

major work proposing major calendar changes is not realistic. An interlinear Bible would have helped.

The whole equinox theory is based on the assumption that the "lesser light to rule the night - **the stars**" is what is actually being said. Therefore, they say, the moon is not a "light" for purposes of reckoning "signs, seasons, days, and years" because, after all, it is not even mentioned in creation!^{46/} Moreover, it is contended that because the moon merely "reflects" the sun's light, it is improper to refer to it as even a "lesser light" because the stars are themselves "suns." But because the Hebrew text actually adds "**and the stars**," establishing that the term "lesser light" speaks of the moon *and* the stars, the solar/spring equinox calendar theory must fail.

The "equinox" calendar is also based on "artificial months." This is allegedly because the account of Noah's flood in one place states, "*and the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.*" (Genesis 7:24). The term "*hundred and fifty days*" is taken to mean five 'months' of exactly thirty days each. Whereas the lunar calendar alternates between 29 and 30. However, there is absolutely *nothing* in any natural phenomena occurring throughout the year at perfect 30-day intervals beginning precisely at the spring equinox. With the exception of the zodiac signs at odd intervals (which in any event are not subject to the equinoxes),

^{46/} Although the term for the planetary orb "the moon" (*yareach*) is not found in Genesis 1:16, neither is the Hebrew word for the sun (*shemesh*). However, the Psalmist understood what was meant by the lesser and greater lights: "*The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.*" Psalm 136:8 and 9. And all three, sun, moon and stars are found in other passages together, including: Jeremiah 31:35 & Deuteronomy 4:19.

the only thing which consistently resembles the number "30" is the lunar cycle. Recall that professor Webster, among others, stated, "Lunar months are most conveniently estimated at thirty days."^{47/} This is precisely what Noah's "hundred and fifty days" is all about. It is not until the *lunar cycles* are laid out in a succession of months to be used as a *calendar*, strictly speaking, that they are "most conveniently calendarized . . . by periods of twenty-nine and thirty days in alternation."^{48/} The flood begins in Genesis 7:

vs. 11 *In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month [chodesh], the seventeenth day of the month [chodesh], the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.*

Then the ark rests in Genesis 8:

vs. 4 *And the ark rested in the seventh month [chodesh], on the seventeenth day of the month [chodesh]. . .*

Every verse in the flood account specifying the beginning and ending points uses the term *chodesh*, i.e. *new moon*.^{49/} As one professor of Hebrew told me, *chodesh* was never used historically to speak of *anything* other than the *moon cycle* prior to the Maccabean era. So counting from the seventeenth of the first *chodesh* to the seventeenth of the fifth *chodesh* necessarily includes the alternating 29 and 30 day cycle.

Finally, those *hundred and fifty days* are never directly

^{47/} Above, pg. 50, Footnote 21.

^{48/} *Ibid.*

^{49/} Genesis 7:11; 8:4; and 8:13-14.

tied to the term *chodesh* nor any of the specific dates as if they even represented a precise multiple of an artificial 'solar-month' cycle. Maybe the terms "*hundred and fifty days*" and "*forty days and forty nights*" are chosen to describe the *magnitude* of what the rain had done. In this context, it is quite possible that the author was *dramatizing* the length of time Noah and his crew were aboard the ark. Instead of saying "five months," it sounds much more impressive to say "*a hundred and fifty days*." Instead of "a month and 10 days," "*forty days and forty nights*." Regardless of whether this is true, inasmuch as the "flood calendar" uses the term *chodesh* for its specific dates, the "*hundred and fifty days*" is likely an *acronym* for *five lunations estimated* at thirty days each. Thus, the equinox calendar "months," like the so-called 'modern months' of our Julian (Gregorian) Calendar are "arbitrary periods of numbers of whole days."^{50/}

A point of interest which the equinox proponents believe is that Yahshua kept the very solar calendar found in Jubilees, or something just like it. They explain the difference between the Passover which Yahshua kept and that which He was crucified on as being a particular year wherein the spring equinox and first day of the first lunar month were only one day apart, the former being first. Therefore, He ate the Passover on the scriptural day, whereas He was crucified on "*the Jews' Passover*," a day later. (John 11:55-56). While I agree with them to the extent of the last sentence, the basis of the theory is incorrect, which I explain in **Appendix "B."**

Perhaps the only other thing necessary to address about the equinox theory is its designating of those who keep any kind of lunar calendar as worshipping the moon. Although I

^{50/} *Encyclopedia Britannica*, vol. 4, pg. 612, "Calendar." (1966).

covered this in Chapter Six, for context here: it is no more worshiping the moon to use *it* for a calendar than worshiping the sun by beginning the year in the spring equinox, or worshiping the artificial *Julian* calendar because we now use it in our world. Besides, the Law condemns worship of *all* the heavenly host - sun, moon, and stars. Deuteronomy 4:19. Those heavenly bodies praise their Creator, so we certainly shouldn't praise or worship them. Psalm 148:3-6.

