

THE
SABBATH MORE FULLY
AND
NOMINAL ADVENTISTS



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Our Limited Understanding of Truth

What we are about to look at is clear light on a matter that many in Adventism today have failed to understand. Mainly because so many are so busy patting themselves on the back concerning the light that they do have, that they have come to believe that they are “increased with goods and in need of nothing.” But the Bible tells us that they know “not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:” (Rev 3:17)

We have been told that “Although we have in trust the grandest and most important truth ever presented to the world, **we are only babes, as far as understanding truth in all its bearings is concerned.**” (EGW Counsels to Writers... p 29)

As we study this booklet, may God make it clear that truth has many facets, and sometimes our understanding has been very limited. Sometimes even to the point of denying the truth.

“The question has been asked me “Do you think that the Lord has any more light for us as a people?” I answer that He has light that is new to us, and yet it is precious old light that is to shine forth from the word of truth. **We have only the glimmerings of the rays of the light that is yet to come to us...**”
(Review and Herald, June 3, 1890)

Early Writings – The Sabbath More Fully Enrages the Nominal Adventists

The first thing we need to understand as we look at this matter, is that this is prophecy. This was given by a messenger of God to warn us of things which must shortly come to pass. The time referred to in this prophecy as we shall read is the time where the loud cry swells, just before we enter into the Time of Trouble. And at this time, there would be nominal Adventists we are told. In other words Professed Adventists, they call themselves Adventists, but really they are not. (See Rev 3:9) Nominal means “in name only.”



“I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And **at the commencement of the time of**

trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. [See page 85.] This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists, [see also appendix.] as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God’s chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us.” (EGW Early Writings Page 33)

Here we see that just about the time that the Time of Trouble commences there is to be some preaching on “the Sabbath more fully.” This implies that we haven’t had all the light on the Sabbath. These teachings will enrage the professed Adventists, and the true Adventists will end up “coming out”, or as she said “they came out” and will endure persecution because of these teachings.

There is a reference to this quote which helps us to understand when this happens. We are told to See Page 85 to understand what she is referring to when she says at “the commencement of the time of trouble”. What does it say on page 85?

“The commencement of the time of trouble,” here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the “latter rain,” or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.” (EGW Early Writings Page 85)

The loud cry of the third angel is given, and at this time, the latter rain falls on the believers empowering them and preparing them for the time just before them.



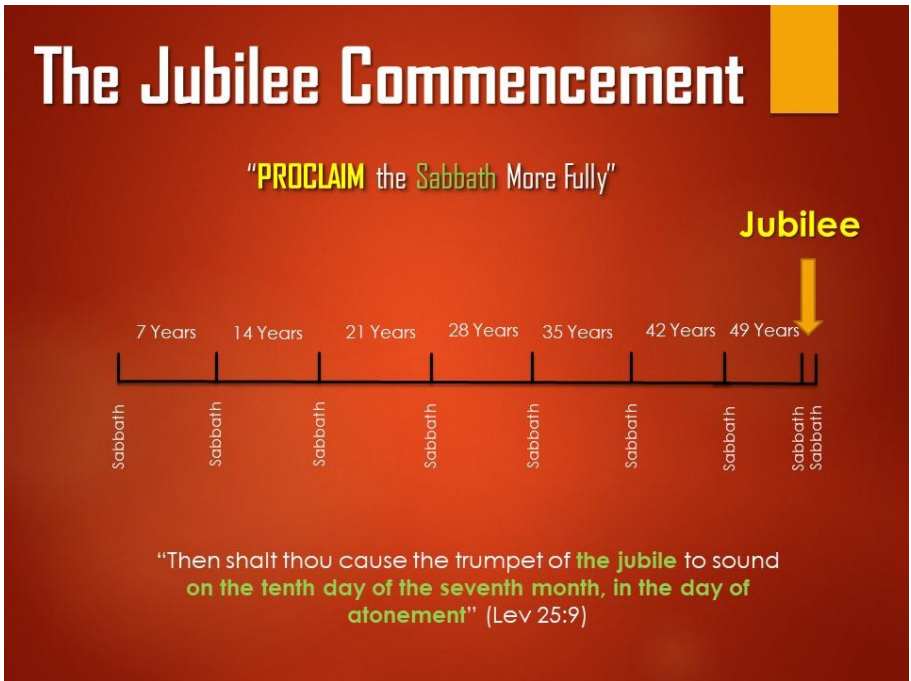
Now let’s consider this carefully. Going back to page 33 and 34 I’ve added some of the context. And what you will find here will help us to deepen our understanding of the Sabbath more fully, and what that includes.

THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUBILEE

“At the Commencement of the Time of Trouble...we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully...Then commenced the jubilee, when the land should rest. I saw the pious slave rise in triumph and victory and shake off the chains that bound him, while his wicked master **was in confusion** and knew not what to do; for **the wicked could not understand the words of the voice of God.**” (EGW Early Writings 33, 34)

The word “commence” and “commencement” is used here. But when we want to understand truth we must allow the word of God to interpret itself, we are told that “the word is truth.” (John 17:17) Now let’s ask a question, and we will let the Bible answer.

1. When Does the Jubilee Commence?



Leviticus 25:8-10 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. **Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement** shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall **hallow the fiftieth year, and PROCLAIM LIBERTY** throughout all the land **unto all the inhabitants thereof:** it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall

return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

PROCLAIM LIBERTY. Interesting, similarly we will PROCLAIM the SABBATH MORE FULLY.

Pope Francis proclaimed a Jubilee in 2015. It started in December. But God told us that the Jubilee commences on the Day of Atonement. The Bible does tell us that the man of sin “thinks to change times and laws.” (Dan 7:25)

In that same year, Pope Francis was in congress in Washington DC on the day of atonement in 2015, September 23/24 and visiting the United Nations in New York city the day after in an effort to gather the Kings of the earth to press a climate agenda on the people. Fornication with the Kings of the earth. We are told in Revelation 17:1, 2 that this was the sin that the great whore of Babylon was to be judged for. Church and State, but furthermore, the Day of Atonement is historically known to the Jews as “Judgment Day.”

So it is interesting that the Papacy is doing the very sin it is to be judged for on judgment day, and at the same time moving the commencement of the Jubilee to December in the same year. When the Bible tells us a Jubilee starts in the fall. Almost similar to moving the birth of Jesus to Christmas.

Day of Atonement – Sabbath of Sabbaths

The Day of Atonement is considered by the Jews as the Holiest Day of the Year. It is the Sabbath of Sabbaths. Let’s ask ourselves a question here. If God is acknowledging that there is a commencement to the Jubilee and that the Jubilee is still to be acknowledged by God’s people at the end of time, but furthermore, it commences on the Day of Atonement, is it possible that God is still marking that day each year? Did he mark the annual day of atonement in 1844? Perhaps he did in 2015? What about this year?

Leviticus 23:27-32 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation...Ye shall do no manner of work: **it shall be a statute for ever** throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be unto you **a sabbath** of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate **your sabbath..**

The Sabbath is the 7th day. The Day of Atonement also is a Sabbath which

occurs in the 7th month. Every 7 Years there is a Sabbatical year on the Day of Atonement. The Sabbath of Sabbaths. And after 7 Sevens of years there was a year of release. And this Jubilee year commenced on the day of Atonement, the Sabbath of Sabbaths.

There are many 7's there, It should be noted that the number of the beast is 666. (Rev 13:18)

Perhaps these are “divine institutions” that God is still acknowledging.

Every Divine Institution to Be Restored

We were told that “In the time of the end **every divine institution is to be restored. The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man**, is to be repaired. God's remnant people, standing before the world as reformers, are to show that the law of God is **the foundation** of all enduring reform...” (EGW Prophets and Kings, p 678)

There was a breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed. When was the Sabbath changed and who changed it? We'll come to that in a second. Firstly, let's consider this breach from the Bible. Notice the words carefully in these verses.

Isaiah 58:12-14 **And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath...for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.**



The repairing of the Breach has to do with the Sabbath change in the law. The violation of the Sabbath was what caused Jerusalem to be overthrown and in this the old waste places and foundations torn down. Thus to repair the breach would include restoring the “divine institutions”. Now let's start looking at them from the Bible. Isaiah clarifies more on this breach himself.

Raising up the Foundations of Many Generations – Repairing the Breach

Isaiah 61:1-4 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up

the brokenhearted, to **PROCLAIM liberty to the captives**, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; **To PROCLAIM the acceptable year of the LORD... And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.**

Here it is again. We are told that there would be a people who would “PROCLAIM the Sabbath more FULLY.” (Early Writings 33) And this is linked to the Jubilee. The Jubilee includes PROCLAIMING liberty to the captives, but furthermore, it is also part of what was destroyed when the breach was made and part of what must be repaired or restored.

Leviticus 25:8-10 **Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and PROCLAIM LIBERTY throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.**

Part of this breach includes restoration of the Jubilee, as well as the day of Atonement.

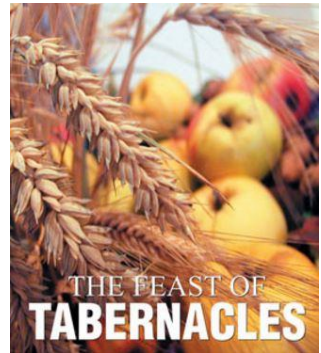
The Feast of Tabernacles – A Divine Institution Restored

The Feast of Tabernacles is an eight day feast that follows the Day of Atonement. Let’s first acknowledge when the Feast of Tabernacles should be celebrated according to the Bible, since the Bible should be our rule in everything.

