKJ **Revelation 12:17** And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, ***who keep the commandments of Elohim and have the testimony of Ya'sha the Messiah.***

ESV **1 John 5:2** By this we know that we love the children of Elohim, when we love Elohim and obey his commandments.

ESV **1 John 5:3** For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments **are not** burdensome.
If someone says, "It's too hard to keep his Law." Probably does not have the Holy Spirit. First, Ya'sha kept the Law perfectly and he was 100% human. He was tempted in everything in which we are tempted. No, he was not tempted to throw his computer around because of the latest Microsoft upgrade, but he was tempted in misplaced anger, just as we are. Yes, he had the same sinful thoughts, but he did not dwell on them and controlled his thoughts.

ESV **Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

KJV **2 Corinthians 10:5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of Elohim, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of the Messiah;

NKJ **Isaiah 8:20** To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.
And this not only includes the average person but ministers as well. And what is the testimony this verse is talking about? Look at Revelations 12:17!

NKJ **Isaiah 58:13** " If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of YHVH honorable, and

shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words,

NKJ **Isaiah 58:14** Then you shall delight yourself in YHVH; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of YHVH has spoken."

What about the New Moon?

Yes, there is a pattern. Just like the day starts at sunset, or darkness and in the beginning, darkness preceded YHVH's creation of light, the new month starts on a New Month as it shows a slither of light and continues to the next New Moon.

NKJ **Numbers 28:11** ' At the beginnings of your months (*the new moon*) you shall present a burnt offering to YHVH: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish.

There is to be an offering.

NKJ **Psalms 81:3** Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.

We are to blow the shofar.

NKJ **1 Chronicles 23:30** to stand every morning to thank and praise YHVH, and likewise at evening.

NKJ **1 Chronicles 23:31** and at every presentation of a burnt offering to YHVH on the Sabbaths and on the New Moons and on the set feasts, by number according to the ordinance governing them, regularly before YHVH.

NKJ **2 Chronicles 8:12** Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to YHVH on the altar of YHVH which he had built before the vestibule,

NKJ **2 Chronicles 8:13** according to the daily rate, offering according to the commandment of Moses, for the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the three appointed yearly feasts -- the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Don't Think Like This!

ESV **Amos 8:5** saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances,

Rejection of YHVH

NKJ **Ezekiel 20:16** "because they despised My judgments and did not walk in My statutes but profaned My Sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols.

There are two types of people on the planet. Those who keep YHVH's Sabbaths and those who do not.

NKJ **Ezekiel 20:19** 'I am YHVH your Elohim: Walk in My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them.

ESV **Ezekiel 20:20** and keep my Sabbaths holy that they may be a sign between me and you, that you may know that I am YHVH your Elohim.

NKJ **Ezekiel 20:21** "Notwithstanding, the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, and were not careful to observe My judgments, 'which, *if* a man does, he shall live by them'; but they profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness.

They rejected YHVH outright. As a King of Priest, we keep his Sabbaths.

NKJ **Ezekiel 20:23** "Also I raised My hand in an oath to those in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the Gentiles and disperse them throughout the countries, *He did not destroy us but scattered us among the pagans.*

NKJ **Ezekiel 20:24** "because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were fixed on their fathers' idols.

You Are Kings and Priest

NKJ **1 Peter 2:9** But you are a ***chosen*** generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, ***his own special people***, (*Why?*) that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

NKJ **Isaiah 66:21** "And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says YHVH.

NKJ **Exodus 19:6** 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

NKJ **Revelation 1:6** and has made us kings and priests to His Elohim and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

NKJ **Revelation 5:10** And have made us kings and priests to our Elohim; And we shall reign on the earth."

NKJ **1 Peter 2:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Elohim through Ya'sha Messiah.

NKJ **Revelation 20:6** Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of the Messiah and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

And there is our purpose for becoming a priest of YHVH. This is the mission of all Modern Israel...America, Brittain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, Scotland, and several other nations.

NKJ **Daniel 7:18** 'But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

NKJ **Daniel 7:27** Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

What Are the Main Inheritances of the Saints?

NKJ **Romans 8:19** For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of Elohim.

NKJ **Romans 8:20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope;

NKJ **Romans 8:21** because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of Elohim.

NKJ **Romans 8:22** For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

NKJ **Romans 8:23** Not only *that*, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

NKJ **Revelation 21:7** "He who overcomes **shall inherit all things**, and I will be his Elohim, and he shall be My son.



