

REVERENCE



- The 3rd Commandment
- Do not use the Lord's name in vein
- YHWH was commonly used UNTIL around 300 B.C.
- It became tradition to NOT call a parent by his/her name
- This transferred to the Father
- The Talmud does NOT attach the reason for not uttering God's name to the 3rd Commandment
- It is regarded as an issue of reverence

THE 4TH WORD: OBSERVE SHABBAT

- *“Remember the day, Shabbat, to set it apart for God...”*
- The 7th day
- *“This is why YHWH blessed the day, Shabbat, and separated it for Himself...”*
- Two questions are at the heart of the matter:
 - 1) Are the 10 Commandments for the “Church”?
 - 2) WHEN and WHAT is Shabbat?



The NINE Commandments?

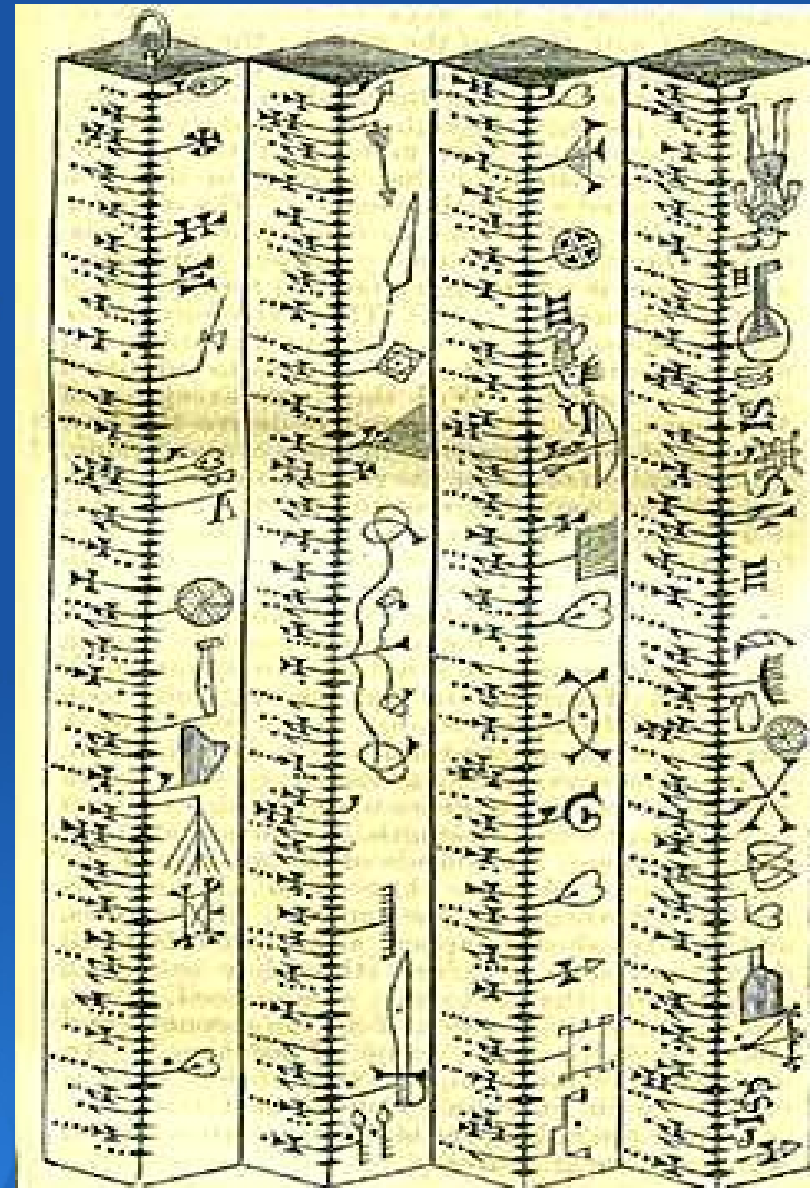


- 7 days in a week
- There is only ONE 7th day of the week
- Hebrews only NAME one day of the week (Shabbat), all others are numbers (1,2,3...6)

