

Natural Assumptions in a Transitional Time

A Contrast in Synagogue Practices between Yahushua and the Yahudim-Jews

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In this teaching we will challenge some widely held assumptions. Why are there references to two kinds of synagogues in the time of Yahushua on earth? **THEIRS and ours!** Let's see if we can perhaps grasp a truth long concealed in SCRIPTURE itself, as it pertains to the 7th day Shabbat and the early disciples. First let's define the word **THEIR**.

*Pronoun-a form of the possessive case of **they** used as an attributive adjective, before a noun: **their home; their rights as citizens; their departure for Rome.** Dictionary.com*

As we can clearly see, the word describes and attributes something, a noun, to others, not attributed to the first, or the proclaiming party. **While we have and will continue to strongly affirm that Yahushua observed the correct Shabbat along with MOST of the Jewish people when He walked the earth, some interesting questions now need to be raised and answered for the first time!** We have well documented that in Yahushua's day, the people of Jewish Israel by and large kept the 7th day weekly Shabbat by the moon's phases following the New Moon Day. See:

- **Updating Philo's Jewish Witness** [PDF](#)
- **Jews Observed Same Lunar Sabbath as the Messiah Did-Philo** [PDF](#)
- **Jewish People Admit** [PDF](#)

Most who study the lunar Shabbat issue claim that they cannot find anywhere in Scripture where Jews broke with the lunar Shabbat in order to adopt Saturday. They claim such an event of such magnitude must be recorded somewhere and if it's not, it serves to prove that neither the Jews nor the Messiah ever worshipped on any other day, than what is known today as Saturday. **However, I believe we have located the place and time of the split and just where the apostasy began to set in. Best of all we have found it in the Scriptures themselves. If we have found the place in time where Shabbat degenerated into Saturday, we then have the evidence we need to show the latter as misguided apostasy and the former as eternal truth.**

We also know there were sharp divisions between Yahushua and His disciples and the traditional Jews of His day.

Nowhere is this division seen more than in this term we have unearthed formerly hidden in plain sight.

THEIR SYNAGOGUES! Now keep in mind that the resurrected witness of Yahushua had not gone forth yet, because He was still alive before His crucifixion declaring the Good News of the Kingdom. The only central debate was over the fact that either He was, or was not The Moshiach. **The disciples would not have separated from normative 1st century Judaism over the resurrection, the corner stone of our faith, as that event had not yet occurred. And yet we see a DIVISION and two clearly outlined types, or customs of synagogue worship! "THEIRS and OURS!"**

Upon further review, it is now clear that there had to have been other issues, other than Yahushua Himself that caused the disciples to break Sabbath fellowship with the Jews of the first century in some instances. Seems like the main Jewish day of gathering and worship was the 7th day Shabbat. It must therefore be assumed that since Yahushua was not yet the issue, as His resurrection witness had not yet gone forth, that all signs would point to there being a contention amongst-within the Jewish people over Shabbat. **We simply cannot assume that there were 2 types of synagogues in Yahushua's day over some minor issues like the flavor of coffee, length of tzitzit, or the size of challah bread.** NO! From the hints-remez I see in Scripture alone, the pull and magnetism of Roman corruption had already begun to set in just prior to the Temple's destruction in 70 CE. What had begun in Babylon with the assignment of pagan names to lunar months in Zachariah the prophets day, had now blossomed into adding and adopting the Roman planetary days of the Julian calendar in 45 BCE just about 11-12 years before Yahushua's first advent. Synagogue worship during the years from 45 BCE to 33 CE was in great flux undergoing a radical transition for the worse. It is into this time of flux and transition that Moshiach is born in Beth Lechem of Judea! **Does anyone studying this issue with an open mind really believe that Yahushua Himself allowed His disciples to follow Julian days and months? If He did, that would exclude Him from being Moshiach, as The Moshiach had to teach Torah days, times and seasons, not the Julian corruption of Torah.**

