

The recovery of the Paradise and in the implementation hereof; Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath

In the previous newsletter we described the Great War at Har-Magedon, God's final war. Herein we have discussed extensively the concerning end-time prophecies by Daniel and seen that in the end times the 8th world power of central banks will exalt itself above all (Daniel 11: 37-39), it will honor the false prophet - the god of fortresses - who wants to be worshiped as God, and will cooperate with a strange or foreign god based on false reasoning, the Mesopotamian god Allah.

In this newsletter we will talk about the recovery of the – at that time - lost paradise after the serious violation of Adam and Eve, who had eaten from the forbidden tree. God didn't abandon the first humans to their fate and has never unleashed the plan of a human family on a paradise earth.

The notice for recovery

After the serious violations of Adam and Eve, God immediately promised He would send a Messiah, a Savior. The snake had initially apparently success and won, but it will finally end badly for him.

The announcement for the recovery of the future paradise all starts with Genesis 3:15, where it says that Satan's head will be crushed, but Jesus will be bruised in the heel:

KJV (Genesis 3: 12-15) 12 The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” 14 The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise (crush) your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

After their sin Adam and Eve were expelled from paradise and had to work for the products of the 'cursed' ground. (Genesis 3: 17-19)

As first, there was talked about enmity between the serpent and the woman and enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman. The snake is Satan according to Revelation 12:

KJV (Revelation 12: 9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:....

With 'the woman' in verse 15, that Satan's offspring will be hostile with, is not meant the woman Eve.

Cain, the offspring of Eve, killed Abel. Cain was for that reason, according to 1 John of the wicked one:

KJV (Genesis 4: 1, 2, 8) 1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. 2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground..... 8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.....

KJV (1 John 3:12) 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

In Genesis 3:15 is therefore meant another woman.

Who is this woman where is spoken of?

This 'woman' stands for the Jerusalem which is above, the heavenly Jerusalem, the heavenly Mother:

KJV (Galatians 4:26) 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

(See for support: end time 5. Revelation; the pregnant woman

<http://www.dojc.nl/?p=2243&lang=en>)

The heavenly woman is an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, a heavenly organization with its myriads of angels.

Also Satan and his demons were part of this heavenly organization.

Furthermore, in Revelation is this heavenly woman discussed again:

KJV (Revelation 12: 1) 1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

KJV (Revelation 12:17) 17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- *(Genesis 3:15) Enmity between Satan and the heavenly woman*

Jesus spoke in such a way about Satan, that he had already been convicted:

KJV (John 16:11) 11... because the prince of this world is judged.

Eventually, Satan will be cast out of heaven by Michael and his angels:

KJV (Revelation 12: 7-8) 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

- *(Genesis 3:15) Enmity between the seed of Satan and the seed of the woman*

In Scripture is in more occasions spoken over the seed of a woman, like Hagar, the handmaid of Sarah in Gen.16: 7-10 and Rebekah, wife of Isaac in Gen.24: 60.

With the seed or offspring of a woman is meant her born offspring.

The offspring of the woman (Genesis 3: 15), God's children, are those, who will be no part of this world.

With the seed of the serpent are people considered belonging to Satan:

KJV (1 John 3:10) 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

KJV (Matthew 13: 38-39) 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is

*the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
KJV (John 8:44) 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.....*

- *(Genesis 3:15) It shall crush your head, and you shall bruise his heel*

People cannot crush Satan, a spiritual creature.

The main part of the descendants of the heavenly woman is the Messiah, the Savior.

KJV (Galatians 3:16) 16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

KJV (John 3: 16-17) 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Jesus resisted Satan in the wilderness despite temptations (Matthew 4: 1-11) and in spite of torture and death (Matthew 26: 48 - 28: 50).

ESV (John 14:30) 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me.

Jesus has overcome the world and thereby overcome Satan's world of death:

KJV (John 16:33) 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

KJV (Hebrews 2: 14) 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

Jesus has, by withstanding his acts, crushed Satan (spiritually speaking) in the head:

ESV (Ephesians 2: 1-2) 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

KJV (1 Corinthians 15: 21-22) 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Jesus was tortured and slain by Satan's activity, 'bruised in the heel', but received a resurrection for eternity.

Satan will be imprisoned in the abyss (Rev. 20: 2), and after 1000 years imprisonment, Satan will be released for a short period and then be completely obliterated by God:

KJV (Romans 16:20) 20 And the God of peace shall bruise (crush) Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

KJV (Revelation 20:10) 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever..

