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Nimrod's Tabernacle of Saturn

Nimrod was given the name of Saturn in the Babylonian Mysteries, and as the above names indicate, Saturn was known by many names. Worship of the Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad contained many rites and ceremonies that were all blasphemous in Jahwah's sight. It is the intent of this and previous articles to expound upon the pagan calendar segment that was used instead of Jahwah's, and how this worship of the seven planets devoured Israel until Jahwah gave them up to worship the HOSTS OF HEAVEN -- this pagan tabernacle of worship called the Tabernacle of Saturn.

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The Kingdom of Israel was divided into two Houses -- the House of Israel eventually was carried into captivity by Assyria and the House of Judah was carried away by the Babylonians, all because they dissolved Jahwah's Sabbaths and did not keep His <u>set-time ordinances</u>. This pagan worship troubled Israel throughout its history and is still deceiving the world religions of today, which are keeping the counterfeit Sabbaths of the Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad.

Saturn was usually pictured as an aged man holding a sickle, from which we undoubtedly get our representation of Death -- the old man with a sickle. The Planet Saturn revolves around the sun in approximately 29 years, therefore the human lifespan would be two or three revolutions of this planet. This could be the reason Saturn is connected with Death and the Grim Reaper -- the skeleton dressed in a black hood holding sickle that **reaps human beings at their death**. This same figure is used to denote the end of year, and a newborn baby symbolizes the New Year, i.e. it denotes **TIME**. Another name for Saturn is Kronos -- also meaning **TIME**.

There Is An Appointed Time For Everything Under The Heavens!

There is an appointed time for everything under the heavens, including an **appointed time** for meeting with Jahwah -- an appointed time to cross the Jordan and go into the Land of Dabar -- the Land of Promise -- the Land of the Book - the Land of the Word -- into the Holy of Holies -- into the presence of Jahwah. Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 states:

There is an <u>APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING</u>, a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to abstain from embracing. A time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend; a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace

Israel Abolishes The Sabbath During Her Forty Years Of Wandering Through The Wilderness!

The Word of Jahwah came to Ezekiel and commanded that He bring charges against Israel. Ezekiel was to enumerate to them the sins of their forefathers -- they did not leave the Egyptian idols behind and they abolished Jahwah's Sabbath in the wilderness. Due to this abominable sin, Jahwah cursed Israel with <u>set-time ordinances</u> that would lead them <u>TO DEATH</u> and <u>NOT TO LIFE</u>. Ezekiel 20:2-25 tells the story of apostasy:

Then the Word of Jahwah came to me. Son of man, speak with the elders of Israel and say to them: "Thus says Sovereign Jahwah... "This is the Word of Sovereign Jahwah.' "Bring a charge against them, O son of man! Tell them of the <u>ABOMINATIONS OF THEIR</u> <u>FOREFATHERS</u>.

And say to them: 'Sovereign Jahwah says: On the day I chose Israel, with uplifted hand I bound myself by oath to the descendants of Jacob and revealed myself to them in Egypt, declaring: I am Jahwah your Elohim.'

That day I swore to bring them out of the land of Egypt to the land I had scouted for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the fairest of all lands.

Then I said to them, 'Each of you, **get rid of the abominable images you have set your eyes on**, and **do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt**. I am Jahwah your Elohim.'

But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; they did not get rid of the vile images they had set their eyes on, nor did they forsake the **IDOLS OF EGYPT**. Then I thought of pouring out my wrath on them and exhausting my anger on them there in the land of Egypt;

But I did not, since that would have brought dishonor to my name, for in the presence of the people among whom they were living I had announced to Israel that I was going to lead them out of Egypt.

So I brought Israel out of Egypt and led them into the wilderness.

Then I gave them My <u>set-time ordinances</u> thus making known to them My Divine Laws/customs which <u>everyone MUST OBSERVE TO HAVE LIFE</u>!

Yea, I gave Israel My <u>Sabbaths</u> (dividers) to be a <u>MARK OF ASSENT/ AGREEMENT</u> (226) between Me and them, so that they would acknowledge/comprehend/have respect (3045) that it is Jahwah that purifies (6942) them.

In ancient times, the Sabbath was a type of Atonement Day -- a day of purification. But the people of Israel <u>rebelled against Me in the wilderness</u>. They walked/ marched/traveled (1980) <u>NOT in My SET-TIME ORDINANCES</u>, because they despised My Divine Laws/customs that brings life to those who keep them. They <u>QUICKLY AND UTTERLY DISSOLVED</u> (3966) My Sabbaths (dividers); then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness to consume them.

But for the sake of my name I did what would keep it from being profaned in the eyes of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out.

Nevertheless I swore to them in the wilderness not to bring them to the land I had given them, a land flowing with milk and honey, a jewel among all lands.

Because they despised My customs/mishpat, and walked not in My Set-time ordinances and <u>dissolved my</u> <u>Sabbaths</u>. Their hearts were devoted to their idols.

Nevertheless my eye spared them, and I did not destroy them or make an end of them in the wilderness.

The next verse gives WARNING to the new generation of Israel -- a warning not to observe the set-time ordinances their fathers had observed in honor to their idols.

But I warned their children in the wilderness not to walk in the set-time ordinances and customs of their fathers, nor to defile themselves with their idols.