It was this key error that assigned the 7th day Shabbat to one of those days dedicated to Molech-Saturn that caused the disciples of Yahushua to have their own synagogues EVEN WHEN YAHUSHUA WAS ALIVE. We have documented this! Remember, history teaches us that the disciples were thrown out of the traditional synagogues after Yahushua's lifetime, due to their refusal to hail Bar-Chochba as Messiah in the Jewish revolt against Rome in 135 CE. This we know! **However it is while Yahushua was alive and therefore under His divine governance and command that the disciples refused to meet with the rest of the Jewish population on their main day of worship, the Shabbat, seeing they had their own places of worship, even while Yahushua was alive before His impalement.** It is also true that the disciples were very often found in THEIR (traditional Jewish) synagogues, as many had not yet apostatized in doctrine, while others were seen as places of ongoing family heritage, or places where the fields were ripe for evangelism purposes amongst their Jewish brethren. **The disciples' attendance, or visits to THEIR synagogues did not mean that they did not also attend their**

own established communities of Nazarene synagogues. Visiting Jewish synagogues was for non-doctrinal purposes such as evangelism, as seen throughout the Scroll of Acts, while attendance in Nazarene synagogues was for discipleship and community. You can see this pattern in Rav Sholiach Shaul-Paul's life in the Scroll of Acts, as he visits Jewish synagogues for several weeks at a time, but never settles in those communities.

So while the Jews of Yahushua's day by-and-large did follow the correct eternal Shabbat of the heavens, just enough leaven had begun to set in years just prior to the Temple's destruction, that apparently under Yahushua's very orders, He commanded his followers to stay true to the faith of Scripture and establish their own synagogues and communities.

In light of this understanding and taken in conjunction with Philo and other evidence, it is still correct that Jews in Yahushua's day followed the correct Shabbat. However, there was enough of a budding and growing leavening corruption within the corrupted first century synagogue leadership, who were in a rapid transitory stage towards a full adaptation of Roman based Saturday worship, that Yahushua ordered a preemptive separation. He did this in order to guard Himself and His disciples from succumbing to the very increasing leaven of the Pharisees. That is how the original Nazarene synagogues were born, even while much of Jewry was still guarding lunar based Shabbats!

Yahushua commanded them-US to BEWARE OF THE CHAMETZ-LEAVEN OF THE SYNAGOGUE. By heeding His warning, the disciples would also be protected from prison and even death after His resurrection and His subsequent ascension. If we guard the Shabbat, He will surely guard us in all our comings and all of our goings.

Matthew 16:6-Then Yahushua said to them, *Take heed and beware of the chametz of the Prushim and of the Tzadukim.*

People say Yahushua never specifically rebuked the Jews for Shabbath breaking. Yes He did! He even warned His disciples not to get caught up in THEIR LEAVEN, so that the Jewish leaders even questioned Him about HIS doctrine verses THEIR doctrine. There were so many errors in Pharisaic rabbinic Judaism that Yahushua chose not to list them all specifically, as that could have led to another Torah in and of itself. Within the generalization about their doctrinal leaven, surely lie the seeds of Shabbat perversion.

And the fact remains that the first century synagogues were run by the Pharisees and Torah scribes, as the Sadducees were left in charge of the activities on the Temple Mount and the priesthood. Look up these sacred texts below and then see the brief commentary in maroon and you will see this unfold!

Below are hidden keys in the Besorah itself, showing that the division between the Temple Mount Shabbat and the local synagogue Shabbat practice had begun and that soon the entire lump would be corrupted within 40 years.

Matt. 4:23-And Yahushua went about all Galil, teaching **in their synagogues**, and proclaiming the Besorah of the malchut, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people of Yisrael.

Even in the early stages of Moshiach's ministry He taught in THEIR synagogues where the lost were.

Matt. 6:22-*Therefore when you perform your mitzvoth, do not sound a shofar before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have tifereth from men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward.*

The synagogues of His day were filled with hypocrites, whereas the synagogues of the talmidim/disciples were filled with the spiritually sick, seeking healing.

Matt. 9:35-And Yahushua went about all the cities and villages, **teaching in their synagogues**, and proclaiming the Besorah of the malchut, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

In all the cities Yahushua was in He shared the Good News. We see that in most cities there were two differing kinds of synagogues. One kind under His authority and one kind under THEIR authority. The synagogue of the disciples did not need to have the Good News preached. They were all healed by the Master, while there was a need for ongoing healing amongst the people in THEIR synagogues.