Leviticus 23:34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, ***The fifteenth day of this seventh month*** shall be the feast of tabernacles...

In ancient Israel one wicked King named Jeroboam decided to “think to change times and laws” by ordaining a feast in the eighth month.

1 Kings 12:32 And **Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, ...**So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel **the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart;** and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.



It is pride that led the King to ordain this feast at his own appointed time. The word of God was clear on when this feast was to take place. But let's notice here, what did Ellen White say about this story, and I think you'll see clearly what she meant when she said "In the time of the end ***every divine institution***

is to be restored. The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man, is to be repaired."



Regarding this story Ellen White wrote:

"The king's bold defiance of God in thus setting aside **divinely appointed institutions** was not

allowed to pass unrebuked" (EGW Prophets and Kings, p. 101).

And so this helps us understand more of what she meant when she said "Every **DIVINE INSTITUTION** is to be restored." (PK 678)

Notice what else Ellen White said concerning the Feast of Tabernacles.

"Well would it be for **the people of God at the present time to have a Feast of Tabernacles**—a joyous commemoration of the blessings of God to them." (EGW Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 540, 541).

Question: Should we keep it in the 8th month? At Christmas? Or in the 7th month as the bible says?

Some might say "Well Ellen didn't keep them." Let us remember this, Ellen White said "we are only babes, as far as understanding truth in all its bearings is concerned." (EGW Counsels to Writers... p 29) Ellen White had many things to learn, and many, many things to unlearn. She was growing in her understanding. God spoke through her, yes, we also have to understand that she didn't have all the light. There was a time where she came to understand that they might be wrong in their ideas on Galatians. She was continually learning and recognizing new truth. She didn't have all the light in regard to health reform, and at times she had to discard things she didn't know were not good for her. The same is said about the law, that there was much light to come.

Ask yourself a question. Will it be “well” to “Have a feast of Tabernacles”? Or will it **NOT** be well for you? Is this not a divine institution? And is not “EVERY divine institution... to be restored?”

Regarding the breach and the Sabbath, again we are told by Ezekiel that at the time of restoring the old waste place, that at this time the feasts also would be restored.

Ezekiel 36:27-38 And I will put my spirit within you, and **cause you to walk in my statutes**, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. ... I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and **the wastes shall be builded.** ... **I the LORD have spoken it,** and I will do it. Thus saith the Lord GOD; ...I will increase them with men like a flock. As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem **in her solemn feasts**; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.



In order to see, you must be HONEST with Yourself. And I will come to this HONESTY issue as we continue.

But regarding the Feast of Tabernacles, notice the following:

Leviticus 23:39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: **on the first day shall be a sabbath**, and **on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.**

If God has more “Sabbaths” do you want to keep them? Ask yourself if you truly have the right motive for keeping the Sabbath. Because if you feel it a burden to keep the Sabbath, then there is no doubt you will find it a burden to come to the feast and contemplate unseen realities concerning the cross of Christ and His life with your brethren.

Feasts Expound the Sabbath Commandment More Fully

We are told in the following statement that the statutes in the law of Moses explain the Ten Commandments more fully.

“In consequence of continual transgression, the moral law was repeated in awful grandeur from Sinai. Christ gave to Moses religious precepts which were

to govern the everyday life. **These statutes were explicitly given to guard the Ten Commandments.** They were not shadowy types to pass away with the death of Christ. They were to be binding upon man in every age as long as time should last. These commands were enforced by the power of the moral law, and **they clearly and definitely explained that law.**” {EGW RH, May 6, 1875 par. 10}

The statutes are like the definition of the ten commandments. If you don't have the definition, then sometimes some end up redefining laws, such as has been done with marriage these days, or even the Sabbath change to Sunday. In the same sense, we are told that feasts were given to remind us of the Sabbath. And it would only make sense since there are Sabbaths in the feasts.

“Again the people **were reminded of the sacred obligation of the Sabbath.** **Yearly feasts were appointed, at which all the men of the nation were to assemble before the Lord,** bringing to Him their offerings of gratitude and the first fruits of His bounties. **The object of all these regulations was stated: they proceeded from no exercise of mere arbitrary sovereignty; all were given for the good of Israel.** The Lord said, “Ye shall be holy men unto Me”—worthy to be acknowledged by a holy God.” (Patriarchs and Prophets, p 311)

These are part of the explanation of the fourth commandment MORE FULLY.

Passover Feast of Unleavened Bread Changed at the Time the Sabbath was Changed

Again let me remind you that “In the time of the end every divine institution is to be restored. The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man, is to be repaired” (EGW Prophets and Kings, p 678)



The Catholic Church changed the day from Saturday to Sunday, and this is well known. This happened around 321 AD. But, there was more that was changed.

Lev 23:5-6 In the **fourteenth day of the first month** at even is the LORD'S passover. And on **the fifteenth day of the same month** is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: **seven days** ye must eat unleavened bread.