I am Jahwah Your Elohim; Walk in My set-time ordinances..

Thus keep/sanctify/hallow **My Sabbaths** <u>THEN</u> they will be the mark/<u>sign of assent between Me and</u> <u>you</u> so that you will have respect/so that you will understand/comprehend/acknowledge/perceive that Jahwah is your Elohim.

But the children rebelled against Me and walked **<u>NOT</u>** in My set-time ordinances....

They had despised My set-time ordinances and had **DISSOLVED My Sabbaths**....

Therefore, I gave them <u>SET- time_ordinances</u> that were <u>NOT good</u>, I.E., DIVINE LAWS/customs that lead TO DEATH!

Notice carefully!! Jahwah gave Israel Set-time ordinances that DID NOT LEAD TO LIFE! Instead set-time ordinances were given to Israel that LED TO DEATH.

WORD DEFINITIONS from Strong's Concordance:

1/. 226 = owth = signal (as in appearing); evidence, mark; From 225 = uwth = to come, to assent, consent; (**dictionary** = *assent* = consent of will, accept, admit, agree, approve, ratify; to assent is an act of the understanding; to consent of the will; to accept as true or real; to accept the word of some one; confidence; trust in another's veracity/truth.)

2/. 3045 = yada = acknowledge, be aware, comprehend, declare, be diligent, discover, make know, perceive, have respect, understand.

3/. 1980 = *halak* = come, enter, march, travel.

4/. 2490 = *challal* = to dissolve, defile, pollute, profane. (To dissolve the Sabbath is to defile or pollute it.)

5/. 3966 = *meod* = speedily, quickly, utterly.

6/. 6942 = qadash = consecrate, dedicate, keep, purify.

This scripture very plainly shows that right from the beginning, keeping the true Sabbaths and Set-time Ordinances were a problem for Israel. They were very quick to abolish His beautiful appointments that lead into His presence.

To Enter And Take Possession Of The Land Of Promise, Man Must Keep Jahwah's Set-Time Ordinances!

In order to go in and take possession of the Land of Promise -- The land of Dabar -- the Land of the Book -- The Land of the Word, man must keep Jahwah's Set-time ordinances. Some will say that is pure nonsense, as the only way to go in and take possession of the land is through Messiah Jahshuwah. Well to those people I say, the animal sacrifices that Jahwah commanded were offered over these appointed times of worship. The sacrifice of our Savior, Jahshuwah, has replaced these animal sacrifices, therefore the blood of His sacrifice is spread over these appointed times of meeting with Jahwah.

Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin; therefore if sinful man enters into the presence of Jahwah without the blood of the lamb's sacrifice, it is instant death. Just as fire came out from Jahwah and consumed Abihu and Nadab when they approached Jahwah at the WRONG APPOINTED TIME, so will fire consume those approaching Jahwah at the wrong appointed time.

Just before the death of Moses and Israel's entering the Land of Promise, Moses explains the necessity of keeping the set-time ordinances in order to enter the land in Deuteronomy 4:1-16, 19-20, 23-27:

So now, Israel, listen to the set-time ordinances and customs which I am about to teach you. Obey them, so that you may live and enter in and take possession of the land which Jahwah, the Elohim of your fathers, is giving you.

Read it again. "Obey the set-time ordinances so that you may...enter in and take possession of the land." Jahwah's people are ordered not to add nor subtract from this commandment. Do you get the picture? All of those New Testament believers that insist this command is obsolete is in direct violation of his Word.

You must not add to the word which I command you, nor subtract from it, but keep the ordinances/commandments of Jahwah your Elohim exactly as I lay them down for you. You saw with you own eyes what Jahwah did at Baal-Peor; Jahwah, your Elohim, destroyed from your midst everyone that followed the Baal of Peor,

But those of you who stayed faithful to Jahwah your Elohim are all alive today.

Behold, I have taught you set-time ordinances and customs, as Jahwah my Elohim commanded me; see that you keep them when you go into and occupy the land.

Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all of these set-time ordinances and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

What other nation is so great as to have their elohim near them the way Jahwah our Elohim is near us whenever we pray to him?

What other great nation has set-time ordinances and customs as just/righteous, as this complete code of instructions/Torah that I am setting before you today?

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you DO NOT FORGET the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

You must never forget the day when you stood before Jahwah Your Elohim at Horeb, and Jahwah said to me, 'Assemble the people before me to hear my WORDS so that they may learn to fear me as long as they live in the land and may teach their children to do so.'

Then you came and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness.

Then Jahwah spoke to you of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice.

He announced to you the terms of his covenant, bidding you observe the Ten Commandments, which he wrote on two stone tablets.

At the same time Jahwah ordered me to teach you set-time ordinances and customs/ mishpat for you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy.

You saw no form of any kind the day Jahwah spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire. Therefore watch yourselves very carefully,

So that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman...

Nor must you raise your eyes to the heavens and look up to the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be led astray to bow down to them in worship. Jahwah your Elohim assigned them (the sun, the moon, and the stars) for worship to all the nations under heaven,

but Jahwah took you (Israel) and lifted you from the iron furnace of Egypt, to be a people of his own, as it is today...

So be careful not to forget the covenant that Jahwah your Elohim made with you, and make an image or likeness of anything that Jahwah your Elohim has forbidden you.