As a final note, the "Equinox Calendar" is quite similar to the Jubilees calendar used by the Essenes. But, like that calendar, the moon is improperly discarded because its proponents either can't understand it or just don't like what it does. The moon seems to be a 'wandering' time keeper because in relation to the sun's 365 ¼ day year the moon's twelve cycles is only 354 days. This means that every year the moon's cycle moves behind by about 11 days in relation to the sun, necessitating an "intercalary" or 13th month to be added every third year. What a hassle. So we set calendars in our 'more predictable' terms. This is only because we have drifted so far away from His ways that we think *they* are strange. But as he says through the prophet in Isaiah 55:

vs. 9 *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

And, should we fail to recognize or understand what he has done, just as Psalm 104 declares:

vs. 31 *The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.*

Let us now endeavor to return to Him and His Natural Law with all of our hearts, and **rejoice with Him...**

Chapter Eight

Return To Natural Law

One common response to the material presented in this book goes something like, “what difference does it make? Surely the LORD sees our hearts’ intention to keep ‘a sabbath day’ holy, because, after all, we’ve grown up with this seven-day cycle. Even if we wanted to change it how can we? Besides, it’s been in use for two thousand years by the civilized world.”

There is no doubt that Yahweh has mercy on those of us who have been led astray by our predecessors and religious leaders. But, if you don’t mind my frankness, I think that probably Yahweh doesn’t care what the ‘civilized world’ has done or is doing. We can ‘flow’ with commerce in its seven-day rhythm. That doesn’t keep the moon from its regular orbit. We can invent multi-fractional time-keeping devices and display them all simultaneously world-wide over the Internet and it is just so much trivia in light of mechanics of the solar system. We’re like a bunch of little ants building our house in the basement of a condemned building. Not long till the wrecking crew gets down to the foundation. Truth is, if we had half the sense of ants, we’d immediately leave the house our predecessors built and go back to the soil.

The void between Yahweh’s eternal jurisdiction over *time*, and our control-freak nature are forever irreconcilable. He set the sun, moon, and stars in motion and we think we know better. He set the schedule saying, “*let them be for signs, seasons, days, and years,*” and we’re gonna change it or ignore it? I wonder who’s gonna get the last laugh? Just in case you think I’m being too cynical about our artificial time-

keeping, let me once again quote a man whose terms echo our true thoughts and inadvertently prophesy where we are headed. "Only by establishing a weekly cycle of an unvarying, standard length could society guarantee that the continuity of its life would never be interrupted by natural phenomena such as the lunar cycle. The dissociation of the week from the lunar cycle, is, therefore, the most significant breakthrough in the evolution of this cycle from its somewhat *rudimentary and imperfect predecessor*."^{51/} (*Italics added*). Professor Zerubavel is just being honest. But really, this is what we, at the threshold of the 21st Century, think about Yahweh's moon as a weekly timekeeper: "Imperfect predecessor."

Yahweh asked a celestial question of Job, among the many others found in chapter 38:

vs. 33 *Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?*

Even Job in all of his trials and arguments didn't dare to criticize Yahweh's masterful works, or question their usefulness. It would be quite merciful of Yahweh to overlook our arrogance and only confront us as he did Job in chapter 40 verse 2: "*Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? He that reproveth God, let him answer it.*" Job answers in verse 4: "*Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.*" And finally in chapter 42 verse 6: "*Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.*"

This should be our position on the matter.

^{51/} *The Seven Day Circle, @ pg. 10.*

LAWS TRANSGRESSED - ORDINANCE CHANGED

As we have seen, the main purpose of the prophets was to cry out against Yahweh's people for breaking His Law, generally, and to warn them of the consequence. One of many places recording this is Jeremiah 9:

vs. 13 *And the LORD saith . . . they have forsaken my law [torah] which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein . .*

Notice here the word *torah* is the underlying Hebrew word for law. A different word describing what appears to be the same behavior is found in Malachi 3:

vs. 7 *Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances [choq], and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts . .*