AT Jones documents what else was changed.

“From Rome there came now another addition to the sun-worshipping apostasy. The first Christians being mostly Jews, continued to celebrate the passover in remembrance of the death of Christ, the true passover; and this was continued among those who from among the Gentiles had turned to Christ.” (AT Jones Great Empires of Prophecy Page 383)

When did they celebrate this Passover day?

“Accordingly the celebration was always **on the true passover day -- the fourteenth of the first month**. Rome, however, and from her all the West, adopted the day of the sun as the day of this celebration.” (.ibid)

So what further breach in the law needs to be repaired? We are to come together as the early Christians on the true Passover day.

What was more was at the time that the Sabbath was changed by the Catholic Church from Saturday to Sunday. There was actually something that changed as well, and that was the change of the Passover to Easter Sunday in celebration of the fertility goddess Ishtar/Easter. Thus your rabbits and eggs symbolizing fertility.

Feasts a Blessing or a Curse

In the books of Genesis and Exodus, it is clearly laid out that the Sabbath was blessed. (Gen 2:2, 3, Exo 20:11) And therefore to keep the Sabbath we can receive the blessing at the appointed time.

Exo_20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore **the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.**

Many because of a lack of faith, fail to receive this blessing because of worries concerning work, money, job, church connections. They know the word says there is a blessing to keep it, but they don't want to because of worry. Worry is actually a violation of the Sabbath commandment. It is unrest, the opposite of what God's Sabbath is about.

Are the feasts a blessing or a curse, Jesus once said the following:

Luke 14:13-20 But when thou **makest a feast**, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And **thou shalt be blessed**;A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at **supper time** to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, **I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it**: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, **I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them**: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, **I have married a wife**, and therefore I cannot come.

So two of the excuses for not coming to the feast were work, and the third excuse was a woman. A woman in prophecy can symbolize a church. So the excuses for not coming to this “feast” seem to be the same that are often used for not keeping the Sabbath.

Ellen White talked about these Holy convocations every year. She said they were important. But she talks very similarly to what Jesus said in the parable.

“Men who possess thousands remain **at home year after year**, engrossed in their worldly cares and interests, and feeling that they cannot afford to make the small sacrifice of **attending the yearly gatherings to worship God...Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings**. All should feel that **God requires** this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privileges which He has provided that they may become strong in Him and in the power of His grace, they will grow weaker and weaker, and have less and less desire to consecrate all to God. Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. **He will come up to the feast**. He will be present, and He will do for you that which you most need to have done. **Your farms should not be considered of greater value** than the higher interests of the soul.” (EGW 2 Testimonies 575).

Now there is much more to this testimony, but I wanted to give some of the principles. And the principles include trust in God, stronger faith and a Blessing.

Revelation 22:14 **Blessed are they that do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Psalms 119:1 ALEPH. **Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD**.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 Behold, I set before you this day a **blessing and a curse**; **A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God**, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

Deuteronomy 27:26 **Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them.** And all the people shall say, Amen.

Jesus when tempted quoted from the book of Deuteronomy all three times. (Deu 8:3, 6:16, 6:13) Maybe the Devil is at war with this book for a reason.

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.**

Paul quoted this book. Was he saying that it was a curse to keep the law? Some people read it that way. But the reality is that there is a curse for not keeping the things written in the book of the law. Notice how EJ Waggoner read the verse in Galatians.

“He(God) never pronounced a curse upon any thing except sin, and no one was ever cursed except for sin. And since **God cannot change, the standard of right and wrong must ever be the same. Whatever would bring a man under the curse of God four thousand years ago, will bring one under that same curse to-day.**” (EJ Waggoner SITI, September 15, 1887)

Ellen White also said that we were to obey and keep the conditions written in the book of the law (Deuteronomy).

"Complete obedience is the only condition that meets the requirement of the law. "God is not a man, that He should lie." **God's law is the rule of His government.** He says, "This do, and thou shalt live." But **to the disobedient He says, "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them."** ...By lips that never lie the obedient are blessed, and the disobedient are pronounced guilty." (EGW RH, May 7, 1901 par. 9)

Galatians 3:13 Christ **hath redeemed us from the curse of the law**, being made a **curse** for us: for it is written, **Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**

Christ nailed the curse to the tree, but the devil wants us to nail the Blessing to the tree. You see, the devil wants us not to keep the Sabbath, a day that has a

blessing in it. He wants us to miss out on the feasts, which we were told by Jesus that we would be blessed by keeping.

Let's Look at The Sabbath Blessing Principle

“Those who shut themselves up within themselves, who are unwilling to be drawn upon to **bless** others by friendly associations, **lose many blessings**; for by mutual contact minds receive **polish** and refinement; by social intercourse, acquaintances are formed and friendships contracted which result in **a unity of heart** and an atmosphere of love which is pleasing in the sight of heaven.”
(EGW 6 Testimonies Page 172)

The blessing of the Spirit was what we were to receive. It is that river of life flowing out from the throne where we will come to to worship. It is called the channel of blessing.