An image is defined as a mental picture, hence an idea; a metaphor, or a simile that reproduces or suggests the semblance of a certain object. Such words as representation, form, reflection, idea and facsimile are synonyms of this word, image.

With this in mind, naming the days of our week after the Seven Planetary Gods of Babel (the Sacred Hebdomad) would, without a doubt, be creating a mental image of these gods, which Jahwah has forbidden us to do.

For Jahwah your Elohim is a consuming fire, a jealous Elohim.

After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time -- if you then become corrupt and make ANY KIND OF IMAGE (that he has forbidden, including the likeness of the Sacred Hebdomad), doing evil in the eyes of Jahwah your Elohim thus provoking him to anger,

I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed.

Jahwah will scatter you among the peoples and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which Jahwah will drive you.

The Kingdom Of Israel Does Not Keep Jahwah's Set-Time Ordinances And Is Divided Into Two Houses!

During the reign of King Solomon, son of David and Bathsheba, he <u>walked not in the</u> <u>set-time ordinances of Jahwah</u>, therefore the Kingdom of Israel was divided into two houses. But for David's sake -- who kept Jahwah's <u>set-time ordinances</u> -- this was not done until after Solomon's death as related in 1 Kings 11:29-38:

And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and the two *were* alone in the field:

And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith Jahwah, the Elohim of Israel, Behold, I will **rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon**, and will give ten tribes to thee:

(But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped <u>Ashtoreth</u> (meaning <u>star</u>) the goddess of the Zidonians, <u>Chemosh</u> (identified with 'Baal-peor', 'Baal-zebub', '<u>Mars</u>' and '<u>Saturn</u>') the god of the Moabites, and <u>Milcom</u> (same as 'Molech' - meaning 'king') the god of the children of Ammon, and <u>have</u> <u>not walked in my customs</u> (*derek*), to do *that which is* right in mine eyes, and *to keep* my <u>set-time</u> <u>ordinances</u> and my <u>divine law</u> (mishpat), as *did* David his father.

Milcom is the same as Molech and Moloch and means "*king*." Chemosh was just another name for the Egyptian sun-god -- *Amun-Ra*. The *Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* (volume 1 -- page 486) states:

"Molech, or Moloch, which signifies 'king,' was the idol of the Ammonites. His proper name was <u>Chemosh</u>. His Egyptian correspondent, or rather substitute, was Amun, or <u>Amun-Ra</u>, 'the king of the gods'. His statue was of brass, and rested on a pedestal or throne of the same metal. His head, resembling that of a <u>CALF</u>, was adorned with a crown..."

Continuing with 1 Kings 11:34:

Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments (mitsvah -- codes of wisdom) and my set-time ordinances:

But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt <u>walk in my customs</u> (*derek*), and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my <u>set-time ordinances</u> and my commandments, as David my servant did; then I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

The House Of Israel Establishes The False Feasts Of Apis -- The Golden Calf!

Jeroboam becomes the first king over the House of Israel and proceeds to eradicate the set-time ordinances of Jahwah and install instead the false feasts of Apis the Bull of Memphis, Egypt -- the same false feast set-up at Mt. Sinai. He sets up a golden calf at Bethel and one at Dan (approximately 880 BC).

And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and <u>MADE HIM KING OVER ALL</u> Israel: there was none that followed the House of David, but the tribe of Judah only. 1 Kings 12:20

And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of Jahwah at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

Whereupon the king took counsel, and <u>made two calves of gold</u>, and said unto them: "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: <u>behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of</u> <u>Egypt</u>."

And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

In Israel this gave rise to sin, for the people went to Bethel to worship the one, and all the way to Dan to worship the other. 1 Kings 12:26-30

The *Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* (volume 1 -- page 336) has this to say regarding the two golden calves:

He erected two golden calves...(see on Exod.xxxii.4,8); ...the young bulls Apis and Mnevis, as symbols, in the Egyptian fashion, of the true God.

The *Commentary* comments on the original golden calf at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 32:4) on page 407, thus stating the bull was believed to contain the soul of Osiris/Nimrod -- the Sun-god:

Such a bull was believed to embody the soul of <u>Osiris (the sun)</u>...being called <u>Apis</u> at Memphis, where the image was black, and Mnevis at Heliopolis, where it was bright or yellow...

'Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord' -- not to Apis or to Osiris, as enshrined in his image, but to Jehovah.

In other words, the false feast of Apis was instituted as an appointed time to meet and worship Jahwah -- a time that Jahwah considers to be blasphemous. Just as it is in modern times, false Sabbaths are erected according to the Babylonian pagan week and are dedicated to Jahwah. Christians erect their false Sabbath on Sunday, in honor to the Sun god -- the Jews erect their false Sabbath on Saturday, in honor to Saturn/Nimrod, and the Muslims erect their false Sabbath on Friday, in honor to Venus. These are counterfeit Sabbaths, which Jahwah continually condemns throughout the Scriptures.

Omri, the seventh king of the House of Israel and father of Ahab, continued these false feasts and walked in <u>ALL</u> the customs that Jeroboam had installed as related in 1 Kings 16:25 and 26 (approximately 833-821 BC):

But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of Jahwah, and did worse than all that were before him.