While it is true that the underlying Hebrew word for *ordinances* is used also to describe the priestly ritual, that is probably not what is being spoken of here as what they had "gone away from." The priests kept doing the prescribed rituals even during great apostasy in Israel, as in Jeremiah 33:

vs. 18 *Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.*

A distinguishment is made in Isaiah 24:

vs. 5 *The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws [torah], changed the ordinance [choq], broken the everlasting covenant.*

and that the quarters of the *moon* is that sign: *Owth* is also the Hebrew word for *signs* in Genesis 1:14, speaking of the *lights in the heavens*. The primitive root for *owth* is #225 which means "consent." Israel *consented* to the marriage to Yahweh (Exodus 19:15) and the *sign* [owth - oath] of *that* is her keeping the sabbath. It is her part of being faithful. Yahweh kept His part of the *owth*: He placed the moon there and told us what it was for. Our ancestors broke the first oath. (Hebrews 8:9). Now that we are re-betrothed to Him, we must confirm our oath (*owth*) in preparation for the Marriage Supper. We do this when the sabbath is kept holy.

THE AGRARIAN WAY IS YAH'S WAY

The preservation of the moon as a natural timekeeper has been done, in part, by people who generate Farmer's Almanacs. They are the *agrarians*. The vast majority of laws recorded in the Pentateuch are based on an agrarian lifestyle. But this was not to merely accommodate how the *people* happened to be living. Think of it, only a hundred years ago, the Industrial Age had not yet consumed this nation. People did not use electricity in the way we do now, and most everyone knew how to till the soil - except the rich and spoiled. Throughout all history there has never been an era where the use of electricity created a new and different man - *modern man*. This *man* can hardly function without light switches. Indeed, most cannot function without automobiles and computers. How did anyone make it for the **thousands of years** prior to this century?

You might be saying, "you hypocrite, didn't you use a computer to write this book? You're contributing to the world's commerce as much as anyone." It's one thing to use an instrumentality of commerce to communicate with those who speak its language fluently. Its another to run blindly

toward the impending doom, abusing God's creation on the way. The prophet Daniel was told the words of his book would remain "shut up" to be unsealed only at "the time of the end," when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." (Daniel 12:4). There is no time in the history of the world where people have run to and fro and knowledge has been increased like the day we are living in. Astronomers have made discoveries about the creation of the universe that would never have come, were it not for electricity and computers. They have learned of the possibility of a comet colliding with the earth, which could theoretically destroy everything living. It may be that this "increase in knowledge" is being published through the Internet and satellite television so that most everyone on the planet will witness the truth simultaneously: that we must go back to living simpler. The possible reality of an impending destruction for the earth's inhabitants, and especially God's people, might drive them back to the way he originally intended us to function *at the beginning*. It's called *repentance*. Wouldn't it be ironic if our modern technology led us back to Eden. If so, we will have come *full circle*.

When Yahweh created Adam it was because, "there was **not a man** (*awdawm*) **to till the ground**." (Genesis 2:5). It says further in Genesis 2:

vs. 15 *And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

Now that we know better, we hire 'wetbacks' to work the soil in the San Joaquin Valley. All we have to do is drive our combustion engines through a few traffic lights, avoiding "rush hour" and pedestrians, to the store. There, after a week's work as slaves for corporations we can "purchase" anything our check will allow, minus other bills. We are so

stressed out that we join "health clubs" to "exercise," paying yet more hard earned money to accomplish what would be a natural by-product of doing the tilling ourselves. And that, under relatively no stress at all. We now waste more natural products, including those in the food chain, than any time in recorded history. I tell you, the Roman Emperors with their opulent lifestyles will rise in judgment over the common person sitting in the pews today. Why do we keep living the way we do? Forget Environmental Protection Agency, Sierra Club, and the hoards of other government and private agencies who, under the banner of "back to nature," are conspiring to steal property from private people. Let's just talk reality: *WE* are destroying Yahweh's creation with our socially engineered lifestyles, even if we aren't "gay," a "minority," a "socialite," or the rich and greedy bankers.

NO REST DAY OR NIGHT

Total foreclosure is coming soon in North America by the International Bankers. We have already seen this kind of action increasing over the past 25 years: farmers duped into taking out large loans, then because Yahweh didn't prosper them, the bank forecloses on land which was in their families for generations. It is reminiscent of the spewing out of Israel in the captivities for failure to keep his sabbaths. The difference is, now we are captive in our own land. This kind of thing is on the increase because Yahweh has sent them, as the prophet states, Isaiah 42:

- vs. 21 *The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.*
 - vs. 22 *But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison houses; they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, restore.*
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- vs. 23 *Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?*
- vs. 24 *Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.*

The crux of our predicament is illuminated by an enlightening phrase from *The Seven Day Circle*, revealing the modern social tower of Babel which our predecessors built and we have inherited: **"The invention of the continuous week was therefore one of the most significant breakthroughs in human beings' attempts to break away from being prisoners of nature and create a social world of their own."**^{52/} (emphasis added). Indeed, "*prisoners of nature.*" We would do well to be 'prisoners of nature.' We are now *snared in holes . . . and hidden in prison houses. We are in bondage!*