“We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. . . . The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God’s appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.” (Ellen White Faith I Live BY 246)

Let’s look at all the appointed times for this blessing. If you go through the book of Numbers Chapters 28 and 29 it lists the appointed times for sacrifices there:

Evenings and Mornings (Num 28:4, 5)

Sabbaths (Num 28:9, 10)

New Moons (Num 28:11-15)

Feasts (Num 28:16-29)

These were the only times in which sacrifices were to be brought.

Evenings and Mornings after the Cross

“Let the father, as priest of the household, lay upon the altar of God the morning and evening sacrifice, while the wife and children unite in prayer and praise. **In such a household Jesus will love to tarry.**” (Ellen White Patriarchs and Prophets page 144)

Christ is obviously our sacrifice, so we don't bring a literal lamb at the appointed time, but we don't forsake the assembly of the family in the Evening and the Morning of each day. We need to understand the principle, that Christ our sacrifice is nailed to the cross, let us keep the Evening and Morning sacrifice, and not forsake the assembly. (Heb 10:25)

Sabbaths and New Moons after the Cross

Most will not disagree with the Sabbath, so I have no need to expound on that one so much as I would the New Moon. We are told not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and what are the assemblies? The New Moon is an assembly of the Lord. We read in the book of Numbers:

Numbers 10:2-3 **Make thee two trumpets** of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use **them for the calling of the assembly...** And **when they shall blow** with them, all **the assembly shall assemble** themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

What assembly do they blow this trumpet at? Feasts and New Moons

Num 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in **your solemn days**, and in **the beginnings of your months**, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings;...

Your solemn days, being your feasts, and the beginning of a month, was a New Moon. Whenever we see the word "month" in the Bible it really is a short word for "moon." The New Moon was an assembly of the Lord back then. But furthermore, we read the following:

"God teaches that we **should assemble** in His house to cultivate the attributes of perfect love. This will fit the dwellers of earth for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for all who love Him. There they **will assemble** in the sanctuary from **Sabbath to Sabbath**, **from one new moon to another**, to unite in loftiest strains of song, in praise and thanksgiving to Him who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever." (EGW Counsels for the Church 241)



The Bible says in Revelation that we will gather at the throne every “month”, that is every “new moon.” And Ellen White was not shy of saying this as she mentioned it many times. The feasts were calculated by the moon, and the only way to know when a feast was, was to understand what moon or month you were in.

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit **every month**: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Furthermore, we will gather at the river of life. That is also known as the “channel of blessing.” And that would bring us back to what she said about improving “every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing.” Therefore it is clear, Christ is sacrificed for us “Let us keep the Sabbaths and New Moons”. They aren’t done away with, and they will be kept into eternity. (Isa 66:22, 23)

Feast Keeping after the Cross

1Co 5:7, 8 Purge out therefore the old leaven...For even **Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast**, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

It is interesting to me how God said “Ye shall surely die.” But the devil said “Ye shall NOT surely die.” We understand this to be spiritualism when the devil does always spiritualize away the plainest statements in scripture. Normally all in an effort to satisfy the flesh. Because “the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” (Rom 8:7)

In the same sense Paul says “Let us keep the feast” while many today are saying “Let us NOT keep the feast.” I’ve heard arguments such as it was too much work, a burden, we have to take more time off? And some because of politics will not come up because they are concerned as to what their brethren might think. Oftentimes whenever something does not agree with the flesh, the flesh will find a hook to hang their doubt upon, even when the plainest statement is given.

Some say Paul didn’t really mean a literal feast, but yet the context is talking about literal eating. “With such a one no not to eat.” (V 11)

Some say it was only at Jerusalem that they were to keep feasts. But this isn't true he was in Corinth. Ellen White herself said Paul kept the 8 days of Unleavened bread with the Phillipians in Phillipi.

“At Philippi Paul tarried to keep the Passover. Only Luke remained with him, the other members of the company passing on to Troas to await him there. The Philippians were the most loving and truehearted of the apostle's converts, and during the eight days of the feast he enjoyed peaceful and happy communion with them.” AA 390.4

You see, this isn't just the Passover day, this is the entire feast. Eight days.

Some say, well Ellen White said it was an insult to God to keep the feasts. No, she didn't actually. She said it would be an insult to God to keep the ceremonial law. In other words, to bring a sacrifice. “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, let us keep the feast.” (1 Cor 5:7, 8) If you were to bring up a sacrifice to the feast, then that would be an insult to God.

Its' very clear to those who are honest. And again, I will come back to this honesty thing as I continue. But let's remember that Paul was keeping feasts with gentiles in Corinth, and Phillipi. But also with the Colossians.