So far 'the notice for recovery' as described in Genesis 3:15.

After this announcement, the further recovery first begins with a people for God's name.

The calling of Abraham

Abraham lived in the Chaldean UR, where he was also born.

He was the 10th in the line of Noah, son of Terah. (Genesis 11: 10-27)

The worship of the moon god was the main religion in all Mesopotamia.

The Assyrians and Babylonians knew the word Sin as the name of the moon god.

In the city of Ur, various stone tablets are found of the moon god Sin, who was worshiped in this area.

Below are some Babylonian stone tablets:



Also in the family line of Abraham, this idol was served:

KJV (Joshua 24: 2) 2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.

The son of Noah, Shem, had survived the flood at the age of 98 years:

KJV (Genesis 11: 10-11) 10 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood: 11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

Abraham lived about 150 years in the same time period as Shem and may have heard directly from Shem the extraordinary stories of the God of Noah (and his family).

Despite the drenched world of idolatry, wherein Abraham lived, Abraham was obedient to God's call to go out from Ur to a promised land:

KJV (Hebrews 11: 8) 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

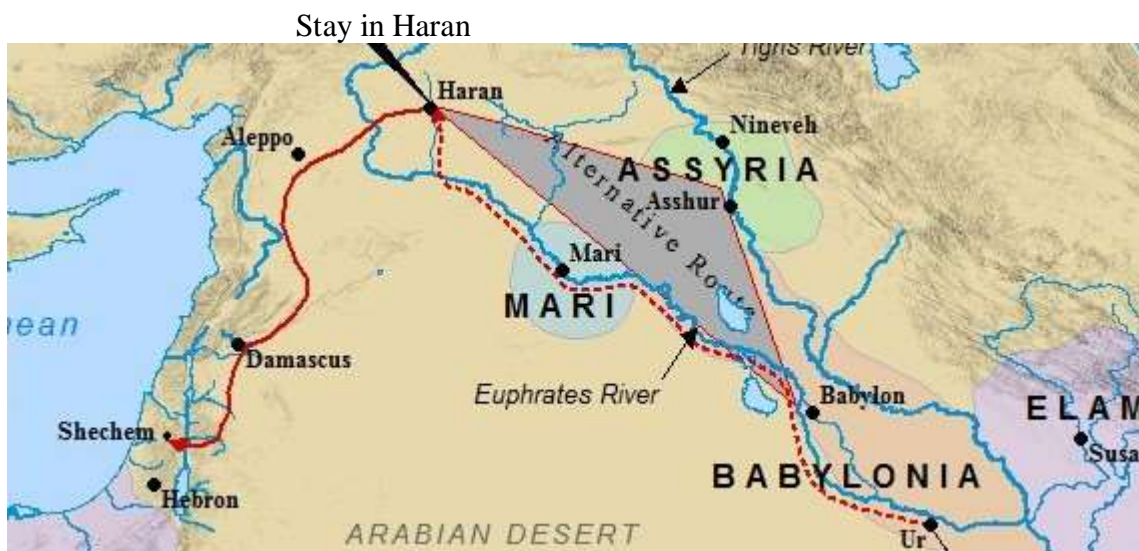
KJV (Acts 7: 2-3) 2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, 3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall show thee.

As first they stayed in Haran:

KJV (Genesis 11:32-12:2, 12:6-7) 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran. 12:1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:..... 6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. 7 And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.

Arrived in Canaan, Abraham is offered the Promised Land for himself and his descendants:

KJV (Genesis 13: 14-16) 14 And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: 15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.



God made a covenant with Abraham:

ESV (Genesis 17: 1-2) 1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly."

KJV (Psalm 105: 6-10) 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. 7 He is the Lord our God: his judgments are in all the earth. 8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. 9 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

Abraham had a son (Ishmael) with Hagar, the handmaid of Sarah, but now he would conceive a son with Sarah:

KJV (Genesis 18: 11-12) 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

KJV (Genesis 21: 5) 5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

In Canaan, Abraham was asked by God to sacrifice his son Isaac:

KJV (Genesis 22: 1-2) 1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Abraham went with leaden feet to Mount Moriah (according to Jewish sources), the Temple Mount, to do what God asked:

KJV (Genesis 22: 10-12) 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

KJV (Genesis 22: 16-18) 16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

God's covenant people, the people for God's name:

KJV (Numbers 6:27) 27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

KJV (Deuteronomy 28:10) 10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.