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Eternal Life

NKJ **John 17:3** "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true Elohim, and Ya'sha Messiah whom You have sent.

NKJ **John 3:36** "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Elohim abides on him."

NKJ **John 6:40** "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

NKJ **John 5:24** " Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from (*eternal*) death into (*eternal*) life.

NKJ **John 6:27** "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because Elohim the Father has set His seal on Him."

NKJ **John 4:14** "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Why Not Keep Human Made sabbaths like Christmas and Easter?

NKJ **Isaiah 1:13** Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies -- I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting.

NKJ **Isaiah 1:14** **Your** New Moons and **your** appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me; I am weary of bearing *them*.

NKJ **Isaiah 1:15** When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.
He hates human created holidays!

Repent!!

NKJ **Isaiah 1:16** "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil,

NKJ **Isaiah 1:17** Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

ESV **Isaiah 1:18** "Come now, let us reason together, says the YHVH: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Notice this plea for repentance is connected to human created holidays!

NKJ **Isaiah 1:19** If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

ESV **Hebrews 4:9** So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of Elohim,

Conclusion

YHVH created the Sabbath before man created his own day names, month names and year names.

The Sabbaths are Holy Days that we worship YHVH and his Son exclusively. He want to be worshipped in a certain way. Those who follow him understand this. You can't take a pagan holiday and slap the Messiah's name on it and BOOM!! it's holy. He does not work that way. We MUST worship him the way he prescribes, not adding to it or taking anything away...not using old pagan holy days to worship the one true Elohim.

For Example...What does YHVH say about Christmas?

NKJ **Jeremiah 10:2** Thus says YHVH: "**Do not learn the way of the Gentiles (Pagans)**; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them. *Do not get caught up with UFOs or UAPs. They are a sign of our times and are trying to detract or deceive the world into ignoring YHVH. I had a Messianic friend and minister who got involved too deeply with UAPs to the point he lost his way.*

RSV **Jeremiah 10:3** For the customs of the peoples are false. A tree from the forest is cut down and worked with an axe by the hands of a craftsman.

NKJ **Jeremiah 10:4** They decorate it with silver and gold; They fasten it with nails and hammers So that it will not topple.

NKJ **Jeremiah 10:5** They *are* upright, like a palm tree, and they cannot speak; They must be carried, because they cannot go *by themselves*. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, nor can they do any good."

LXE **Isaiah 1:14** **Your** fasting, and rest from work (*pagan sabbaths*), your new moons also, and **your** feasts my soul hates: ye have become loathsome to me; I will no more pardon your sins.

NKJ **Deuteronomy 5:29** 'Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

To the Messianics

NKJ **Revelation 3:11** "Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

The 5 Crowns

1. The Victor's Crown

KJV **1 Corinthians 9:24** Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

NIV **1 Corinthians 9:25** Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get **a crown that will last forever.**

2. The Crown of Rejoicing

KJV **1 Thessalonians 2:19** For what *is* our hope, or joy, or **crown of rejoicing?** Are not even ye in the presence of our Master Ya'sha the Messiah at his coming.

3. **The Crown of Righteousness**

^{KJV} **2 Timothy 4:8** Henceforth there is laid up for me a ***crown of righteousness***, which YHVH, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

4. **The Crown of Life**

^{KJV} **James 1:12** Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive ***the crown of life***, which YHVH hath promised to them that love him.

^{ESV} **Revelation 2:10** Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

5. **The Crown of Glory**

^{KJV} **1 Peter 5:4** And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a ***crown of glory*** that fadeth not away.

^{NKJ} **Isaiah 62:3** You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of YHVH, and a royal diadem in the hand of your Elohim.

^{NKJ} **Zechariah 9:16** YHVH their Elohim will save them in that day, As the flock of His people. For they *shall be like* the jewels of a crown, Lifted like a banner over His land --

^{NKJ} **Jeremiah 6:16** Thus says YHVH: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls.

^{ESV} **Joshua 22:5** Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of YHVH commanded you, to love YHVH your Elohim, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Is there anything that is keeping you from this commitment? Drive it out of your life! We cannot serve two masters. We can not serve sin and serve our Elohim.

^{ESV} **1 John 2:17** And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of Elohim abides forever.

^{ESV} **Hebrews 10:36** For you have need of endurance (*tolerance, resignation, stability*), so that when you have done the will of Elohim you may receive what is promised.