What Was Nailed to the Cross?

If we remember earlier we read that Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law being nailed to the tree. (Gal 3:13) So the curse was nailed to the cross. That is the penalty which we were to suffer for breaking God's law. Christ took that and satisfied the demands of the law.

Colossians 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nailing it to his cross;**

The righteous law was witnessing against us, and Christ nailed the curse to the cross. You see he took this curse, being made the remedy for sin. He was the lamb of God. He symbolized the ceremony, thus Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us, or nailed to the cross, let us keep the feast. But some want to nail the blessing to the cross. But Paul said:

Col 2:16, 17 Let no man **therefore** judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a **shadow of things to come**; but the **body is of Christ**

Meat and Drink - Symbol or Type of the Body of Christ – The Sacrifices

“When the Saviour yielded up His life on Calvary, the significance of the Passover ceased, and **the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was instituted as a memorial of the same event** of which the Passover had been a type.”
(Patriarchs and Prophets 539)

What were sacrifices replaced with?

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is **MEAT** indeed, and my blood is **DRINK** indeed.
“Let no man judge you in respect to MEAT and DRINK” (Col 2:16)

You see just as we learned already, that the sacrifices were only done on the appointed times i.e Sabbaths, New Moons and Holy Days, And since the Lord's Supper was a symbol of the very same thing, the sacrifice of the body of Christ, and since it was instituted to memorialize the same event as the sacrifices pointed forward to, it is only logical that the Lord's supper should be done on the Sabbaths, New Moons, and Holy Days. And that is why Paul is writing to the Colossians, in the same manner that he wrote to Corinthians, letting them know that Christ our Passover is nailed to the cross (See Col 2:14, 1 Cor 5:7) Is saying the same to the Colossians, Therefore Let us keep the Feast. (See Col 2:16, 1 Cor 5:8)

Why did he say “Let no man judge you in meat, or in drink.” Well, think about this, it is obvious, the Jews were coming in among them saying that they needed to practice the rituals such as circumcision, and the ceremonial aspects of sacrifices. And so when the Colossians were assembling Sabbath to Sabbath, New Moon to New Moon, and Year to Year, they didn't have a sacrifice. And the Bible tells us that the Jews were trying to place a yoke upon them by saying they were violating the law of God by not doing these rituals of circumcision and sacrifices.

But God had given to the Colossians something else in place of circumcision.

Col 2:11 In whom also **ye are circumcised** with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by **the circumcision of Christ Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God... having forgiven you all trespasses;

Just as baptism replaced circumcision to the Colossians, so also did the Lord's supper(meat and drink) replace the sacrificial system. Yet the Jews were saying that they would be lost, JUDGING them for not having a sacrifice, and instead doing the "MEAT and DRINK" which is a symbol of the "body of Christ."

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the **communion** of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the **communion of the body of Christ?**

The body of Christ being symbolized in communion, and thus this ceremony is a shadow of things to come...but the body is Christ.

A Shadow of Things to Come

The verse says it "is" a shadow of things to come. Not that it "was" a shadow of things to come". So clearly there are still things to come which this meat and drink point forward to, this is not referring to the meat and drink offerings of the Old Testament since those already had met antitype in the death of Christ, and therefore they cannot still be a "shadow of things to come."

Luk 22:15-16 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to **eat this passover** with you before I suffer: (16) For I say unto you, **I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.**

Jesus said we would eat this with him in the Kingdom of God, so therefore the meat and drink were a shadow or a symbol of something that was still to come.

The word shadow is interchanged with the Greek word "Typos" in Hebrews 8:5. It basically means a symbol. A Type is a shadow and they are interchangeable words, Just as your shadow is a small picture of you, you are the reality of that shadow.

There was a system of types that did pass away at the cross. The reality being Christ. That is the priesthood, the Temple, and sacrifices associated with it. However, it was replaced by another shadow or type which is the Lord's Supper. The reality again being the cross, but a further reality when we



eat with him in the Kingdom at the tree of life from Sabbath to Sabbath and from New Moon to New Moon, and also from year to year.

The reality of that shadow has always been Christ and Christ crucified. However, please notice that not ALL types passed away at the cross. Just the system that pointed to it. NOTICE.

“The tree of life was *A TYPE***** of the one great Source of immortality. Of Christ it is written, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” He is the fountain of life. Obedience to Him is the life-giving, vivifying power that gladdens the soul. Through sin man shut himself off from access to the tree of life. Now, life and immortality are brought to light through Jesus Christ.

Christ declares, “I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.” “Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; ...For **My flesh is meat indeed, My blood is drink indeed...**” (EGW 17MR 352.3)

Notice, she just identified the meat and drink of the Lord’s supper with the tree of life. The fact that the tree of life is a shadow/type implies that some types and shadows still exist. Jesus told us that if we didn’t eat his flesh, we had no life. He also told us that if we didn’t drink his blood, we had no life. You see just as we will come to the tree of life to eat this life giving food every month (New Moon). Paul was instructing the Colossians to keep the New Moons, and to do this in remembrance of the body of Christ every New Moon. Just as the sacrifices in the Old Testament were to be done on Sabbaths, New Moons, and Holy Days, so also should we to follow this pattern with the MEAT and DRINK which was instituted in place of those sacrifices, and priestly Temple duties.