For he **walked in all the way/custom (***derek***) of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke Jahwah Elohim of Israel to anger with their vanities.

Ahab, <u>son of Omri</u> and husband of <u>Jezebel</u>, became king after his father died and was more evil than his ancestors -- <u>walking again in the sins of Jeroboam</u>. *The New Unger's Bible Dictionary* states this corruption was so strong that it appeared as if the true knowledge of Jahwah would be lost to Israel forever.

The story unfolds in 1 Kings 16:29-34 (approximately 822-800 BC):

And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began <u>Ahab the son of Omri</u> to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of Jahwah above all that were before him.

And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to <u>walk in the sins of Jeroboam</u> the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and <u>went and served</u> **Baal, and worshipped him**.

And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

And Ahab made an <u>Asherah</u> (a sacred pole for setting pagan feasts); and Ahab did more to provoke Jahwah Elohim of Israel to anger <u>than all the kings of Israel that were before him</u>.

In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of Jahwah, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

The House Of Israel Is Condemned To Worship In The Tabernacle Of Saturn!

Time has elapsed and we come forward several years in our study to approximately 689-687 BC. We again find the House of Israel keeping feasts other than the ones appointed by Jahwah at Mount Sinai. Jahwah is so angry and fed up with these false feasts that He condemns the whole House of Israel to the worship of the Hosts of Heaven -- the Tabernacle of Saturn which they had made. Amos 5:1-27 renders a strong message to the House of Joseph/House of Israel -- the United States of America -- in regards to this worship of Saturn:

Hear this word of lament which I utter against you **<u>O House of Israel</u>**;

For thus says Jahwah to the House of Israel: "Seek me that you may live.

Seek Jahwah and you will survive/live or else He will sweep like fire upon the <u>House of Joseph</u> and burn it down, with no one at <u>Bethel</u> (House of El) able to quench the flames.

Remember the golden calf of Apis was erected at Bethel. Amos is stating that there is not a god at Bethel that can put out this fire that He is sending upon the House of Joseph. He goes on to describe that it is He, Jahwah, that created the stars. In other words, they were not to worship the creation of the stars -- the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets -- but were to worship the Creator, the one who created the them.

He who made Pleiades and Orion, -- who turns darkness into dawn, and darkens day into night; who summons the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the surface of the earth:

Who brings destruction on the mighty so that ruin comes upon the stronghold; His name is Jahwah.

The <u>stronghold</u> of the modern day United States of America is their god <u>Government</u>. John Que citizen looks to the government for everything -- from taking care of their children, finding them jobs, educating their children, etc. They indeed look to "Social Security" of the government to take care of all their needs. Why do they indeed need the Heavenly Father, as <u>God</u> <u>Government</u> meets all of their necessities? Jahwah have mercy on our land. Verse 9 continues:

Woe to you who turn judgment to wormwood (poison/cause injury to) and cast justice to the ground !!!

You that hate a man who brings the wrongdoer to court and detest anyone who speaks the truth.

Recently Linda Tripp exposed the truth about our corrupt president by the only means that were available to her at the time. Our Senate didn't even bring the president to trial, which is the only directive given by the Constitution. The Constitution clearly states that if a president is impeached by the House of Representatives, the case is then sent to the Senate for trial. The Senate sits as jury and hears the evidence presented in the trial to see if it warrants the removal of the president from office. The Senate did not even hear the evidence, as there was no trial. The case against William Jefferson Clinton was dismissed and the corruption goes on.

Linda Tripp spoke the truth and the White House through the Media has attempted to destroy her. Clinton, the guilty one, goes free and the one who attempts to reveal the corruption of the president is put on trial. Jahwah have mercy on our land. Verse 12 continues:

Yes, I know how many are your transgressions/crimes, and how outrageous your sins!!! You bully the innocent/oppress the just, accept bribes/extort ransoms, and in the court (of law), push aside the destitute/poor.

This was my personal experience in the federal court of our land. In 1991, I was injured in a car crash, due to a defective tire exploding while driving 65 mph on the highway. The federal court would not allow testimony from my expert witness -- would not allow my doctor to enter reports that would verify my injuries, etc. After bringing all of my witnesses to court, the judge dismissed my case without letting the jury hear it.

My attorney appealed it to the 10th district court in Denver, Co. Five judges stated that a jury should be allowed to hear my case and sent the case back to the judge, who had originally dismissed it. In a hearing -- which included the judge, attorney for the tire company, and my attorney -- the judge stated that if the case was brought before him again, he would again dismiss it. There was not enough money to continue to fight the judge and the big corporate tire company, therefore the case had to be dropped. The big corporate tire company won with the help of the federal judge.

Continuing with verse 13:

Therefore, the wise will keep silent at this time/now since it is a time of evil. (Very few are standing up for justice and the truth)

Seek good and not evil, so that you may live/survive: Thus Jahwah <u>Sebaoth</u> will be with you, as you have said,

We have hated evil, and loved good. **<u>Restore ye justice in the courts</u>**; so Jahwah Sebaoth may have **<u>mercy</u>** on the remnant of Joseph.