People are living at such a high-paced existence that our metabolisms are completely out of kilter. We can turn on a light-switch at sunset and just keep on going around the clock to do what we must to keep this commercial thing moving. We contribute to it because we grew up with it, and now we love it and think it's the only way to live. We fit the description in Revelation 14:

- vs. 11 *And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*

Doesn't this sound like how we are - *no rest day or night*? If we think there is no other life, we'd better start looking for a

^{52/} *The Seven Day Circle*, @ pg. 11.

life so we can get one. That life is the one Yahweh intended for his people, indeed all creation, to live. He is coming to destroy this filth, and even the righteous will perish who are on its fringes. There is hope however:

vs. 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Those who patiently keep Yahweh's commandments will resist this "beast" system and return to our fathers' heritage. Although we must start *where we are today*, the agrarian life may ultimately be the only way to perfectly keep *all* of them.

What blows my mind is the rationale of some who claim to be separated from the typical 'worldly churches.' When I remind them of the fact that Adam was to till the garden and have dominion, they respond like they'd rather have the peon system where someone else is taking care of the crops. They'd rather have light switches and stress and restaurants and computers and e-mail and faxes and Internet and cars and shopping malls and work-out gyms and usury laden house payments than Yahweh's natural blessings. It's as if all those people before us *for thousands of years* just 'didn't have it together.' 'Primitive.' Funny, in the history of the world electricity has only been used as it is now for less than 100 years - rural areas *less than 65!*

IT CAN BE DONE

Beginning in about 1989, I went through what some of my friends in Nashville and the music business probably think was insanity. I owned a twenty-four track recording studio where I produced most of my work. I was at what some would term the 'apex' of my career. I had come to the conclusion that the entire commerce world was an abomination

to Yahweh. I had also become very unhappy grinding out 'Christian music' which seemed to feed only a hungry commercial beast. The IRS (I-Represent-Satan) had hit me with liens and levies, confusing the purpose for my existence even further. So, I bought a farm in the hills and decided to eventually cut off the electricity and all of my dealings with commerce. Radical. I must admit that when I do something, I *do* it, although sometimes to the temporary detriment of those around me. However, what ensued brought my family some of the greatest joy and peace in our lives for a few years.

I knew nothing about farming. The last farmer in our family was my great-grandfather Logan. I bought a team of Belgian horses and learned how to plow and disc with them *while* I learned how to break the younger of the two. The Amish and other crude farmers around us were willing to teach me the old ways. Our 'next-door' neighbors (½ mile away) used no electricity and refused to even ride in an automobile. They were perhaps the most encouraging of the community because they had not come from an Amish background, but nonetheless used horses for plowing. The father was a former mechanic. Like me, he had been chewed up by the commercial world and its beast-government. His heart was made tender when he realized that Yahweh's eternal laws and jurisdiction continue in spite of what men may do. I found common ground with him in studying scripture on this subject. He and his family taught us diligence. His wife taught Rachel how to most efficiently use a wood cook stove, among other things. Once we got used to preparing mounds of firewood, it was like a second nature.

Other neighbors were also eager to help us learn the old ways. One man (¾ miles away) used a team of Belgians for logging *and* farming. He taught me how to be sensitive and subtle with horses, and when to be rough.

In order to live permanently on the property, we had to first rebuild the old farmhouse. It was a massive undertaking. We moved in prior to it being totally finished. I will refrain from writing all the details of our experiences, except to say that, my most vivid memories are those where I worshiped at the sight and sound of the springs rushing forth from the hollows; at the sound of the wind blowing on top of the hill in the oaks; at the muffled sound of the horses' harnesses jangling as they moved in rhythm together when plowing; at the sound of them snorting and the sight of their breath when plowing the garden under in the cool still air of late autumn. Sometimes I would be so filled with praise and thanksgiving for finding that lifestyle that I would just get down on the ground in the field or on the hill and worship. It felt like we were living in a place where "of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." (Isaiah 9:7 and Luke 1:33). I began to develop less of a care for the things of the world, and more for flowing with creation. When the moon 'disappeared' we enjoyed the "extra" days off and looked forward to sighting the first crescent, signaling when the work week would begin again. Full moons were a special delight in clear weather. The whole place was so lit up, we could take walks in the forest any time during the night.

