

# Lunar Shabbat Insights in the Epistle of Barnava

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There are some fascinating references in the authentic Epistle of Barnabas widely distributed to 1<sup>st</sup> century assemblies. The RAMYK's comments below are in red regarding new understandings confirming the solar-lunar Shabbat.

**"It was clearly written after the destruction of Jerusalem, since reference is made to that event (chap. 16.), but how long after is a matter of much dispute. The general opinion is, that its date is not later than the middle of the second century and that it cannot be placed earlier than some twenty or thirty years before. The intention of the writer, as he himself states (chap. 1), was "to perfect the knowledge" of those to whom he wrote."**

**The approximate date was 130-150 CE.**

Barnava Chapter 2:5-6

5 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices? said YHWH. I am full of the whole burnt offerings of rams; I desire not the fat of lambs, nor the blood of bulls and goats, nor need you come to be seen of Me. For who has required these things at your hands? You shall not add thereto to tread my court. If you bring the fine flour, it is vain; incense is an abomination unto me; **your new moons and Shabbats I cannot endure; your fastings' and holy days and moadim my soul hates.**

Verse 5-It is universally agreed that after the Temple's destruction, apostasy had set in! Included in that apostasy was the rabbinical Jewish observance of Shabbat on Saturday and the postponements of other annual feasts by official sanction of the Talmudists. The statement in verse 5 is a second confirmation of Isaiah chapter one, where YHWH rejected all Rosh Chodashim-New Moons and Shabbats performed by Judaism after the Temple's destruction. Why? Because the new exiled calendar was perverted, then amalgamated to the Roman mercantile week and totally divorced from the phases of the moon when it came to weekdays, weeks, New Moons and Shabbats. Only the annual feasts like Passover remained moon based, with the corrupted addition of manmade postponement laws. This is a violation of the heavenly Torot, or laws of the sun and moon, the solar-lunar calendar.

**6 These things, therefore, He has made of none effect, that the new instructions of our Adon Yahshua the Messiah, being free from the yoke of necessity, might have an offering not made with hands.**

Verse 6-The disciples on the other hand continued to offer Yahuwah Shabbats and New Moons that were kosher, acceptable and pleasing to the Father. The new instructions, like LOVE, were new in the sense that they were being RENEWED by the power of the Set Apart Spirit. Like in John 13:34, where Yahshua gives us a NEW COMMANDEMENT, to love one another as HE loves us. These new set of instructions are renewed, or re-taught after the Temple's destruction, to keep the disciples on the right path and to protect them from following their Jewish brethren into the errors of the new Saturday-Shabbat and the error of New Moons falling on days of a Roman week, as opposed to being a SEPARATE marker to start each new moon/month. Barnabas being both a kohen-priest and a disciple declares this "renewed" truth.

Barnava Chapter 15:1-9

1 And, moreover, concerning the Shabbat it is written in the Ten Commandments in which He spoke on Mount Sinai unto Moshe face to face: **Sanctify the Shabbat of YHWH with pure hands and a pure heart.**

2 And in another place He said, **If my sons shall keep My Shabbat, then will I place My mercy upon them.**

3 **He speaks, too, of the Shabbat in the beginning of the creation: And Elohim made in six days the works of His hands, and finished them on the seventh day, and rested on it and sanctified it.**

4 **Consider, my children, what significance have these words; He finished them in six days. They mean this: that in six thousand years, YHWH will make an end of all things; for a day is with Him is as a thousand years. And He himself bears witness unto me, saying: Behold this day; a day shall be as a thousand years. Therefore, my children, in six days, that is in six thousand years, shall all things be brought to an end.**<sup>1</sup>

5 **And the words, He rested on the seventh day, have this significance: After that His Son has [will] come,<sup>2</sup> and has [will] caused to cease the times of the wicked one,<sup>3</sup> and has judged the unrighteous, and changed the sun and the moon and the stars,<sup>4</sup> then shall He rest well on the seventh day.**

Note this amazing prophecy written in the prophetic perfect, a past tense Hebraic style of writing, predicting the future like Isaiah chapter 53! At the end of 6,000 years, Yahshua Himself will return to planet earth to UNDO the LIES of FALSE time keeping, like the Islamic and Jewish calendars. The Jewish calendar being divorced from the phases of the moon and the Islamic divorced from the sun establishing the seasons. Of course the Christian calendar is no less erroneous, needing Yahshua's personal correction and intervention as well, when He brings Christmas, Easter and Sunday Sabbath to an end at His return. After He brings final judgment to this age and the atid lavoh/millennium is set to commence, Yahshua will "change" the sun, moon and stars back to their intended purpose. To keep, preserve and declare true and correct time on the earth for all eternity!