Jahwah is speaking here under the title of "*Sebaoth*." In order to get the wisdom of this scripture, we must understand in what capacity He is speaking. Sometimes He speaks as Elyon (The Most High), or El Shaddai (The Almighty), or Roi (My Shepherd), etc. The *Strong's*

Concordance #6635 defines "*Sebaoth*" as: a <u>mass of persons</u>, espec. organized for war; by impl. a campaign, lit. or fig. (spec. hardship, <u>worship</u>); <u>APPOINTED TIME</u>; or <u>host</u>.

The King James Bible usually translates "Sebaoth" as "Hosts." The "*Standard Dictionary*" defines hosts as: an army, **assembly**, company, **convocation**, or **gathering**; <u>A</u> <u>**number of persons met together for a common purpose**</u>. In His position as Jahwah Sebaoth in verse 21, he announces his anger against the Feast days that the House of Israel is keeping. They are <u>**not**</u> the appointed times of Jahwah.

I hate, I reject **<u>YOUR FEAST DAYS</u>** (not mine). I take no pleasure in **<u>your festival assemblies</u>**.

Therefore, if ye should bring me your whole- burnt offerings and grain-offerings, <u>**I** will not accept them</u>; neither will I have respect for your grand/fatted peace offerings.

If Jahwah is approached at the wrong appointed times, he will not accept the offerings.

Remove from me the sound of your songs; I will not listen to the music of your instruments.

Instead let judgment roll down as water and justice like an impassable torrent/like a never failing stream!!

Did you offer TO ME sacrifices and offerings those forty years in the wilderness, O House of Israel?

The House of Israel offered their sacrifices and offerings not to Jahwah but to the Planet God, **Saturn**. They worshipped in the **Tabernacle of Saturn**, declaring **Saturn** to be their king and star god. Thus Jahwah delivers them up to **marry Saturn** and suffer the consequences.

No! So now you must receive/suffer to bear up/<u>marry</u>/set up the <u>Tabernacle (*Siccuth*) of</u> <u>Saturn/Chiun/</u><u>Kaiwan/Remphan</u> your king and <u>STAR-GOD</u> -- idolatrous shrines you have made/appointed/provided/brought forth/fashioned for yourselves;

This King Saturn was none other than <u>Nimrod</u>, who was proclaimed to have resurrected and ascended to the planet "Saturn" in the Babylonian Mysteries.

In ancient time, planets were called wandering stars. *Matthew Henry's Commentary* also states they were worshipping the planet **Saturn and the Sacred Hebdomad**:

You have had the images of your **Moloch-your king** (probably representing the <u>sun</u>, that sits king among the <u>heavenly bodies</u>), "and <u>Chiun</u>, or <u>Remphan</u>" (as Stephen calls it, Acts vii.43, after the LXX), which, it is supposed, represented <u>SATURN</u>, the <u>HIGHEST OF THE SEVEN PLANETS</u>. The worship of the <u>sun</u>, <u>moon</u>, and <u>stars</u>, was the <u>MOST ANCIENT</u>, <u>most general</u>, and most plausible idolatry. They made to themselves the star of their God, some particular star which they took to be their god, or the name of which they gave to their god. This idolatry (Deut. iv. 19); and those that retain an affection for false gods cannot expect the favour of the true God.

Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary has this to say:

Moloch and Chiun -- "Moloch means king, answering to <u>Mars</u>... or answering to the <u>Sun</u>... or answering to <u>Saturn</u>, the same as "<u>Chiun</u>...The LXX. translates <u>Chiun</u> into <u>Remphan</u>, as Stephen quotes it (Acts vii.42,43). <u>THE SAME GOD HAD OFTEN DIFFERENT NAMES</u>. <u>Molock</u> is the Ammonite name; <u>Chiun</u> the Arabic and Persian name, written also <u>Chevan</u>. In an Arabic lexicon, Chiun means austere (severe, grave, judgment); so astrologers represented Saturn as a planet baleful in his influence. <u>Rimmon</u> was the Syrian name (2 Ki.v.18); pronounced as <u>Remvan</u>, or '<u>Remphan</u>,' just as <u>Chiun</u> was also <u>Cheran</u>.... <u>Remphan</u> was the Egyptian name for <u>Saturn</u>: hence the LXX. translator of Amos gave the Egyptian name <u>Raiphan</u> for the Hebrew, being an Egyptian...The same as the Nile, of which the Egyptians made the star Saturn the representative. ...The Hebrews became infected with Sabeanism, the oldest form of idolatry, the worship of the <u>Saba</u> or <u>starry hosts</u>, in their stay in the Arabian desert, where Job noticed its prevalence (Job xxxi.26): in opposition to such Sabeanism, in v. 27, Jehovah declares Himself "the God of hosts." "your images, the star of your god. R. Isaac Caro says all the astrologers represented Saturn as the star of Israel. Probably there was a figure of a star on the head of the image of the idol, to represent the planet Saturn;"

Chapter 5 of Amos concludes with verse 27:

for/because I will drive you into exile/captivity **<u>beyond Damascus</u>**," says Jahwah, the <u>**Elohim of**</u> <u>**Sebaoth/Appointed Times**</u>, is His name.

What does Jahwah mean by "beyond Damascus?

Let's take a look at the history of this city and maybe that will give us some insight into the meaning of this phrase.

The road to Assyria ran right through Damascus. This road was used in 611 BC (approximately) to carry away the House of Israel *beyond Damascus* to Assyria, because of her keeping false Sabbaths and Set-time Ordinances.