CALENDARS

- Only a couple of known instances where the 1st day or last day disagree with the norm
- Runic Calendar, 13th Century A.D
- Had to do with Nordic god system, eventually incorporated Christian Holy Days
- Recently, ISO has started a business standard declaring Monday as the 1st day
- Length of months, seasons, and years have changed, and do vary in history
- Weeks are completely independent of months and years

Runic Calendar



SUNDAY is the 1st Day of the week!

- Disagreements over Sabbath have NEVER been over calendar issues
- Sunday worship (1st day worship) created by edict by Constantine and the Catholic Church early in the 4th Century AD
- But, this was NOT Sabbath.
- Named “The Lord’s Day” in honor of Christ’s resurrection day (1st day)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Classes start	10	11 Meeting	12	13	14
15	16 No class	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Meeting	26	27	28
29	30	31				

EVANGELICAL DOCTRINE: Sunday is NOT Sabbath



- Sunday was chosen because it was “Resurrection day”
- Sunday is a 4th century Catholic law that became Protestant tradition
- Standard Seminary teaching is that Sunday is LORD’S DAY, not SABBATH
- Baptist Website: “The Baptist Page”
We meet “In sacred observance of the LORD’S DAY for His worship and work”
- The Lord’s Day is NOT just an alternative name for “Sabbath”

ARE WE LIVING A CONTRADICTION?



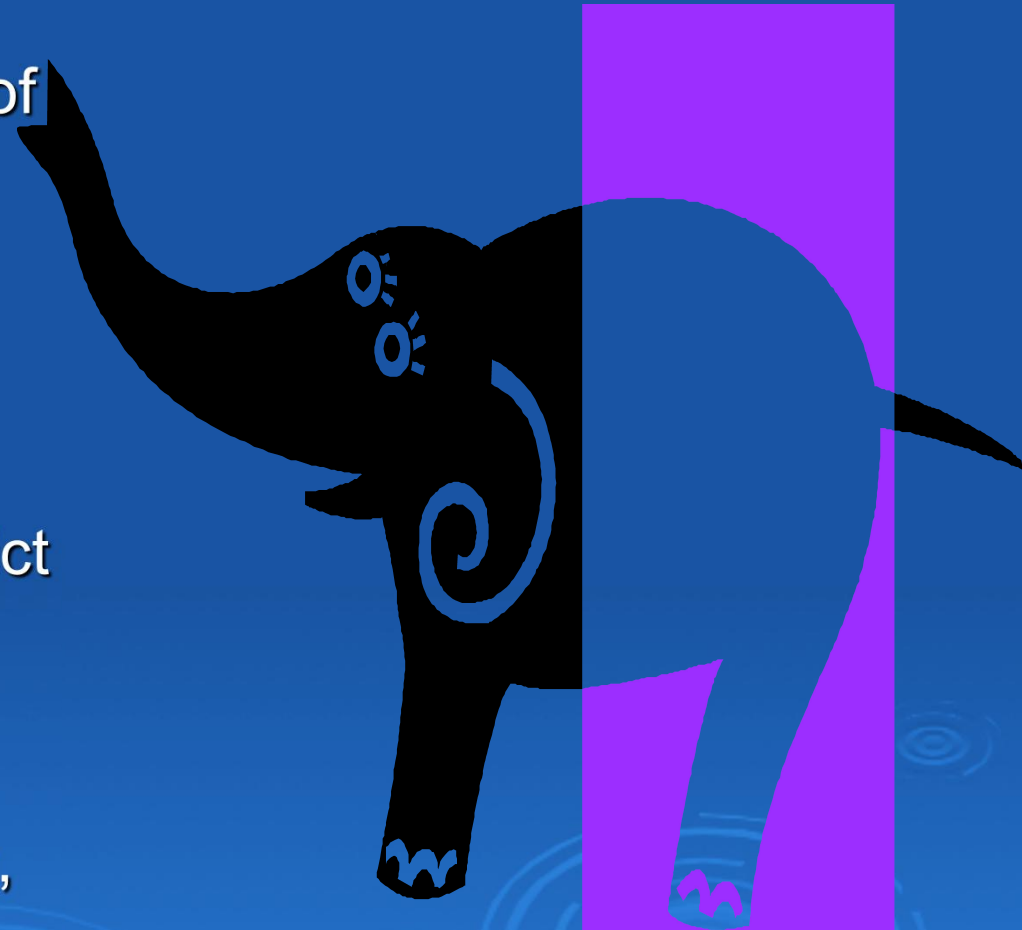
- 10 COMMANDMENTS (Decalogue) is staunchly defended by the Church!
- So, how do we believe we can abolish or change the 4th Commandment?
- Catholics ABOLISHED Sabbath, due to belief the Pope has authority to amend anything he deems appropriate
- Catholics cite that there is NO scriptural basis for abolishing or changing Sabbath