Matt. 13:54-And when He had come into His own country, **He taught them in their synagogues**, so that they were astonished, and said, from where has this Man this chochmah, and these mighty mitzvoth?

Even in His own country/region there were two kinds of synagogues.

Matt. 23:5-6-*But all their mitzvoth they do to be seen by men: they make large their tephillin, and lengthen their tzitziyot, And love the best seats at moadim, and the main seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called, Rabbi, Rabbi, by men.*

Yahusha states that the hypocrisy of the Pharisees is seen both in the street-market place and in **their synagogues**.

Matt. 23:34-*Therefore, see, I send to you neviim, and wise men, and Sophrim: and some of them you shall kill and destroy; **and some of them you shall scourge in your synagogues**, and persecute them from city to city:*

Surely the prophets and scribes that were followers and true men of Yahuwah would not be beaten, flogged and killed in the believing synagogues by Yahushua and His disciples. This should be becoming more and more obvious!

Mark 1:21-23-And there was **in their synagogue** a man with an unclean ruach; and he cried out;

No unclean spirit would be allowed to stay and thrive in a synagogue that was Spirit filled, with Spirit filled disciples, as the unclean spirit would have been cast out in Yahushua's Name! The unclean spirits were fully subject to the disciples Luke 10:19-20.

Mark 1:39-**And He proclaimed in their synagogues** throughout all Galil, and cast out shedim.

No unclean spirit would be allowed to stay and thrive in a synagogue that was Spirit filled, with Spirit filled disciples, as the Spirit would have been cast out! Luke 10:19-29.

Mark 12:38-40-And He said to them in His teaching, **Beware of the Sophrim**, who love to go in long clothing, and love greetings in the marketplaces,

39 **And the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at moadim:**

40 *Who devour widows' houses, and for a public show make long tefillot: these shall receive greater damnation.*

Surely the Torah scribes trained and reared by the Messiah would not be found devouring widow's pensions, homes and acting unrighteous. Surely there are two kinds of synagogues in that day. The first clean and walking in the Spirit of Torah, including patriarchal moon phased Shabbats and the new kind, where devils felt safe and secure, preying on the less fortunate.

Mark 13:9-*But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to [their] councils; and in the [their] synagogues you shall be beaten: and you shall be brought before rulers and melechim for My sake, for a testimony to them.*

Were the disciples beaten and betrayed in their own synagogues and in front of their own councils? Of course not! They were safe in their own synagogues.

Luke 4:15-16-

15-And **He taught in their synagogues [notice not on the Shabbat]**, being esteemed by all.

16 **And He came to Natzeret, where He had been brought up: and, according to His practice, He went into the synagogue on Shabbat**, and stood up to read.

Several points; He entered their synagogue to teach the Good News! When He returns to Nazareth where He was raised in biblical Shabbat, **He entered on the day that He was accustomed to. When taken together, we see that this particular synagogue where He shared was a different kind than the one where He was raised, as He went to service, but not on the correct Shabbat. These verses differentiate between THEIR CUSTOM and HIS BOYHOOD AND ADULT PRACTICE!**

Luke 4:44-And He proclaimed **in the synagogues of Galil.**

Earlier these same synagogues in Galilee are also referred to as their synagogues.

Luke 11:52-**Woe to you, Torah teachers! For you have taken away the key of da'at: you entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in you hindered.**

The key to entry into the things of the kingdom is the weekly Shabbat found in Torah, but not found in the religion of the Pharisees, the forerunners of the modern traditional rabbis. **Theirs is a traditional religion of keyless entry! The key could not be Yahushua Himself, as He had not yet been "taken away" to die. SOMETHING OTHER THAN YAHUSHUA HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY TAKEN AWAY BY THOSE LEADERS FROM THOSE THAT WERE ALREADY ENTERING INTO TORAH THE CORRECT WAY.** As believers coming out of the Roman Sunday system, we all know and recall that the first key to entering into our Hebraic heritage and Hebraic roots is the weekly Shabbath! **These leaders during this historical time of transition were not entering Shabbat correctly and were hindering our people as well! How little did we know that a full Hebraic return would also require our departure from the same Roman Saturday system, which we later came to discover, was part and parcel of the same Sunday system and calendation!**