The patron deity of Damascus was **<u>Hadad</u>**, according to *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*:

The patron deity of Damascus was the storm-fertility god <u>Hadad</u>, who was given the epithet <u>rimmon</u>, probably better vocalized as <u>ramman</u> 'the Thunderer.' The temple of <u>Hadad-ramman</u> was the <u>chief</u> <u>temple of Damascus</u> (cf 2 Kings 5:18).

"<u>Hadad</u>" was represented by a <u>calf</u>. Who was this deity, Hadad? <u>Hadad</u> was called "<u>the</u> <u>lord of the mountain</u>," and his wife was "Gubara," who represented the Canaanitish goddess <u>Asherah</u>.

The Asherah was used to set pagan feasts, as described in 2 Kings 17:16 (*The Book of Yahweh*):

"They forsook all the Laws of Jahwah their Father....They made an <u>Asherah Pole</u>; <u>*The Sacred Pole for*</u> <u>setting their feasts by the sun</u>, and worshipped all the <u>host of heaven</u> (i.e. the sun, the moon, and the five planets), and they worshipped Baal; *Lord*."

Hadad is described as the Sun-god, Baal:

Hadad...was...the supreme **Baal** or Sun-god, whose worship extended southward from Carchemish to Edom and Palestine. At **Damascus** he was adored under the Assyrian name of **Rimmon**, and Zechariah xii.11 alludes to the cult of the compound **Hadad-Rimmon** in the close neighbourhood of the great **Canaanitish fortress** of **Megiddo**.

Zechariah 12:11 - "In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of **Hadadrimmon** in the valley of **Megiddon/Megiddo**."

According to Matthew Henry Zechariah 12:11 is denoting: "*that glorious day when God will appear for the salvation of his people*."

Alas! Here is a thread tying **Baal**, the **Asherah**, **Hadad**, **Damascus** and **Megiddo** altogether in one package.

How Does Megiddo Fit Into This Worship Of The Seven Planets?

Damascus is located east of the Euphrates River and came under **<u>Babylonian</u>** domination in approximately 625 BC and lasted until approximately 539 BC. Taking into consideration that the time frame of Zechariah 12:11 is in the last days, there is another scripture that we need to analyze at this time -- the sixth vial of wrath poured out in Revelation 16:12-16:

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates. Its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the East.

I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come from the mouth of the <u>dragon</u> (Satan/the Devil), from the mouth of the <u>beast</u> (the Nimrod worldly government of Satan), and from the mouth of the <u>false</u> <u>prophet</u> (Satan's world religion established at the Tower of Babel -- worship of the seven planets and the false messiah, Nimrod.)

Frogs are creatures of the night, i.e. of the Prince of Darkness, Satan. According to *Dictionary Symbolism*, by Hans Beidermann:

The early Church fathers referred to 'frogs living in mud' and their loud croaking, and they saw them as **<u>SYMBOLS OF THE DEVIL</u>** or of heretics **<u>PROMOTING FALSE DOCTRINE</u>**."

Beidermann goes on to state the frog croaks most of the day for the sheer joy of croaking and living in its mud-hole. In other words, these creatures of darkness go on and on and on, proclaiming and promoting the false doctrine of Babel. They thoroughly enjoy the mud-hole in which they live, and have no intention of hearing Jahwah's true <u>mitzvot</u> (commands). Putting Jahwah's mitzvot into practice would entail giving up groups and denominations, families and friends, and even jobs. It even means being <u>VERY MUCH ALONE</u> -- taking up Jahshuwah's cross daily and following him.

Going on with Revelation 16:

These were demonic spirits who performed signs. They went out to the kings of the whole world (Presidents, World Leaders, and Heads of State) to assemble them for the battle of the Great Day of Jahwah, the Almighty.

(Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who has kept watch, and has kept his clothes on, so that he does not go naked and ashamed for all to see.)

These spirits gathered the kings to a place called Harmagedon.

These spirits of the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet gathered the kings to this place called Harmagedon. What is the purpose of this gathering to Harmagedon? What is the meaning of this name? The name Har-Magedon signifies *Mountain of Megiddo*.

"*Har*" is the Hebrew word for "*mountain*." *Megiddo* is defined in *Strong's Concordance* -- 4023 -- as: rendezvous; from 1413 -- *gadad* -- <u>To assemble by troops</u>; gather selves together in troops; cut selves. '<u>PLACE OF TROOPS</u>'

Bible scholars continue to argue over the interpretation of this "*place called Harmagedon*." Most current scholars have come to one of two conclusions as detailed in *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*:

One of the most popular emendations of <u>magedon</u> was proposed by Hommel (1890). He suggested that the Greek <u>gamma</u> in <u>magedon</u> is a transliteration, **NOT** of the Hebrew <u>gimel</u> but of the Hebrew '<u>ayin</u>. Thus <u>har-magedon</u> would be a corruption of the Hebrew <u>har-moed</u> or "<u>mountain of assembly</u>." Torrey (1938:244-48) argues that Armagedon is a reference to Isa 14:13 where the "<u>mountain of assembly</u>" is the **HEAVENLY COURT** in which God's throne is located. In Isaiah 14 the King of Babylon is called the "Day Star," a term applied to Christ in Revelation...current scholarship generally settles on a link with Megiddo or <u>har-moed</u> as <u>the best explanation</u> of <u>harmagedon</u>....