Protestants base Sabbath change on Col. 2:16- 23

➤ Important that we see all Scripture not just in context of its chapter and book, but of the entire Bible.

➤ 3 KEY QUESTIONS to understand Paul:

- 1) Does Paul EVER contradict Christ?
- 2) Did Paul EVER disobey Jewish Law?
- 3) WHO's rules about eating, drinking, New Moon's, Sabbaths is being discussed?



PERSPECTIVE!

#1 DOES PAUL CONTRADICT CHRIST?

- NO!!!!
- If he did, then our Bible is of no value to us
- Christ says in Matt.5:17

***“Do NOT think I have come to abolish
the Law or the Prophets...
I have come to fulfill”***

Paul abolishing or changing the Sabbath
would violate Christ's pronouncement!!

#2 Did Paul EVER disobey the Jewish Law?

- If Paul taught the Sabbath is abolished or can be changed, he broke the Law.
- The penalty for violating the Sabbath Law was DEATH!!
- Acts 25:8, Paul says ***“I have committed no offense against the law of the Jews”***
- Acts 28:17, ***“I have done nothing against the traditions of the fathers”***

#3 Who's rules about Sabbaths, etc, did Paul say to ignore?

- Col. 2 V16 *“...so don't let anyone pass judgment on you...”*
- V18 *“Don't let anyone deny you the prize... such people are always...”*
- V19 *“They fail to hold to the Head...”*
- V22 *“Such prohibitions are concerned with things meant to perish by being used, and they are based on manmade rules and teachings”*