In the book of Hebrews 10:1-23 we are told of the shadowy sacrificial system that pointed to Christ our Passover being sacrificed for us. And then after telling us to understand that the sacrifices are “nailed to his cross” (Col 2:14), we are then told about the assemblies.

And when will we assemble? From one Sabbath to another, and from one New Moon to another. And just as we are told in Corinthians “let us keep the feast” and in Colossians to “let no man judge you in respect to...Sabbaths...New Moons...Holy Days.” So also are we told in Hebrews regarding the assemblies:

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the **assembling** of ourselves together, as the

manner of some is; but exhorting one another: **and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching**

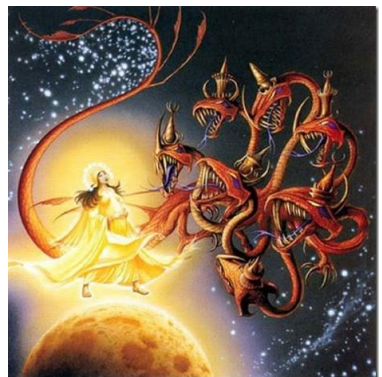
Furthermore these assemblies we are told would become more important as we see the day approaching. But notice how the prophet talked about these assemblies:



“Anciently the Lord instructed His people to **assemble three times a year for His worship**. ..through their association together in this sacred service **they were to be bound closer to God and to one another**. In the days of Christ these feasts were attended by vast multitudes of people from all lands; and had they been kept as God intended, in the spirit of true worship, the light of truth might through them have been given to all the nations of the world... ..The Lord saw that these gatherings **were necessary for the spiritual life** of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict!” (EGW 6 Testimonies 39-40)

How much more do we need these assemblies in these last days? “So much the more as we see the day approaching.” (Heb 10:25) Some might say that she is speaking about camp meetings, but the fact of the matter is she is interchanging some of these statements with the feasts of the Lord. So if you would like to say “Let us keep the camp meeting.” I have no issue with that. However, shall we use the New Moons as prescribed by God in His word? Or shall we keep one similar to the Feast at our own appointed time like the wicked king Jeroboam?



Appointed Times for The Former and Latter Rain

Joe 2:15, 16 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

And the trumpet was for the calling of assemblies. In the book of Acts they received a large out pouring of God's Holy Spirit. In the same sense, God has appointed times for pouring out the latter rain.

Zec 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

When is the time to ask for the rain according to Zechariah?

Zec 14:16-18 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from **year to year** to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to ***keep the feast of tabernacles***. (17) And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth ***unto Jerusalem*** to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon **them shall be no rain**. (18) And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, **that have no rain**; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen **that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles**.

I want to clarify a few things. First off, these verses are quoted by Ellen White in the Great Controversy, and there is a quote that talks about Ezekiel 9 and the plagues happening in the city of Jerusalem.

But furthermore she writes about this incident in Testimonies volume 3 where She said "They will fall in the general destruction of the wicked, represented by the work of the five men bearing slaughter weapons. ***Mark this point with care: Those who receive the pure mark of truth***, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, are those ***"that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done" in the church.***" (EGW 3 Testimonies 268)

Mark this point with care, Jerusalem is a symbol of God's church in these prophecies. You see there are a people who will come up from Sabbath to Sabbath to worship, but they won't come up from New Moon to New Moon,

nor from YEAR to YEAR as Zechariah said. And thus they will miss out on the latter rain.

Acts 2:1-3 And ***when the day of Pentecost*** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

This is after the cross. God still was acknowledging his appointed time for fulfilling the prophecy of Joel. (Acts 2:16-21)

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And what did Joel say:

Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain ***in the first month.***

The first month. You see the rain falls in the spring. Rain symbolizes God's Holy Spirit. And thus the barley is ripe in the first month, so that by the fourteenth day we are keeping the Passover and Unleavened bread, and waving the sheaf. But the latter rain comes at the time of Tabernacles in the seventh month.

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

And this was fulfilled on Pentecost. But there is something more we need to notice here since this was only partially fulfilled, and the latter rain was still to come.

Angels, Order, Organization

“When the truth in its simplicity is lived in every place, then ***God will work through His angels*** as He worked on the day of ***Pentecost***, and hearts will be changed so decidedly that there will be a manifestation of the influence of

genuine truth, as is represented *in the descent of the Holy Spirit.*” (EGW SpTB07 63.4)

How will the angels work? What must happen?