KJV (2 Samuel 7:23) 23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

KJV (2 Chronicles 7:14) 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

The children of Jacob (Israel), the son of Isaac, are called the elect and elected representatives:

KJV (Deuteronomy 4:37) 37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

KJV (Deuteronomy 10:15) Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

KJV (1 Chronicles 16:13) 13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

KJV (Psalm 105: 6) 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

KJV (Isaiah 44: 1) 1 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:

KJV (Isaiah 65: 9) 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

God's plan for a human family on a paradise earth was disturbed by the gross sins of Adam and Eve.

But with the descendants of Jacob a beginning will be made for a new kingdom:

KJV (Exodus 19: 5-6) 5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

The promised Messiah, references to Jesus in the 'Old Testament'

In the "New Testament" are - with regard to Jesus - quoted many scriptures or cited from the "Old Testament".

Below are a number of references to Jesus in the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures, called the Tanakh in Judaism:

Book (KJV) Description

Genesis 3:15 Satan will be crushed in the head, Jesus will be bruised in the heel

Genesis 22:18 The Messiah would arise from Abraham's line

Genesis 49:10 Silo (He to whom it belongs) will come, Him will obey the nations

Deut. 18: 15 A prophet like Moses will rise, you must listen to Him

Psalms 2: 7 Will be known as the Son of God

Psalms 16:10 Will not be abandoned in Sheol (the grave)

Psalms 22: 1 Foretold for Jesus' death: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Psalms 22: 7-8 They mock Him and say: let God rescue him, for he delights in him!

Psalms 22: 16-18 Hands and feet pierced, the casting of lots for His clothes

Psalms 31: 5 Foretold for Jesus' death: "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit."

Psalms 34:20 No bone will be broken

Psalms 35:19 Hated without cause

Psalms 41:9 Will be betrayed by close friend

Psalms 69:21 Will give Him sour wine

Psalms 110: 1 Will sit at the right hand of God

Psalms 110: 4 Jesus will be a priest after the order of Melchizedek

Psalms 118: 22 The main cornerstone will be rejected

Isaiah 6: 9-10 The Jewish people will not understand the illustrations about God's kingdom

Isaiah 7:14 The virgin will bear a son named Immanuel (God with us)

Isaiah 9: 2 The people have seen a great light

Isaiah 9: 6-7 The Prince of Peace will arise from the line of Daniel

Isaiah 11: 1-2 God's Spirit will rest upon Jesus

Isaiah 11:10 The root of Jesse (Christ in the line of David) will exercise dominion

Isaiah 28:16 The precious cornerstone in Zion

Isaiah 35: 5-6 In that time, the blind, deaf and lame will be healed

Isaiah 40: 3-5 John the Baptist, the messenger to announce the coming of the King
Isaiah 42: 1-3 God's chosen one shall bring forth justice to the Gentiles
Isaiah 50: 6 Will be spat upon and beaten
Isaiah 53: 3-6 Will be rejected by his people, will be flogged for our transgressions
Isaiah 53: 7 Will be silent during his trial
Isaiah 53: 9 Had committed no violence, neither was there deceit in his mouth
Isaiah 53: 11-12 Shall bear the sins of many, will be numbered with the transgressors,
Isaiah 53:12 Will advocate and engage in prayer for the transgressors.
Isaiah 61: 1-2 God's anointed (Messiah) will encourage the meek and will bind up the broken
Jeremiah 7:11 Temple in Jerusalem has become a den of robbers
Jeremiah 23: 5-6 The righteous sprout (in David's line) will reign as King
Jeremiah 31:15 The foretold murder of boys of two years and under in Bethlehem
Jeremiah 31:31 There will be a new covenant (by virtue of Jesus' blood)
Daniel 9: 24-27 The starting time and the cut off described of the Messiah (God's anointed Prince)
Hosea 11: 1 Out of Egypt is called the Son, where Jesus would get a temporary stay
Joel 2:28 Holy Spirit will be poured out
Jonah 1:17 Sign of Jonah foreshadowed, 3 days and 3 nights of Jesus' death
Micah 5: 2 In Bethlehem will be born the King of Israel
Zechariah 9: 9 Your King will on the foal of an ass come to you.
Zech. 11: 12-13 Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, with which was bought the potter's field
Zechariah 12:10 Will be pierced
Zechariah 13: 7 The Shepherd will be beaten and the sheep scattered
Malachi 3: 1-4 The way will be prepared for the true Lord, the temple will be purified
Malachi 4: 5 Elijah (John the Baptist) must come before the day of the Lord comes

During Jesus' ministry, He gave his disciples insight into everything what still had to happen:

KJV (Matthew 5: 17-18) 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil . 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

KJV (Luke 18:31) 31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished .

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples and gave them an insight into everything that was written about him in the 'Old Testament':

KJV (Luke 24:27) 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

KJV (Luke 24:44) 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Jesus' birth and coming as the foretold Messiah and King

The angel Gabriel appears to Mary:

KJV (Luke 1: 33-34) 33 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

KJV (Luke 2: 10-11) 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

The preparatory work by John the Baptist:

KJV (John 1: 6-8) 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Jesus has come as the true light:

KJV (John 1: 9-13) 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. KJV (John 3: 16-18) 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Jesus is the vital link which can bring people back on the path in the direction of perfection.

Setting the Sabbath

KJV (Genesis 2: 2-3) 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

The Hebrew word Shabbat (Sabbath) means "The day of rest", to stop or rest from labor. The Sabbath was first applied after the exodus from Egypt, when the children of Israel were allowed to gather manna (bread from heaven) every day for the day itself, but on the sixth day were allowed to collect double the amount for 2 days:

KJV (Exodus 16: 23-26) 23 And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. 24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. 25 And Moses said, Eat that today; for today is a Sabbath unto the Lord: today ye shall not find it in the field. 26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none.

The Sabbath obligation was later given by the Law of Moses to the sons of Israel, as 4th commandment of the 10 commandments:

KJV (Exodus 20: 8-11) 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

The sons of Israel were God's chosen people, who were rescued from Egypt by God. With them the Law covenant of Moses was made and therefore they had to keep the Sabbath:

KJV (Deuteronomy 5: 14-15) 14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. 15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day.

Besides the Sabbath on the 7th day, Sabbath was also during the periodic Jewish holidays and it was called a "great Sabbath" as the 7th day Sabbath coincided on a Jewish holiday. There are also sabbatical years, every 7th year and every 50th year (jubilee).

During the Sabbath, the Israelites were not allowed to leave their residence (Exodus 16:29), not making fire (Exodus 35: 3), not gathering wood (Numbers 15: 32-36), and not bear a burden (Jeremiah 17:21).

On violating the Sabbath stood death penalty. (Exodus 35: 1-3)

KJV (Leviticus 23: 3) 3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.

This does not mean that God would never more have worked since the creation. The creation must be properly managed, that means work:

ESV (John 5:17) 17 But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

God rested because His work of creation was accomplished.

KJV (Isaiah 40:28) 28 ...hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?

The Sabbath is an eternal covenant between God and the sons of Israel:

KJV (Exodus 31: 16-17) 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign

between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

The Sabbath is also a sign that it is God who sanctifies the sons of Israel:

KJV (Ezekiel 20:12) 12 Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.

Jesus and the Sabbath

Jesus is called Lord of the Sabbath:

KJV (Mark 2:27-28) 27 And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.

KJV (Luke 6: 5) 5 And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.

What meant the Sabbath for the Jewish priests?

The priests also remained to carry out their work on the Sabbath:

KJV (Matthew 12: 5) 5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

Such as the circumcision of a newborn on the 8th day:

KJV (John 7: 22-23) 22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the Sabbath day circumcise a man. 23 If a man on the Sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the Sabbath day?

Jesus and his apostles went threshing and ate the corn during the Sabbath:

ESV (Matthew 12: 1-8) 1 At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. 2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." 3 He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? 6 I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. 7 And if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

Jesus makes it clear that He is greater than the temple. He is Lord of the Sabbath.

Jesus' task as High Priest:

KJV (Hebrews 2:17) 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

KJV (Hebrews 4:14) 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the

heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

KJV (Hebrews 6:20) 20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Jesus sits as High Priest at the right hand of God on the throne:

KJV (Hebrews 8: 1) 1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

The saints - or sanctified ones by Holy Ghost - form a priesthood according to scripture:

EJV (Romans 15:16) 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

KJV (1 Peter 2: 5) 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Miracles during the Sabbath:

Jesus showed that it was permissible to have mercy and to do good during the Sabbath. (as in John 5: 9; John 9:14; Luke 13:16; Luke 14: 3-4; John 7:23)

Celebrated the disciples the Sabbath after Jesus' death?