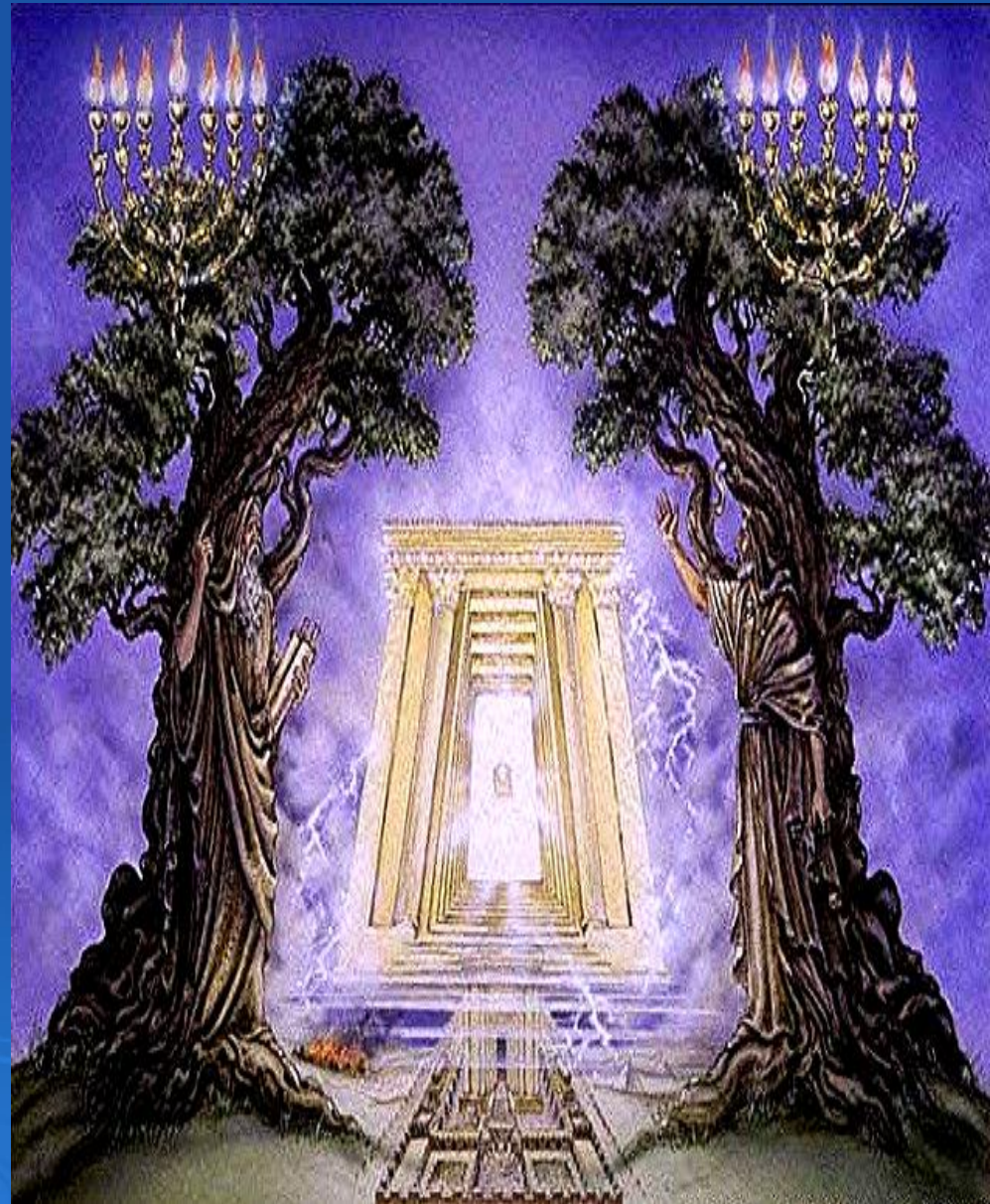
Col.2 is about Paul condemning manmade rules!



- If the 10 Commandments was given to Israel, why does the Church claim them?
- Galatians 3:16 ***“Now the promises were to ABRAHAM and to his SEED...”***
- If the promises (covenants) were given to the Hebrews, how can Christians claim ANY of those promises?