We were close to cutting of the electric when events transpired which forced us to sell the place. The 'fed' beast had taken me into its belly. In this I liken myself to Jonah. Apparently, I had unfinished business in communicating to people still 'in the system.' And, I must have needed to mature some because, looking back, that is certainly what has happened since going to prison in 1993-94. I can now confidently say that the infamous music business Jonathan David Brown is dead, and a new one has risen to fulfill Yahweh's original ministry and prophetic calling.

In spite of the fact that I currently find myself back in a system where I don't want to be, I know that Yahweh is using me, perhaps to influence some small sector of His people to consider their ways, and return to His. I have to continually remind myself of Paul's words: to be content "in whatsoever state I am." Philippians 4:11. However, I will not really rest until I and my family have fulfilled our dreams of living a life without the cares of this world. For now, I am content knowing that, as for the kind of life which Yahweh's Law is based on, it can be enjoyed - *it can be done*.

WEAPONS OF THEIR WARFARE

I spoke with a book publisher in Nashville, Abingdon, one of the largest. It's manager told me that Harper and Row had just cleared *60,000 titles*. Not 60,000 books - *TITLES*. There was an average of 1,000 units per title. They took the books, chopped them up, then incinerated them. The total was about **60 million books!!!** He also said that this happens about every other month with one of the major publishers, only with a slightly lesser volume. This is at the very least *unbelievable*. It means that a huge volume of the trees being felled are without any cause whatsoever. No justification, but this is only scratching the surface. Every day, thousands of lawyers print millions of legal papers to support the creaking commercial world. **Every day millions** of new magazines, periodicals, novels, court reports, school textbooks, fictions, histories, and just plain trashy things are printed to feed the ravenous appetite of the people who think they need them. What shall happen to this mountain of waste stolen from natural resources is probably found in Ezekiel 39:

vs. 9 *And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth,
and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the*

shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

vs. 10 *So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.*

What, burn 'book-weapons' for fuel? Yes. The battle for the allegiance of God's Kingdom people is being waged in our minds. Not to take away from the actual war machines, but that problem probably wouldn't exist were it not for the fact that *His people's minds are not entirely His*. Paul said "be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind . ." Romans 12:2. Redbook, Playboy, McCall's, Cosmopolitan, Christianity Today, Charisma, Spin, Gentleman's Quarterly, etc. *ad nauseam* are weapons used to captivate and "engineer" us, conforming us to the image of this world. This will ultimately destroy us. I threw in the 'Christian' magazines because of, *inter alia*, their extremely liberal position on homosexuality (God's Law in general) and the strange overemphasis on multiculturalism.^{53/}

The massive quantity of daily newspapers, the numerous used magazine re-circulation stores, law libraries,

^{53/} The 'Christian' magazines refuse to address homosexuality as an abomination to God, minimizing the responsibility of those openly committing it: 'Love the sinner, hate the sin.' They also accuse people of 'racism' if they don't allow their children to interact or intermarry with foreigners who live among us with their heathen practices. The excuse is "we need to understand their cultures, after all, they might be 'won' to Christ."

liberal libraries, voluminous court dockets, tax commissions etc. etc. What do we need with those things in light of Yahweh's WORD? His people (Israel the church-*ekklesia*) are going to take the mountains of paper-based publications and bureaucracy forms and twist them up, pound them, bind them together and use them for fuel - **for seven years.**

A MATTER OF DELIVERANCE

Many of you may be asking, "how on earth can we keep a sabbath in the quarters of the moon? It is the most impractical thing we could do in the way we now live." It is like having been born into a trap. But because we're used to it, we think it is normal. God's people have historically fallen into traps. These traps are such that they prevent us from doing what is His perfect will. They develop by (1) circumstances which He leads us into to be tested; (2) the stubbornness of our hearts *while* being tested; (3) so He can make His power known; or all three. Consider the Israelites in Egypt. After sending Joseph ahead, Yahweh led Jacob's household into Egypt *to save them* due to the famine in Canaan. But eventually they found themselves *in bondage* due to a change in circumstances: "*Now there rose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.*" (Exodus 1:8).