During the Sabbath, Jesus lay in the grave. Only when that was over, early on the first day (Sunday) of the week, they found his grave empty. (Matthew 28: 1; Mark 16: 1-2; Luke 23: 56; John 20: 1).

After Jesus' resurrection, the disciples came together every day:

KJV (Acts 2:46) 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Also on the first day of the week, Jesus appeared to His disciples:

KJV (John 20:19) 19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

Later, the disciples came together every week on the first day of the week to break bread:

ESV (Acts 20: 7) 7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

ESV (1 Corinthians 11:26) 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

In Galatians is written that a man is not justified by the works of the law (of Moses):

KJV (Galatians 2: 15-16) 15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law:... ..

KJV (Galatians 3:11) 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians that he is under the law to Christ, in other words in the belief in Christ:

KJV (1 Corinthians 9: 20-21) 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

Christians should not blame each other if someone is celebrating the Sabbath

The Sabbath rest is not a goal on itself, but refers to the definitive, continuous faith peace which is based on Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only man who accomplished Jewish law.

Jesus was under the law, for he was born as a Jew:

KJV (Galatians 4: 4-5) 4 But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

There was debate within the Christian communities about the day of rest:

KJV (Romans 14: 5-6) 5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. 6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

Through the sacrifice of Jesus, the Jews were "fired" from the Law of Moses:

KJV (Romans 7: 6) 6 But now we are delivered from the law, ...

KJV (Romans 10: 4) 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

KJV (Galatians 3: 24-25) 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

KJV (Romans 13: 9-10) 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

After Jesus' death his apostles have no Sabbath celebration prescribed as a Christian requirement:

ESV (Acts 15: 5, 28-29) 5 But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the Law of Moses."... ..28 For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: 29 that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

According to Romans 14: 5-6, every Christian is thus free whether he celebrates the Sabbath, celebrating the first day (the Day of Resurrection), or does not celebrate both days. Every Christian is free in his worship.

The future rest or Sabbath, a millennium

It is the future Sabbath rest of which Hebrews speaks, a millennial kingdom of peace:

ESV (Hebrews 4:4-5, 8-10) 4 For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." 5 And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. 9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

As mentioned before, in this 1000-year empire, Jesus will be Lord of the Sabbath:

ESV (Matthew 12: 8) 8 For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

The Jewish Sabbath was a shadow of a new Sabbath with Jesus as Lord:

KJV (Col. 2:16-17) 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come;

Jesus will reign together with the saints a thousand years:

KJV (Revelation 20: 6) 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

In Philippians is made a reference to this 1000-year reign:

KJV (Philippians 2: 9-11) 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

After the two witnesses prophecy, Jesus will accept His reign (Rev.11: 15), and then - after the inclusion of the disciples to heaven - the Sabbath rest will come for the people of God.

ESV (Acts 2: 34-35) 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool.”’

Who are the descendants of Abraham?

KJV (Galatians 3: 26-29) 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

KJV (Romans 9: 7-8) 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

According to Matthew, of all Christians, relatively few will find the narrow way:

KJV (Matthew 7: 13-14) 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

But according to Revelation, these will be many in absolute terms; the great multitude faithful Christians:

KJV (Revelation 7:9) 9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

KJV (Luke 18: 26-27) 26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? 27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Finally:

The earth and heaven will literally be renewed.

(See: Newsletters 5. New Jerusalem; part 2 <http://www.dojc.nl/?p=3330&lang=en>)

Then the New Jerusalem will descend to earth and the Sprout (Jesus) will build the temple:

KJV (Revelation 21: 2-3) 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

(See: Newsletters 4. New Jerusalem; part 1 <http://www.dojc.nl/?p=3328&lang=en>)

Satan will be released then for a short while and afterwards be wiped out together with his offspring.

(See Revelation 20: 7-10)

ESV (Romans 16:20) 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.....

God will comfort his people:

KJV (Isaiah 25: 8) 8 He (YHWH) will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord (YHWH) will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord(YHWH) hath spoken it.

KJV (Revelation 21: 4) 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Once the last enemy - death - is canceled out, the Messiah, Jesus the High Priest, will give all power to the rightful ruler, the heavenly Father YHWH:

ESV (1 Corinthians 15: 24-26) 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

And that's the moment where the original paradise is restored, and God's people may live in love and peace for all eternity, in pure worship to the only God YHWH.

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