

When Does The Biblical Day Begin?

Midnight? 6 PM? Sunset? Sunrise? Noon?

Another Restoration Of “The Sabbath”

Part #1

INTRODUCTION

Should You Write a Prologue
and Epilogue?

The Bible stories, as well as practically every book written includes Prologues and Epilogues. (Even a “not so good” book will most often include these components.)

A Prologue is: “What happened before the story began.”

An Epilogue is: “What happened after the story ended.”

Example: There is a Prologue of events that happened before **Gen 1:1**. Even though Revelation includes much of the Epilogue for the great controversy of this Earth, the Epilogue of what is to come in the New Earth still has to be written.

The Prologue

INTRODUCTION

This study on “when does the day begin” also includes a **Prologue** and **Epilogue** – written through the Biblical account, and historical account.

The question begs to be asked:

“If we are not observing the Divine Sabbath according to what was given at creation, what happened for this information to get so lost?”

A search for this answer will write the **Prologue**. It will likely be new information for many. However, it is an important **Prologue**, and when understood, then it is easier to understand the rest of the story. The truth of the “day start” is easy to understand from the Scriptures. But, the **Prologue** information will lay the foundation for the truth, and expose what the enemy has been up to. This **Introduction** will begin to open up the **Prologue** of events.



The Prologue

An Explosive Equation

What has motivated you to take an interest in this topic on “when the day begins”? As you consider that thought, here’s where we had to make a decision at the crossroads.

Let’s examine an equation comparing a quote from **PK 678** with **Ephesians 4:14** ...

- ✓ **“In the time of the end every divine institution is to be restored.”**
- ✓ **“Every wind of doctrine is blowing. Don’t’ get carried away!”**

Let’s read both quotes in full content to establish the context.

1st Part Of The Equation

Prophets & Kings, p. 678: (Published 1916)

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 and that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is to stand as a memorial of creation, a constant reminder of the power of God. In clear, distinct lines they are to present the necessity of obedience to all the precepts of the Decalogue. Constrained by the love of Christ, they are to co-operate with Him in building up the waste places. They are to be repairers of the breach, restorers of paths to dwell in. See verse 12 [of Isa 58].

1st Part Of The Equation - Repeat

Prophets & Kings, p. 678:

In the time of the end [that's our generation] **every divine institution** [would this include the worship statutes?] **is to be restored** [from error]. **The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man** [change of the worship days, weekly or annually], **is to be repaired** [restored to original Torah Truth]. **God's remnant people** [including the laity], **standing before the world as reformers** [teaching as past reformers did], **are to show that the law of God is the foundation of all enduring reform and that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is to stand as a memorial of creation, [context is the weekly worship statute] a constant reminder of the power of God. In clear, distinct lines they are to present the necessity of obedience to all the precepts of the Decalogue**. [Would that precept include the true Sabbath commencement?] **Constrained by the love of Christ, they are to co-operate with Him in building up the waste places. They are to be repairers of the breach, restorers of paths to dwell in.** [Laity's assignment!] **See verse 12** [of Isa 58]. {PK 678.2}

❖ **Note: It matters not who wrote this. It speaks the truth!**

2nd Part Of The Equation

Eph 4:14-15

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of [false] doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love. NASB



Context Verified – Study Solidified

1. “In the time of the end every divine institution is to be restored.”
 - **Context of passage:** The Sabbath Commandment including every worship statute.
2. “Every wind of doctrine is blowing. Don’t’ get carried away!”
 - **Context of verse:** “Doctrine” – **not** the Gospel or Prophecy.

The study today is addressing the doctrine of the Sabbath commandment. Specifically, the commencement of the Holy Sabbath.

Any study that involves the Sabbath is important, and should be examined, even if you think it may be a false doctrine.

Mandate: 1 Thess 5:21 Prove all things [with many Scriptures]; hold fast that which is good. KJV

We MUST Remember

Satan has counterfeited ALL
divine institutions – especially
around the worship statutes, as
he desires our worship, his way!
**What makes us think that he
would not counterfeit God's
Sabbath Commencement time?**

Lessons From The Kauai Rooster

In the island of Kauai is the infamous Kauai rooster which struts and crows all throughout the day. You can hear him at any hour of the day and it is quite annoying. The rooster's internal time clock is completely off since hurricane Iniki in 1992 when the roosters and chickens went into exile from their roosts by a strong south wind. Since the hurricane, **the traumatized Kauai roosters have been confused about when the day starts** and wander all over the island crowing at all times of the day. Sometimes their annoyance makes it difficult to sleep.



Are God's People Confused ...

... like the Kauai rooster?

- Is it possible that most of God's people have been confused as well about when the day starts every day, including Sabbath, the most important day of the week?
- **If we go to the Roman Calendar, their day starts at midnight.**
- **If we check with the Jewish calendar, their day starts at sunset or what most folks refer to as "evening."**

Or, do all the work days begin at midnight, but only the Sabbath begins the day before at sunset? Which is it?

How do we unravel the confusion to find Divine Order?

(And, by the way, trying to figure out Satan's counterfeits can sometimes give you a bad headache!)