It is a fact that **"The first people to have established a continuous weekly cycle that was entirely independent of the lunar cycle were the ancient Egyptians . . . they practically ignored the moon in their civil calendar, which was based on twelve 30-day months, each of which was, in turn, subdivided into three 10-day weeks."**^{54/} Because we know that Yahweh commanded a sabbath of rest for the seventh day, it is easy to see how a "10-day week" would run

^{54/} *The Seven Day Circle*, @ pp. 10-11.

incongruent to his will. Think of working as a slave under oppressive taskmasters - *nine days straight*, then resting one (if even one was allowed). So, besides being oppressed as slaves, here is evidence that the Egyptian calendar *itself* is another reason why Yahweh delivered them. Further, as recorded in Exodus 5, Moses told Pharaoh:

- vs. 1 . . . *Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast [mowadah] unto me in the wilderness.*
- vs. 2 *And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.*
- vs. 3 *And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.*

If the calendar in Egypt were Yahweh's, they would have been holding His feasts [*mowadah*] there. Instead, He had to *bring Israel out* for them to hold it. Notice how in the verse 3 it says they *had* to hold this feast, "*lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.*" Yahweh wasn't going to judge the Egyptians for not holding the feast: **they weren't His people**. It is the same way now. Although everyone around us may be keeping some *other* schedule or calendar "*defiling the earth,*" **we** are the ones to be judged with pestilence or sword unless we separate ourselves and keep his appointments.

Also, if Egypt had been on *His* calendar, He would not have had to point out "*this month [chodesh] shall be unto you the beginning of months [chodesh]: it shall be the first month of the year to you.*" (Exodus 12:1). They would have already *known* what month it was. In order to establish this *new beginning*, He delivered them to meet with Him on His

schedule, and to a place where nobody could interfere.

Just as surely as Yahweh brought Israel out of Egypt and set them on his calendar, it is prophesied that His people will once again return to it *in the future*. The prophet Isaiah records the culmination of the ages in Chapter 66:

vs. 22 *For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.*

vs. 23 *And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.*

If we are going to keep the new moons and sabbaths *in the future*, why not start *now*. Why not say to Yahweh, "help me do this in my personal life so I may be found faithful when you come." No doubt, to accomplish this with all of His people simultaneously will probably take a deliverance greater than the one from Egypt: We have nowhere to 'exodus' to. But in the meantime, as I said in the Introduction, the remnant of His people must occupy till He comes. Part of this "occupying" is with regard to leading our families to obey his natural law, *lest He fall upon us* and we be destroyed. Remember, *they kept the Passover before they left Egypt*. As we begin to keep His sabbaths in *our Egypt*, let us cry out to Him again that He would deliver us.

The Declaration of Independence makes reference to "*the laws of nature and nature 's God*" as the basis for "certain unalienable rights." If we had actually continued on the course of pursuing *the laws of nature*, we would not now be suffering under the hands of the International Bankers and all who are at their beck and call. Let us therefore return to Yahweh and implement what our recent forefathers had so nobly desired, even if some would say we are 'prisoners of nature.' Like the

Apostle Paul, let us rejoice in our restraints as “*prisoner[s] of Jesus Christ*” (Philemon 1:1) “*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible . . .*” (Colossians 1:16). And as the prophet states in Amos Chapter 5:

vs. 8 *Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name . .*

In preparation for the marriage supper, let us His Bride return with all of our hearts to Him and His Natural Law, even if in small steps. Besides, what do you think would happen to the usury world of the Edomite International Bankers should *all* of Yahweh’s people simultaneously refuse to do business on the quarters of the moon? Better still, what if we refused to do business with them *at all*? We would certainly stick out like a sore thumb - a *peculiar* people: the manifest sons of God for which “the whole creation” waits. (Romans 8:18-23). Indeed, creation groans for *restitution of all things*. (Acts 3:21 & 1:6-7). Let us groan for His Deliverance, but *make ready to be delivered*.

EPILOGUE

Every week in Christian Churches around the world you may hear quotes referring to Yahweh's Glory in the heavens. Psalm 8:1 says: "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who has set thy glory *above* the heavens." and Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

We laud these praises upon our Creator, and yet have no real understanding of what we are saying. Most folks look up at the night sky from time to time to see the milky way and the man in the moon, or at a sunset where the clouds turn a sort of magenta and think that the mere beauty of their *appearance* is what reveals Yahweh's glory.

But Psalm 8:3-4 says "when I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, **the moon and the stars, which *thou* hast *ordained***; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Just what did Yahweh *ordain*? The objects which He *created* certainly are awesome in appearance, but it says He *ordained* them. The word *ordained* as used there is from a Hebrew word meaning *established*, or as I showed earlier, *made*. In other words, it is Yahweh who constructed it and began its workings. Hopefully, this last illustration will bring some understanding on how the moon works a natural calendar:

You wake up on a beach to realize that the ship you were on is not there any longer, and your new home is a deserted island. You have none of your belongings, clothing, your watch, your daytimer. You do not recall the day or the date this happened on. After you find a food source, you walk to the highest point to contemplate what to do.

Just after sunset you see a thin crescent on the horizon. You remember from science class in grade school that this is

the beginning of the lunar cycle.