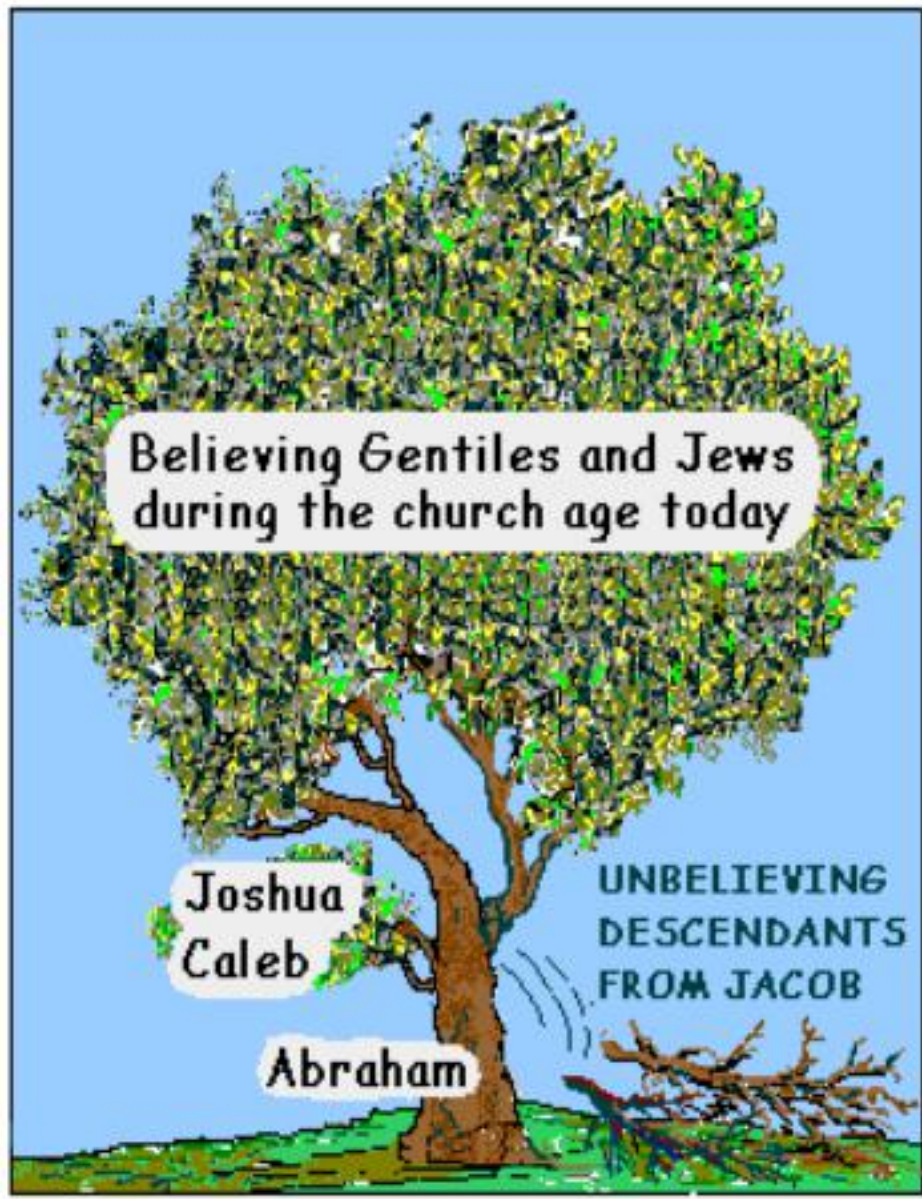
YHWH's formula for gentiles

➤ Galatians 3:26-29 *“For in union with the Messiah, you are all children of God through this trusting faithfulness; because as many of you as were immersed in the Messiah have clothed yourselves with the Messiah, in whom there is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female; for in union with the Messiah Yeshua, you are all one. Also, if you belong to the Messiah, you are seed of Abraham and heirs according to the promise”*