Can We Trust the Majority of Jews

... to tell us when the day starts according to Torah?

- Is it possible most of them have also been confused since their traumatic exile in Babylon?
- What do you think most Jews would tell you today?



John The Beloved Warned Us ...

... the antichrist system was present in his day. John told the readers in his letter that there were many Antichrists there already.

- **1 John 2:18** Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that Antichrist is coming, even now many Antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

NASB

Characteristics Of The Antichrist

1. Antichrist would deny Yehsua as the Messiah.
 - **1 John 2:23** Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. NASB
2. The Antichrist would alter God's Law by either adding or subtracting from it.
 - **Dan 7:25** He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law ... NASB

Characteristics Of The Antichrist

3. Deceivers belong to the “synagogue of Satan.”
- **Rev 2:9** (Symrna Church) ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.’ NASB
 - **Rev 3:9** (Philadelphia Church) ‘Behold, I will cause *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and *make them* know that I have loved you.’ NASB

Beware of the Synagogue of Satan!

Two times within two chapters of Revelation, we are reminded of: *those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie ...*

- ❑ These are very corrupt Jews, or crypto-Jews!
- ❑ Is it possible these crypto-Jews had anything to do with the Pharisees and the Scribes?

What does the Messiah reveal about them?

Antichrist: Followers Of Tradition

4. Crypto-Jews do not follow Torah completely.
- **Mark 7:1-5** The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him when they had come from Jerusalem, ² and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with impure hands, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, *thus* observing the **traditions of the elders**; ⁴ and *when they come* from the market place, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are **many other things** which they have received in order to observe, such as the washing of cups and pitchers and copper pots.) ⁵ The Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the **tradition of the elders**, but eat their bread with impure hands?” NASB

Followers Of Tradition

- **Mark 7:6-8** And He said to them,
“Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites,
as it is written:
‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS,
BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.
⁷ ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’
⁸ Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to
the tradition of men.” NASB

Mark 7:9-13

- ⁹ He was also saying to them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.
- ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER’; and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH’;
- ¹¹ but you say, ‘If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given *to God*),’
- ¹² you no longer permit him to do anything for *his* father or *his* mother;
- ¹³ **thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.** NASB

Does Paul Agree With Mark & John?

- **Titus 1:9-14** NASB holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.
- ¹⁰ For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
¹¹ who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not *teach* for the sake of sordid gain.
- ¹² One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”
- ¹³ This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,
¹⁴ not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

Paul Has The Answer

Question: Who were these “rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers”?

Answer: “They of the circumcision.” (Titus 1:10)

Question: Who were “they of the circumcision”?

- **Acts 15:1** Some men came down from Judea and *began* teaching the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”
- **Acts 15:5** But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.”

Identifying “the circumcision”

- **Gal 2:12** For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began* to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the **circumcision**.
- **“they of the circumcision”** were the Pharisees – the very teachers of the people that were trying to impose their ‘oral law’ upon every follower!
- **Yes, these Pharisees were circumcised, but aside from that, does Scripture teach you have to be circumcised to attain salvation according to their oral law?**

Teachings Of “the Circumcision”

These Pharisees were guilty of:

1. Rejecting the Messiah and the Gospel
2. Practising and teaching many other things that were against The Word of God and His commandments
3. Deceiving many with "Jewish fables" or myths.
(Titus 1:14)

Questions: Is it possible modern Rabbinic Judaism is as confused as the Kauai Rooster about when the day starts?
Have we believed a “Jewish fable?”

God's Laws Of Religious Festivals

In Leviticus 23 God has outlined His divine appointments with His people Israel to the very day and sometimes the exact hour.

- **Lev 23:1-2** The LORD spoke again to Moses, saying,
² “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD’s appointed times which you shall proclaim as holy convocations—My appointed times are these.’
NASB

In the rest of the chapter of Lev 23, God is telling His people about when His divine appointments are and when His yearly and weekly calendar of events take place in the cycle of sanctification— exact times!

Rabbinic Judaism Violates Laws

Question: Did you know Rabbinic Judaism freely changes God's exact appointed times of the Biblical calendar?

Note this Quote from Chabad.org: "The Jewish perpetual calendar was arranged in a manner that **ensures** that the first day of **Rosh Hashanah** will never fall on **Sunday**, **Wednesday** or **Friday**. This guarantees that Yom Kippur will not fall on a Friday or Sunday (i.e. Saturday night), which would produce two consecutive days when preparing food and burying the dead is prohibited, and that Hoshanah Rabbah will not occur on Shabbat, which would interfere with the custom of taking the willows on this day."

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/962022/jewish/Why-cant-Yom-Kippur-begin-on-a-Saturday-night.htm#footnote1a962022

From Wikipedia

- "The modern Hebrew calendar has been **designed to ensure** that certain holy days and festivals do not fall on certain days of the week. As a result, there are only four possible patterns of days on which festivals can fall. (Note that Jewish days start at sunset of the preceding day indicated in this article.)
- "The modern Hebrew calendar has been arranged so that Yom Kippur does not fall on a Friday or Sunday, and Hoshana Rabbah does not fall on Shabbat. These rules have been instituted because Shabbat restrictions also apply to Yom Kippur, and if Yom Kippur were to fall on Friday, it would not be possible to make necessary preparations for Shabbat, including candle lighting, because the preceding day is Yom Kippur. Similarly, if Yom Kippur fell on a Sunday, it would not be possible to make the necessary preparations for Yom Kippur, including candle lighting, because the preceding day is Shabbat. _ Also, the laws of Shabbat override those of Hoshana Rabbah, so that if Hoshana Rabbah were to fall on Shabbat certain rituals that are a part of Hoshana Rabbah services (such as carrying willows, which is work) could not be performed in that year.