Luke 12:1-2-In the meantime, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His talmidim first, ***Beware of the chametz of the Prushim, which is hypocrisy.***

2 For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; neither hidden, that shall not be known.

The Pharisees oversaw the synagogue system of the first century. Yahushua called that system under their leadership a system filled with leaven-chametz. One of the things they did was COVER TRUTH!!! Yet Yahushua insisted that the things they have corrupted and hidden in their synagogue system would be REVEALED. Included in this comprehension no doubt is the correct 7th day Shabbat, which WAS maintained on the Temple Mount under the supervision of the Sadducees and the priestly stock, the Kohanoot.

Luke 20:46-***Beware of the Sophrim, who desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the best places at moadim;***
47 Who embezzle widows' houses, and for a show make long tefillot: these shall receive greater damnation.

The Scribes-Sophrim were the readers and writers of the Torah Scrolls. Yahushua called them embezzlers. Surely Yahushua would not allow thieves and hypocrites to lead His own disciples in the public reading and recording of set apart Torah. This is further evidence that synagogues were separate at this time due to major doctrinal issues, not merely the Good News itself.

Luke 21:12-***But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before melechim and rulers for My Name's sake.***

Do you honestly think that the disciples were delivered up and betrayed by their own synagogue leaders? The THEY clearly indicates those who had BEGUN to bring leaven even into the true Shabbat, using their synagogue as the place to apprehend those later delivered to prison.

John 9:22-These words spoke his parents, **because they feared the Yahudim: for the Yahudim had agreed already, that if man did confess that He was the Moshiach, he would then be put out of the synagogue.**

The synagogues of the Pharisaic rabbis would put disciples out of their synagogues even while Yahushua was alive. Would disciples of Yahushua be thrown out of their own assemblies for saving faith in Yahushua, or cast into prison by Nazarene synagogue leaders? Of course not!

John 16:2-3-*These things have I spoken to you, that you should not stumble. 2 **They shall put you out of the synagogues: yes, the time comes, that whoever kills you will think that he performs an offering in YHWH's service. 3 And these things will they do to you, because they have not known Me, or the Abba.***

First note that THEY shall remove you from THEIR not "our" synagogues!

Second, those who behave like this in their synagogues do not KNOW ME OR THE ABBA.

Therefore it is well within the scope of possibility that one of the things they did not properly observe was the original patriarchal Shabbat as practiced by many faithful first century Jews and by Yahushua and His disciples! These declarations all indicate a severe and radical departure from the historic norm!

John 18:19-21:

19 The Kohen HaGadol then asked Yahushua about His talmidim, and about His doctrine.

20 Yahushua answered him, *I spoke openly to the olam hazeh; **I always taught in the synagogue, and in the Beit HaMikdash, where the Yahudim always assemble; and in secret have I said nothing.***

21 *Why do you ask Me? Ask those who heard Me, what I have said to them: see, they know what I said.*

Note that they asked Yahushua about His doctrine, not the Good News of the Kingdom. What is the most basic doctrine in Judaism about which He must have been asked? Correct. The Shabbat! Note that Jews met both in synagogues and in the Temple on Moriah and it was in both places that Yahushua taught His doctrines, in all places where the Jews assemble. This explains why He often attends synagogues even where Saturday was adopted and others where Saturday was not adopted. He visited Saturday places to evangelize, but correct biblical Shabbat places to worship and fellowship.

James 1:1 and James 2:2-For if there comes **into your synagogue** a man with a gold ring, in costly apparel, and there comes in also a poor man in soiled clothing;

After His resurrection Yaakov writes to believers, the 12 tribes, about their own synagogue. Again we see that the disciples met in their own synagogues, while traditional Jews met in

their own synagogues. People say Yahushua never rebuked the Jews for Shabbath breaking. **Yes He did! He even warned His disciples not to get caught up in THEIR LEAVEN, so that the Jewish leaders even questioned Him about HIS doctrine verses THEIR doctrine. There were so many errors in Pharisaic rabbinic Judaism that Yahushua chose not to list them all specifically. Within the generalization about their doctrinal leaven, surely lie the seeds of Shabbat perversion.**

Rev. 2:9-I know your mitzvoth, and tribulation, and poverty, but you are rich – and I know the blasphemy of them, who say they are Yahudim, and are not, but are the synagogue of s.a.tan.