“**Angels work harmoniously.** Perfect order characterizes all their movements. The more closely we imitate the harmony and order of the angelic host, the more successful will be the efforts of these heavenly agents in our behalf. If we see no necessity for harmonious action, and are disorderly, undisciplined, and disorganized in our course of action, angels, who are thoroughly organized and move in perfect order, cannot work for us successfully. They turn away in grief, for **they are not authorized to bless confusion, distraction, and disorganization. All who desire the cooperation of the heavenly messengers, must work in unison with them.** Those who have the unction from on high, will in all their efforts encourage order, discipline, and union of action, and then the angels of God can co-operate with them. But never, never will these heavenly messengers place their indorsement upon irregularity, disorganization, and disorder.” (EGW –Testimonies for the Church Volume 1 Pages 649,650.)

Jerusalem the CHURCH

Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for *in mount Zion* and *in Jerusalem* shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in **the remnant** whom the LORD shall call.

In the book of Joel we are told that there is to be an out pouring in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and as was already established, we need to mark this point with care, that this is a reference to “the church”.

We are the remnant seed of the mother, thus Joel calls us “children of Zion”. There is a process by which we get to Jerusalem, it is the process of birth.

Gal 4:26 But **Jerusalem** which is above is free, **which is the mother of us all.**

You see we are the remnant of her seed, (Rev 12:17) she is the mother of us all. She is the woman in Revelation 12 which is above, standing on the moon. And I will come back to the moon as I close. But this is the Church.

Heb 12:22, 23 But ye are come unto **mount Sion**, and unto the city of the

living God, **the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an **innumerable company of angels**, To the general **assembly and church of the firstborn**, which are written in heaven, and **to God the Judge of all**, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

This is Jerusalem above, the heavenly again, she is the church of the firstborn. So for those who are thinking they need to get to Jerusalem to keep the feast of Tabernacles. You are absolutely correct, just make sure that like Abraham you are looking to Jerusalem above, and not Jerusalem which is below.

Zech 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Therefore we understand the truth of the matter, it is not a worldly group of people that we must retain membership with. It is a heavenly group of beings, that we must assemble with. And they will be commissioned to assemble with us when we follow the order laid out in the Bible.

Mornings and Evenings,
Sabbaths
New Moons
Feasts

1Ch 23:30-32 And to stand every **morning** to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at **even**; And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the **sabbaths**, in **the new moons**, and on **the set feasts**, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD:

So where is His Church, His body. Well, Jesus said "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:" (Luke 17:20) In other words unless you are born again, you could never see it. (John 3:3) But spiritual things are spiritually discerned and if we have eyes to see we will understand the following.

"God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). Where Christ is even among the humble few, this is Christ's church, for the presence of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity can alone constitute a

church” (The Upward Look, p. 315).

That is, the spirit of God alone, and those that are born again alone constitute the seed of the woman. And God is the judge of all.

Coming Out of The Nominal Adventist Church

“I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And **at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully.** [See page 85.] **This enraged the churches and nominal Adventists,** [see also appendix.] as they could not refute the Sabbath truth. And at this time God’s chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and **they came out** and endured the persecution with us” (EGW Early Writings Page 33, 34)

They came out of the Nominal Adventist Churches at the time of the loud cry of the third angel, just as the time of trouble was about to start. And they will be persecuted by professed Adventists we are told. You see, because of dishonesty in their hearts, they will not be able to give the loud cry. They have refused to accept Jesus into the heart though he was knocking, and not realizing that his presence in you alone can constitute his church, they felt increased with goods and in need of nothing.

And they rejected the Sabbath More Fully.

But we are hopeful of the promise in this last quote from the same book which links to the one above.

“I saw that God **has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches,** and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people **will be called out from these churches** and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and **before the loud cry of the third angel** is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that **those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them.** He hopes to deceive **the honest** and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and **all who are honest will leave the fallen churches,** and take their stand with **the remnant.**” (EGW Early Writings Page 261)

Some in the nominal Adventist churches are going to think that God is still working with those churches. However, the loud cry is a call to come apart

from them. We must be careful that we are not of those thinking that God is still working with them at this time.

Romans 2:28-29 For **he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly**; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly**; and circumcision is that of the heart, **in the spirit**, and **not in the letter**; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

You see, the same is true for Adventists, just as the Jews had the “oracles of God.” (Rom 3:2) So also do we as Adventists have the writings of Ellen White. We call her writings the Spirit of Prophecy. But really, if the writings are only written in letter, you are an Adventist outwardly only. These oracles must be in the heart. You must have the Spirit in you, you must have the testimony of Jesus in you, not just in letter, or on paper, but written on your heart. This is the new covenant, this is Jerusalem above, this is the Church of the firstborn, this is the remnant of her seed, “the Church, which is his body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.” (Eph 1:22, 23)

Are you the fullness of Him? Don't question it, accept it, believe it, because the word says it.

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