Day after day the sun's rising and setting provides no immediate gratification for keeping track of time. But you notice the familiar pattern of the moon rising and setting, each day bringing a larger portion of reflected light on its surface than the last. You work each day to find food, and after deciding how to make yourself a boat from the island's trees, you begin.

On the sixth day, you look up in the sky during daylight hours and see the familiar half-moon which you remember is called the first quarter. Suddenly you realize that you've been working six days, and decide to stop your labors to rest in the seventh, just as you did in civilization with your family.

You have now unwittingly experienced for the first time what the Patriarchs took for granted. To them, who had no arbitrary man-made seven-day cycle, their first week of the "month" would have just been completed at the first quarter moon. For them, the moon was the most *dramatic* sight in the heavens. The Sun is glorious, but who can stare at it very long without going blind. For them, the stars appeared to be practically un-changing points of light. The moon, however, was an object of soft and glowing light that *changes its shape steadily*.

The fascination of our forefathers with that changing shape, accompanied by a changing position in the sky with relevance to the Sun, kept their attention. Something Yahweh their creator certainly meant them to do, as we have shown in this book. The new moons come sufficiently far apart to enable us to count the sunsets between them, and then place those sunsets into 29 or 30 day groups. The cycle begins again, and with continued observance a pattern will appear. Once the pattern has been established in the observer's mind, it will eventually be seen that every twelve new moon cycles

approximates one cycle of the four seasons. It is much easier to count and understand twelve "moons" in their alternating 29 and 30 day groups than 365 days notched off on a log one at a time.

Counting through the twelve new moon cycles again the next year, one will notice that in relation to them, it seems that the seasonal changes occurred a little later than the year before. Then during the next twelve moons, the seasons come even later than the last. By the third year, it appears that a whole thirteenth moon cycle has naturally occurred prior to the spring equinox, so the pattern of the following twelve will then seem to be nearly exactly in the same placement as the very first year.

It is quite easy to see how flowing with the natural rhythm of the moon cycle would disrupt commercial enterprise. When you're waiting with a truck load of rotting vegetables, who wants to wait for the new moon to be gone? The uninterrupted flow of our current seven-day cycle was thus very appealing to our predecessors who were caught up in building commerce. **"Hence the indispensability of a continuous week for the establishment of settled life with a high level of social organization, particularly significant since the rise of a market economy, which involved orderly contact on regularly recurrent, periodic market days."**^{55/}

Although it may seem like an impossibility to follow the moon's natural pattern while woven so tightly "in the system" of commerce, where there is a will - there is a way. I found a way to dictate my schedule to those I worked for without ruining my business. It just takes a little 'creativity,' and much prayer. Of course, the ideal situation would be the agrarian life combined with cottage industry, where those who manufacture

^{55/} *The Seven Day Circle*, @ pg. 10

and provide services that people really need are given the opportunity to trade. But we must take the first step *where we live now*. Yahweh answers prayers which are according to His Will - He wrote *His Will* in the Law. If we pray that His Will be done in earth as it is in heaven *in our personal lives* HE WILL HELP US!

As a final note to this booklet, I want everyone to know that I did not at first come to the understanding given herein while mowing through the mounds of historical evidence retrieved from the library. It was merely through a diligent comparison of certain texts regarding the "*day of the new moon*" that I came to see most of what is here written. As always, it is a joy when the scripture can be affirmed through history, even though some of the antiquity is vague.

I beseech every one of you to search the scriptures. There is no telling what else might be turned up. And may the Holy Spirit quicken His People through His WORD that they may rise up on their feet and consume their enemies with fire out of their mouths. Revelation 11:1-13.

For ". . . it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD." Isaiah 66:23. "And in that day there shall no more be the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts." Zechariah 14:21.

Appendix A

OTHER COUNTING CONTRADICTIONS

1. Recall how I spoke of 7th century B.C. calendar at the beginning of Chapter Six which ascribed days 7, 14, 21, and 28 of the lunar cycle as being the sabbaths. But in scripture, the feasts of the First and Seventh months begin *in the fifteenth day* of the month which, because the day cycles begin in the evening, is the *fourteenth at even*.^{56/} While both the 7th century lunar calendar and the Hebrew apparently contradict, they are probably *both* speaking of the same days.