Since the city (of Megiddo) was located at the foot of the Carmel range, "mountain of Megiddo" could easily be a reference to <u>Mount Carmel</u>...It was on Mount Carmel that fire was called down from heaven to prove the Jahwah was the true God...It was there that the <u>FALSE PROPHETS</u> were defeated.

Some Biblical historians state that **<u>Baal Shamem</u>** (meaning "*Baal of desolation*"), known also as "*Baal of the lofty abode*," i.e. "Baal of the heavens") was the god spoken of in 1 Kings 18. Jezebel had erected an image of **Baal Shamem** on Mount Carmel and the prophet Elijah came to confront this false worship of Baal.

Daniel's "Abomination of Desolation" was also none other than Baal-Shamem. (For further study, see the article *Saturn and the Sacred Hebdomad* in the Feb.-March issue of the *The Berean Voice* magazine.)

Another interesting event that took place at Megiddo was the overthrow of the Canaanite kings by Israel under the command of Barak and Deborah. The Canaanite kings gathered at <u>Megiddo</u> to battle against Israel and the very <u>stars in heaven</u> helped Deborah -- "from heaven was the battle fought; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera."

There you have it. Most Bible scholars now believe that this mountain is a gathering of kings to the <u>Mountain of Feasts</u> -- the <u>Mountain of Appointed Times</u>. This is the same <u>Mountain of Appointed Times</u> on which Lucifer declares that he will sit hidden on the north. The gathering of the kings to battle against Jahwah takes place at the **Mountain of Appointed Times**!

Is this battle fought over Calendars -- appointed Feasts and Sabbaths of Jahwah versus the pagan feasts and Sabbaths of Satan?

Amos 5 Is So Important It Is Again Repeated In Acts 7!

V. 42 So Elohim turned away from them and gave them over to worship the <u>HOST OF HEAVEN</u>, as it is written in the book of the prophets: Was it TO ME you brought sacrifices and offerings those forty years in the wilderness, O House of Israel?

V. 43 NO!!! You lifted up the Tabernacle of Remphan/Saturn/Chiun -- YOUR KING AND STAR GOD; forms constructed (*in*) which to worship.

They erected a Tabernacle of worship for Saturn, i.e. the day set-aside to Saturn -- <u>the</u> <u>false Saturday Sabbath</u> according to the pagan planetary week.

Matthew Henry says this about Acts 7:43: "Some think Remphan signifies <u>the moon</u>, as Moloch does <u>the sun</u>, others take it for <u>Saturn</u>, for that planet is called <u>Remphan</u> in the Syriac and Persian Languages....Lightfoot thinks they had figures representing <u>THE WHOLE STARRY</u> <u>FIRMAMENT</u>, with all the <u>constellations</u>, and the <u>PLANETS</u>, and these are called Remphan -- 'the high representation,' like the celestial globe."

The Tabernacle of Witness

In Acts 7:43 and 44, there appears to be a comparison being made between the <u>*Tabernacle*</u> of the king and star god, <u>*Remphan*</u> and the <u>*Tabernacle of Witness*</u> in the wilderness that Jahwah had appointed Moses to build after the pattern on the mount. What is the meaning of this contrast? What are the scriptures saying?

Yea, ye took up the **tabernacle of Moloch**, and the **star of your god Remphan**, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

Our fathers had <u>THE TABERNACLE OF WITNESS</u> in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia describes the Tabernacle of Witness/Testimony as follows:

These terms may refer to the Law, which was deposited in the tabernacle, and which testified to God's authority and holiness, or they may refer to the REVELATIONS which God made of himself in the tabernacle by which he made known his presence in the most glorious and mysterious manner.

Another term used for the Tabernacle was "*ohel moade*"....from a root, to **FIX** or **APPOINT TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**. Kimchi explains the name thus: "And thus was called the *o-hel-mo-ade*, because the Israelites were assembled and congregated there, and also because Jahwah met there with Moses," etc. It is from the Hebrew word meaning *tent of testimony*, or to witness. The Septuagint almost constantly uses the phrase, *tent of testimony*. The Vulgate has....*tent of the covenant*.....The Chaldee and Syrian translators have, *tent of festival*. Scribners *Dictionary of the Bible* states:

Ohel moed -- moed is derived from the verb *yaad* which "signifies '<u>to appoint a time or place of</u> <u>meeting</u>,' in the Niphal 'to meet by <u>appointment' this meeting is mainly for the purpose of speaking</u> <u>with them</u>...of declaring His will to them, the expression '<u>tent of meeting</u>' is practically equivalent to '<u>tent of revelation</u>'...It has lately been suggested that behind this lies a <u>MORE PRIMITIVE</u> <u>MEANING</u>.... Zeimern has suggested that the expression...may originally have denoted "<u>the tent where</u> <u>THE PROPER TIME FOR AN UNDERTAKING WAS DETERMINED</u>," in other words, '<u>TENT OF</u> <u>THE ORACLE</u>'....The rendering of AV '*tabernacle of the congregation*' is based on a <u>MISTAKEN</u> <u>INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD mo'ed</u>...

