

The Sabbath is for His People

Our Father gave His people in His holy nation the Ten Commandments so that it would go well with them. One of the commandments was that His holy people would remember the Seventh Day to keep it holy, for all mankind had forgotten that day (Gen 2:1-3). But the fourth commandment brings back the Sabbath to be *remembered* (Ex 20:8-12). This commandment was engraved in stone, and all of Yahweh's holy people of His holy nation would always *remember* this day as a memorial forever.

So His holy people in His holy nation would commemorate that day in Gen 2:3 in all of their dwelling places (Lev 23:3), where He dwells with them, and now, since Mal 1:5,11, He dwells *in them* in the New Covenant nation, the Twelve Tribes of Israel among the nations of the world (Acts 26:7). They are also called the Commonwealth of Israel by Paul (Eph 2:12), and the Israel of Elohim (Gal 6:16), and the Holy Nation by Peter (1 Pet 2:9-10) — His people, who are that nation Yahshua prophesied of in Mt 21:43.

No one is condemned by not keeping the Sabbath except those who are or who call themselves God's holy people. The Sabbath is the *seventh* day of the week. It is not the *first* day. The first day is a day of celebration and festivities called the First Day Festival, commemorating all our Master has done for us, and His resurrection after three days and three nights in *Sheol* or Death, the place of torment (Lk 16:28), on our behalf, having taken upon Himself all our sins and transgressions (2 Cor 5:14-21). So this is why we joyfully celebrate the first day of the week, but only after we have rested the day before, on the seventh day of the week.

Ex 20:1-17 — So one of those commandments (verses 8-11) given to Yahweh's set-apart people of His set-apart nation was that they would *rest* on the seventh day of the week from all their normal work (Ex 16:23), because He loved them and wanted it to go well with them. He wanted them to remember that He, the Creator, created man in

His own image and likeness, and that they, His people, were being restored to all He ever wanted man to be.

Ex 16:22-30 — *Rested* in verse 30, as explained in the Law of Commandments in Ex 20:8-11, is *shabbat* (#7673), meaning to stop, to rest, to cease, to end. This verb is of great importance in the Old Testament, and also to us in the New Covenant, as we now have recorded evidence in 1 Cor 10:11. Old Israel did not do Dt 5:12-15. They rebelled (as Num 15:32-36) and the first church (Mt 21:43) also rebelled, so that we now, in the restoration of all things, can see why Mk 9:11-12 was prophecy to be fulfilled in the end of the age. It has come upon Yahweh's newly restored nation to bear the fruit of the Kingdom which neither old Israel nor the first church accomplished (1 Pet 2:9-10 as in Ex 19:5-6). But the restored twelve tribes of Isa 49:6,8 *does* produce the fruit of the Kingdom (Mt 28:18-20).

So the Shabbat is the day when all work ceases in all the dwelling places where the Twelve Tribes live as the light of the fallen world around them. The Shabbat is the day when all work ceases and all Israel meditates on the glories of their Elohim and Creator in His creation — the universe, Planet Earth, and man, His highest creation — just as He did. When He finished creating all things, ending with Man (male and female), He could rest because man was the “icing on the cake,” for without man His creation of the universe would be void and empty of His highest creature man to fill every galaxy, which will take eternity to do.

Gen 3:1-3 is still the seventh day. Only the heathen do not rest on the Sabbath, which is the seventh day, not on just any other day, for all days are not the same except to those who do not remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy (Ex 20:8), since Ex 31:12-17 explicitly and categorically gives clarity as to who His holy people are and who they are not.

If someone is not part of this holy nation that remembers and keep the Sabbath day holy, then they are not His people, for it is a sign of who is and who is not His,

belonging to Him. Ex 31:14 — Either they are still in spiritual death or will be put to spiritual death if they are His people but do not honor the Sabbath, since it is a sign signifying who are His people and who He is sanctifying (1 Cor 1:2), as Ex 31:17 says — *forever*.

Mt 21:43; Mk 9:11-12 — The Sabbath is restored for a holy nation, not just independent individuals or groups not associated with the holy nation (1 Pet 2:9-10), the restored Twelve Tribes of Israel (Acts 26:7). “Speak to the children of Israel...” — not to any other group of people or individuals, but only Israel. Israel is only Israel as a twelve-tribed nation, a completed whole. Israel is a name given to twelve tribes collectively (1 Kng 18:31; Jms 1:1). Israel is a name given to Jacob, whose twelve sons would be the fathers of the Twelve Tribes.

If we are not keeping the Sabbath, we are not and cannot be of the nation prophesied by Yahshua in Mt 21:43 to fulfill Ex 19:5-6 (1 Pet 2:9-10), a royal priesthood.

Rom 14:1 is not saying that in a community you can observe the Sabbath on any day you so choose, and thereby bring havoc to the order of the community. It simply refers to what and when one *eats* — if someone can’t eat certain things (as for health reasons or allergies, etc.), or doesn’t want to eat on a day when he is fasting, etc. The whole context is *food* and not eating on certain days of the week, and has nothing at all to do with wreaking havoc in the community. We all rest on the same day and work as Eph 4:16 and 2:10 during the rest of the week, even at the First Day Festival when we all sing and dance and prophesy and teach and share and see the faces of those in the nearby clans whom you do not live with during the week. After the breaking of bread on First Day Eve, we all sleep and gather again at 9 or 10 am and for the rest of the day until sundown, the evening minchah around the fire — and the closest ones to Him are the closest to the fire (of purification).