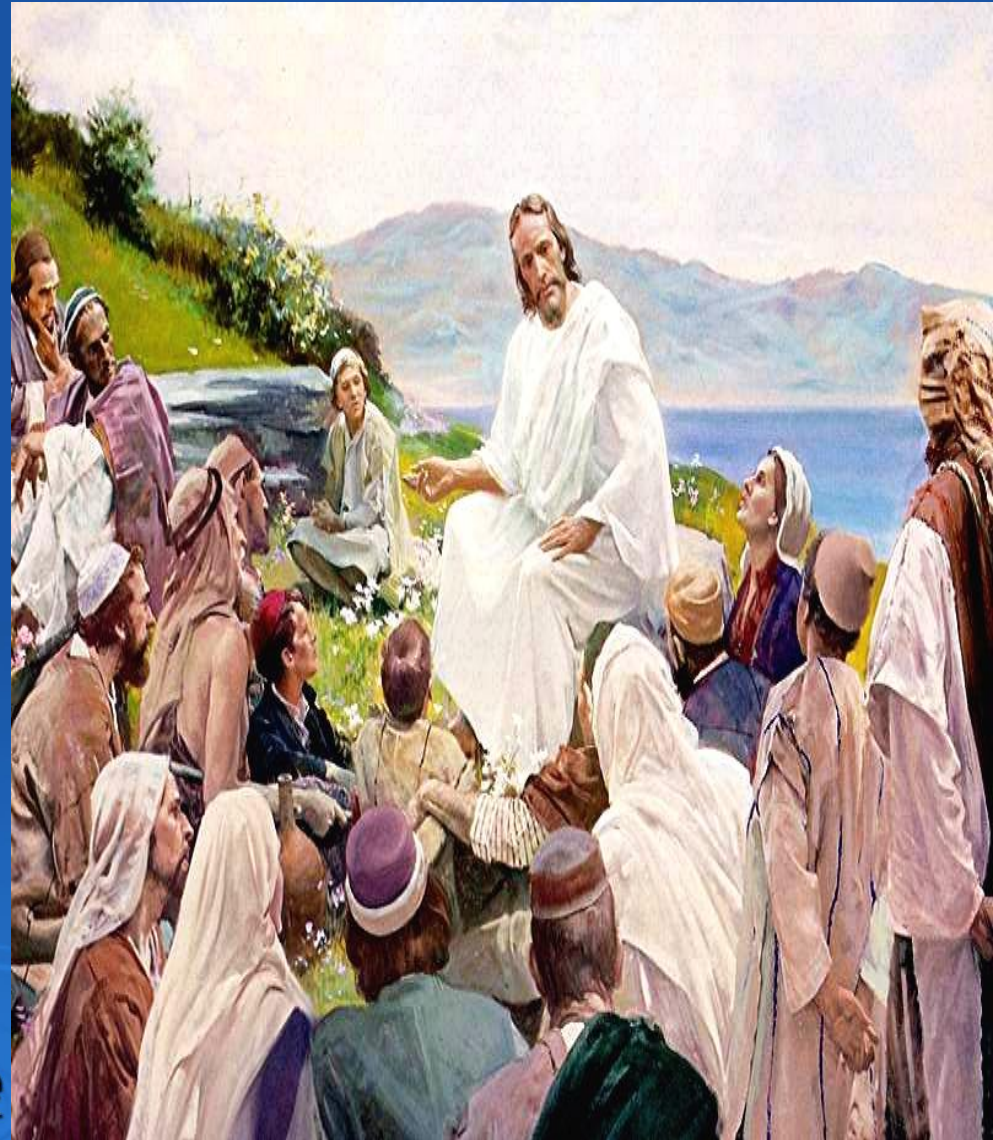
Remember your former state

- Ephesians 2:11-13
“Therefore, remember your former state: you Gentiles by birth...at that time you had no Messiah. You were estranged from the national life of Israel. You were foreigners to the covenants embodying God’s promise. You were in this world without hope and without God. But now, you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of the Messiah’s blood”.



OBEY PRINCIPLES, NOT CULTURAL AND MANMADE RITUALS

- ***SABBATH APPLIES TO US BECAUSE IT'S A SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE!!***
- ALL Believers are subject to the spiritual PRINCIPLES of Torah
- Sermon on the Mount
 - 1) discounted traditions of men
 - 2) reaffirmed the PRINCIPLES behind the LAW
- ***Sabbath is a God-ordained day, not a manmade choice***



Sabbath is NOT a Salvation issue



- ONLY union with Yeshua , Jesus Christ, is Salvation
- The Lord's Day is Sunday manmade by a Roman Emperor
- The Sabbath is Saturday SCRIPTURALLY ordained by God
- They are two different observances

ISAIAH 56:1-7