The risen Yahushua differentiates between the COMMANDEMENT KEEPING of His followers versus those of traditional Judaism and differentiates between the doctrines and commands as taught by some synagogues, who teach demonic things, even while claiming to be pious Jews. Very possibly the forsaking of the biblical Shabbat put these Jews out from under Yahuwah's lordship. Clearly the disciples guarded the commands correctly, unlike other Jews. Yahushua says don't worry I KNOW YOUR MITZVOTH! **What mitzvoth? The correct Shabbat amongst other as well. In context, the blasphemy must have been a perversion, or a twisting of the MITZVOTH, or COMMANDS.**

Rev. 3:9-See, I will make them of the synagogue of s.a.tan, who say they are Yahudim, and are not, but do lie; see, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

This is fascinating as those who hold to the teachings of some synagogues and Saturday WORSHIP, will one day come, have a change of heart and worship AT, or WITH, His disciples at the correct times. The term "worship at your feet" does not mean worship your own righteousness. No, not at all! It means worship in your WAYS, your correct halacha! All Jews will one day recognize that "correct worship" is found in and among our remnant people.

They will soon know that it was Yahushua's love for us that gave the Nazarene synagogue and our communities the correct worship, the correct Shabbat Day and the correct halacha, if we will receive and then continue in it, despite the high personal cost of separation and set apartness that we have to endure, in order to obey our Master's commands.

In the kingdom, Saturday Shabbat keepers will leave their WORSHIP SYSTEM AND MANMADE ROMAN DAYS behind and join together with the true synagogue of the firstborn. Selah!

Addendum-In order to present the full picture of the turbulent time in the 1st century, we need to recognize a third kind of synagogue, or Torah community, that of the Essenes. By their own writings found amongst the Dead Sea Scrolls we know beyond certainty that in addition to Saturday synagogues and Nazarene synagogues of lunar Shabbat worship, that the Essenes maintained a third form of worship. That being a solar only Enoch type calendar,

as they believed the moon to be an unreliable heavenly witness, due to its lunation irregularities and visibility issues.

However it is through their writings that we have CLEAR evidence that one of the MAIN reasons they separated into the Qumran community in the Judean wilderness, was that they disagreed with MOON BASED 7th day SHABBATS AS PRACTICED BY THE PRIESTS ON MT. MORIAH IN THE SECOND TEMPLE. This is a clear and undeniable historic fact confirming my earlier findings that local Jewish synagogues had begun to apostatize, while the CORRECT moon based weekly and annual Shabbats were correctly maintained in the Second Temple.

Here then, in their own words and accusations against the Temple hierarchy, do we find that the PRIESTLY leaders of Jewish Israel kept the correct Shabbat, while local synagogues did not. The Nazarenes aligned themselves with the priests on Mt. Moriah, the ancient Mt. Zion, one probable reason you would always find Yahushua Himself in the Temple teaching there, as opposed to few times He entered a local synagogue. The disciples followed Yahushua's example and in addition to establishing separate Nazarene synagogues-communities, always resided on the Mt. of Olives and the Garden of Geth-Shemen. The Olive Press Garden, in order to be very close to travel to the Temple on Shabbat, was considered a kosher Shabbath Day's journey from point A to point B.

In addition, the Nazarene synagogue located just outside Mt. Moriah, seemed to be the Jerusalem headquarters of the early believers in Judea with Yaakov-James as the leader, even as Capernaum was in the north. See http://www.gnfi.org/messianic_seal.php

Please review this link to see where the Essenes admit that they disagreed with the leaders of Israel and their halacha to follow the lunar Shabbat and that was one of their main grievances and reasons for cessation. See:

Proof in Jubilees [PDF](#)

http://yourarmstoisrael.org/Articles_new/shabbat/Proof%20in%20Jubilees%20Master.pdf