6 **And further He said, You shall sanctify it with pure hands and a pure heart. Who, therefore, can sanctify the day that YHWH has sanctified, unless he is pure of heart? In all things have we been deceived.**

Only those who understand the solar-lunar calendar will have the ability to set apart the true Shabbat that YHWH loves. Their hands and heart will have been renewed with truth. No one can sanctify the Shabbat and New Moons correctly according to Barnabas, unless his heart has been made pure by the Son's renewal of the sun, moon and stars, as the correct set-apart millennial time pieces. The statement in "all things we have been deceived" is a wakeup call to the proud who remain 'certain' that Saturday is the original Shabbat chained back to the Garden of Eden. We too were once 'certain' fully trusting in this deception.

7 **Behold, that then indeed we shall be able to rest well and sanctify; even when we ourselves, having been justified, and having received the promise, when iniquity exists no longer, but all things have been made new by YHWH, we shall then be able to sanctify it, having been first sanctified ourselves.**<sup>5</sup>

So it is clear that followers of Judaism after the Temple's destruction were NOT resting well, were NOT sanctifying it properly and were not justified by Moshiah's blood. In the millennial kingdom soon coming to the earth, when correct Shabbats and Moadim and other Torah requirements will have been renewed by the Son of Yahuwah, all our Shabbats and Rosh Chodashim will once again be kadosh (Isaiah 66:22-23)! **This proves beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the Shabbat keeping going on today in Judaism, is a deception and**

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<sup>1</sup> This understanding has long been the main view of both traditional Judaism and also the Nazarene Yisraelite community. There will be 6,000 years from Adam until the Messiah sets up His millennial kingdom during the last 1,000 years of this age. This is symbolized by the six days of creation and the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Shabbat rest.

<sup>2</sup> 6,000 years after Adam and Eve.

<sup>3</sup> The Islamic anti-messiah.

<sup>4</sup> Or renewed them.

<sup>5</sup> In order for one to inherit the eternal, Shabbat, one has to obey Yahshua's example and obey the current Shabbat with Yahshua as Savior.

**YHWH's heart's compassion and desire is for you to come out of it now, as you prepare yourself to prepare for the righteousness to be revealed with the Son of YHWH's arrival.**

8 And, furthermore, He said **unto them, Your new moons and your Sabbats I cannot endure. See, now, what He means. The Sabbats, that now are, are not acceptable unto me,**

Saturday Sabbaths and the Roman planetary week had already set in by 150 CE. Nothing can be clearer!!

**But that which I have made is, even that in which, after that I have brought all things to an end, I shall make a beginning of the eighth day, which thing is the beginning of another world the olam haba.**<sup>6</sup>

The 8<sup>th</sup> day is a reference to the eternal Shabbat period after the millennial kingdom. However, it is also a reference to a current restoration calling to obey the 8<sup>th</sup> day of each moon as Shabbat. Once we learn that day 8 of each new moon is Shabbat (7 days after New Moon Day), we can easily see that so are days 15, 22 and 29 of each moon. This understanding then actually is preparing us for the time keeping that will be kept in the kingdom!

**9 Wherefore we [disciples] keep the eighth day as a day of gladness, on which also Yahshua was discovered risen from the dead, and after which He had appeared ascended unto heaven.**

This may in fact hold two meanings. First that Yahshua was raised on day 8 of the week, also known as Yom Rishon, the first day, as that was the day after Shabbat when His body was first discovered (a day of great joy). That is the pashat-plain meaning of the text. However, if we also drop down just one level into the remez- hint application, we see that the 8<sup>th</sup> day is also a reference to the first Shabbat of each month, thus a declaration of the first set apart day of a new order.

Yahshua rose on day 8 of the week, or the day after Shabbat (Aviv 16), but to those who follow Yahshua the Risen One correctly, 8, 15 22 and 29 symbolize the restored order of Shabbat guarding piety in the coming kingdom under Yahshua's rule and reign! Now is the time to prepare yourself, by adopting the very lifestyle of that reign, where we will reign with Him for 1,000 years!

Selah!!!

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<sup>6</sup> After the end of the millennial reign comes, eternity the 8<sup>th</sup> day, or the true rest for all of creation. All the current moadim/feasts are not the goal of what YHWH has prepared for us. The 8<sup>th</sup> day renewed order is.