This problem is possibly solved by understanding what the starting point of each is. In the 7th century calendar, the days appear to be reckoned from the "sighting of the crescent right after sunset on either day 29 or 30." But in Numbers 29:12 notice how the Hebrew word *chodesh* is again rendered "month." As in all other places it could simply have been rendered "new moon." Because we know that *chodesh* is literally speaking of the "renewing" of the moon, i.e. its *disappearance*, this event begins at least one full day prior to the first crescent. So, counting from the disappearance as *day one*, the first crescent is *day two*. We then arrive at what the Babylonian calendar called the 14th, but the Biblical calls it the 15th. If this explanation is lacking, it may be simply that the

^{56/} Exodus 12:18; Leviticus 23:5-6. Although Passover is the only one of the two feasts which specifically states "*the fourteenth day . . . at even*" it is clearly implied by the fact that the days were all reckoned from *even to even*. (See *Rest Days*, @ pg. 179 n.1). It just so happens that on Passover there were very *specific* instructions following sunset which had to be followed.

Babylonian calendar meant for its sabbaths to begin in the *evening* of the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th days, just as the Biblical one, and assumed that the readers would know. One thing is certain, both are reasonably in the quarters of the moon.

2. Recall how Professor Langdon had stated on pages 51 and 56 above that “every month must begin with the first day of the first week.” While this is practically true, in reality the counting of the month and week begin at two slightly different reference points. To help you grasp this, there are four “weeks” in every month, *all* of which begin counting with the number “one.” But obviously, day “one” of the second “week” is not day “one” of the month, being at least its eighth day. This demonstrates how, although the weeks flow within the quarters of the moon, they run on sort of an adjacent numbering system.

To complicate matters even more, there is actually another dynamic going on between counting the weekdays and month days. *Day one* of the month is actually reckoned, as I said on the previous page, in the dark of the moon or its “disappearance.” Whereas *day one* of the first *week* of the month truly begins from the sighting of the first crescent. This is confirmed by the Dead Sea Scrolls calendar (above page 66) where the first day of that week began at sunset immediately following the eighth day of the month (*chodesh*), i.e. the ninth day. Subtract seven and you end up on the second of the month (*chodesh*) for the first day of the first week. Obviously at that point the “dark” day was the one before and you are thus precisely on the first crescent, which signals the beginning of the first work-day of the month.

Appendix B

THE GREAT PASSOVER CONTRADICTION

We must be patient with counting problems as they are discovered. Some of them are a multiplex of contradictions. In most cases, they are due to an individual or "sect" getting an idea in their head and following it, no different than the day we live in. Every one of them had an origin and a reason. So in this section we will address perhaps the most important one, the answer to which came at the last minute before printing.

As we pointed out in Appendix A, Passover begins on the *eve* of day fourteen which is actually *day fifteen* of the *chodesh* or *new moon*. It is asserted there that the discrepancy between the 7th Century B.C. and Hebrew calendars is because the numbering of the days of the months in the Bible is actually from the moon's "disappearance," not the first crescent, from which the 7th Century calendar appears to start its first month-day.^{57/} Because the numbers between the two were exactly one digit off, they were apparently speaking of the same day. In the New Testament, however, we see an actual difference between the Passover Yahshua kept and that which the Jews in Jerusalem kept, authorized by the Chief Priests.

In *The Dead Sea Scrolls, A New Translation* the authors report a dispute between different sects as to which "day" the months were numbered from, the two options being (1) from the dark of the moon; and (2) from the sighting of the first crescent. For example, the Samaritan "Jews" who lived *during the same period* of the Dead Sea Scrolls reckoned the first "day" of each month from the "dark" of the moon, while those in Jerusalem reckoned it from the first crescent, which

^{57/} Remember that both astronomy and the Farmer's Almanacs reckon the "new moon" as its "disappearance."

the Jews of today still adhere to.^{58/} This era is of course within a hundred years of Yahshua's ministry. Recall that He was raised in Nazareth and later based in Galilee, both of Samaria. In fact, the "Jews" perceived Him as *being* a Samaritan. (John 8:48). This may explain why most of His "woes" were blasted at the Jerusalem bunch, never at the *Samaritans*, whom he elevated and defended in the parables.

We know for a fact that Yahshua kept the Passover, as recorded in Luke 22:

- vs. 7 *Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.*
- vs. 8 *And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.*

Notice it clearly records the timing "*when the Passover must be killed*" as the beginning of unleavened bread, just as the Law requires. (Exodus 12:3-6). But we know *He* was killed the late afternoon *after* He ate it, which, according to the commandment, would have still been during the first day of Unleavened Bread.

Of "the Jews' Passover" (See John 11:55-57) that the "chief priests, scribes, and elders of the people" gathered together as Matthew 26 says:

- vs. 4 *And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.*
- vs. 5 *But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.*

^{58/} *The Dead Sea Scrolls, A New Translation @ pg. 299-300. These pages also confirm that the ancient Egyptians reckoned their lunar months from the "dark" of the moon, i.e. prior to using a solar calendar exclusively.*