From Wikipedia (con't)

- “As a consequence, in the case of **Yom Kippur**, which falls on **10 Tishrei** [Day of Atonement] and **cannot fall on a Friday or Sunday**, the days in **Cheshvan** and/or **Kislev** are **adjusted so that** Rosh Hashanah [1st day of Trumpets], which falls on **1 Tishrei**, **does not fall on a Wednesday or Friday**. And, in the case of Hoshana Rabbah, which falls on **21 Tishrei** [8th day of Tabernacles] and **cannot fall on a Saturday**, Rosh Hashanah [1st day of Trumpets] cannot be on a Sunday. This leaves only four days on which Rosh Hashanah [1st day of Trumpets] is allowed to fall: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, which are also referred as the “four gates.”
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Days_of_week_on_Hebrew_calendar
- (Confusion? Order?)

Conclusion On Rabbinic Fables

One can go back 2000 years and never find a Day of Atonement falling on the 1st or 6th day of the week.

Nor will one ever find a Feast of Trumpets falling on the 1st day of the week. Nor will the first or last day of the Feast of Tabernacles (which are annual Sabbaths) ever falling on the 7th day of the week.

So about 3 out of every 7 years the Rabbinic authorities are tampering with the Biblical calendar and causing Israel to transgress God's appointed times.

For the unsuspecting feast-keeper that just follows the Jewish calendar (that they find online or on their wall), they are (unknowingly) breaking God's annual Sabbaths as much as any unsuspecting European Catholic is breaking the weekly Sabbath.

The new European calendar places the 7th day now on the 1st day of the week, creating even more problems.

Conclusion On Rabbinic Fables

This very problem happens this year [2015] with Tishri 1 falling on Sunday, Sept 13th. **The Rabbis cannot allow Tishri 1 to fall on Sunday.** So, they start it on Sunday night (the beginning of their Monday) as they start all of their Sabbaths on the evening of the previous day. **Of course this is because they believe the new day starts at sunset.** If one can follow the Jewish calendar and allow the Rabbis to alter the annual Sabbaths, why not allow Rome and the Pope to dictate when the weekly Sabbath is?

Conclusion On Rabbinic Fables

Because Rabbinic Judaism has decided to change the dates of the Biblical Festivals, **is it possible they have also changed something of the weekly Sabbath and put a fence of 12 hours before the Sabbath?**

- Has this fence actually given them permission to change the Day of Atonement when it naturally falls on the 1st or 6th day of the week?
- Are these areas of change worthy of our notice and questions?
- This study will address some of these very problems.

The Day-Start Study is NOT ...

... **an attack on Adventism**, but **a restoration of truth**.

- ✓ This Day-Start study (strictly from the Scriptures) is a **direct rebuke against** the foolish **fables** handed to us from the crypto-Jews.
- ✓ These crypto-Jews have managed to convince us that many of their fables are Torah Truth because at one time they were the “keepers of the Holy Oracles.”
- ✓ **It is our duty to:** “**exhort** in sound doctrine and to **refute those** [of the circumcision] **who contradict.**”
- **They must be silenced!** Titus 1:11

Why Do We Have This Duty?

Because Jeremiah says in Jer 16:19 ...

**... Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity,
and things wherein there is no profit. KJV**

Should not God's people go to the only reliable
Source and find out when the day starts from His
Divine Word.

➤ **Isaiah 8:20** To the law and to the testimony! If
they do not speak according to this word, it is
because they have no dawn. NASB

Scriptures For Consideration

Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that **thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent**, and **hast revealed them unto babes**: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. KJV

Eph 5:13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. NASU

Luke 8:17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad. KJV

Luke 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. KJV

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him **who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light**: KJV

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, **but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light**: KJV

The Day-Start Study Testimonies

From our short experience in these last 5 years, we have found this truth on the “commencement of the Sabbath” is going around the world like wildfire.

We know that “false doctrines and teachings” do the same thing. Therefore, we are admonished to find out for ourselves, despite the headache! Here’s a few testimonies:

1. 2013 – Germany
2. 2013 – Kingston, Jamaica (4 Assemblies)
3. 2014 – Australia



Question Time For Introduction

A presentation is planned to show the historical information of what happened that caused many of the Jewish exiles to adopt a “sunset day-start.”

This problem did not exist until they were exiled to Babylon.

The Day-start was kept according to the pure Torah truth for at least 3400 years.

Many congregations around the world are discovering this hidden truth, and restoring it again, including the Messianic people.



The “sunset” day-start among God’s people is only 2600 years old!

Opening Prayer