It is obvious that Jahwah's Tabernacle was an <u>exact appointed time and place for</u> <u>meeting with Him</u>, therefore this **Tabernacle of Saturn** was <u>an exact appointed time and place</u> <u>for meeting with Baal</u>. Acts 7:45-51 continues:

Our ancestors in turn brought it (the tabernacle of witness) in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that Elohim drove out before our ancestors. Here it stayed until the time of David.

David found favour with Elohim and asked that he might procure a dwelling place for the <u>Tabernacle of</u> <u>Jacob's</u> *Elohim*...

But Solomon built him (Elohim) a house.

However Elyon (the Most High) does not live in houses made by men as the prophet says:

"Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what kind of house can you build for me? Says Jahwah. Where is my **PLACE OF REST**?

Hath not my hand made all these things?"

You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the *Ruwach ha'qodesh*, just as your fathers used to do.

The above quotation is taken from Isaiah 66:1:

Thus says Jahwah: The heavens are my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house, then, can you build for me? And **where** (227) is my **place of rest** to be? (4725)

In *Strong's Concordance* the word "<u>where</u>" is 227 - az = At that time or place, then, esp. <u>when</u>; "*place of rest*" is 4725 - maguowm = a place where a thing belongs, standing-place, station, room, space.

Thus the verse could read: "<u>Where *in time*</u> are you going to put my place of rest? He was asking this question because His <u>PLACE OF REST</u> had already been created by Himself in the beginning. It belonged on the Seventh day of the week; the Sabbath had already been set up as His Sanctuary.

Continuing with Isaiah 66:2-5:

For My hand has (*already*) made all of these **things** (the heavens, the earth, and Jahwah's place of rest) and all belong to me/and all have come into being by Me, says Jahwah. This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and **trembles at my WORD** (Dabar/My Utterance).

What <u>Word</u> or Utterance is He speaking of here? It tells you in the prior sentence: The Word that He uttered at Creation when His Word went forth and the heavens and earth were created in six days and on the <u>SEVENTH DAY HE CREATED HIS PLACE OF REST</u>.

But the transgressor that sacrifices an ox to me, is like he that kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, is like he who breaks a dog's neck; and he that offers fine flour/a grain offering/*minchah* like one that offers swine's blood; he that burns incense, is like paying homage to an idol.

Who is this transgressor? The people that have chosen their <u>own customs</u> -- their own Sabbath Day to approach Jahwah. People that are not humble and obedient to approach Jahwah on the day He set aside at Creation -- <u>the Sabbaths kept by the phases of the moon</u>. Jahwah is not present at their false Sabbaths set aside in honor of the Babylonian Gods of the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets.

They have <u>chosen their OWN ways/customs</u>/*derek* and take great delight in their <u>abominable</u> <u>practices</u>. Because people have adopted these practices and reveled in abominable rites,

I in turn will adopt a willful course and bring on them the very things they dread, since, when I called, not one responded, when I spoke, no one listened. They did what was evil in My sight and chose that which displeased Me.

<u>Catastrophe</u> is coming upon those who have established their <u>OWN CUSTOMS</u>. Babylonian groups and churches will not listen when He speaks, but continue in the Traditions of their fathers -- the Jews and the Christians. Their false Sabbath days will not protect them from the <u>WRATH OF JAHWAH</u> that is coming upon the world.

These Babylonian groups -- these churches -- these sects will **<u>hate and reject you</u>** for taking this stand of keeping the true Sabbath of Jahwah. Don't think for a minute they won't.

Hear the <u>WORD of Jahwah</u>, you who tremble at this <u>WORD</u>: "Your own people who, because of my name, **hate and reject you**, say, 'Let Jahwah show His glory that we may see your joy'; but they will be put to shame."

In regards to Isaiah 66, Bill Dankenbring states:

What is God saying here? It is simple. His people have <u>PERVERTED HIS TRUTH</u>, and corrupted His laws, and their <u>religious practices</u> are closely akin to <u>PAGANISM</u> -- <u>whether they know or realize it</u> <u>or not!</u> Their worship practices are related to idolatry.

They have chosen their <u>OWN ways</u> -- instead of God's clear commandments. And the result is that they do things that God hates and detests!

Hosea 2:11-13 fully explains what Jahwah plans to do:

Now I will discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and <u>NONE SHALL DELIVER HER OUT</u> <u>OF MINE HAND</u>.

I will put an end to all her mirth, <u>HER</u> festivals, <u>HER</u> new moons, and <u>Her</u> sabbaths, and all <u>HER</u> appointed times (mowadah)....

<u>I will punish her for the festival days of the Baals</u>, (the sun, the moon, and the five planets -- the Sacred Hebdomad of the Babylonian Mysteries), when she burned incense to them and decked herself with rings and jewelry, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, says Jahwah.

Jahwah Accuses The House Of Israel Of Adopting False Sabbaths!

The very next chapter of Amos -- chapter 6 -- makes it very plain what the House of Israel was doing. They had adopted <u>false sabbaths</u> and were approaching Jahwah at the <u>WRONG</u> <u>APPOINTED TIMES</u>. Amos 6:1-14 reads:

Woe to them who despise/who are complacent in/<u>who set at naught Zion</u> (the government of Jahwah) and trust (instead) in the <u>Mountain (Kingdom) of Samari</u>a -- chief cursed among the nations (heathen) to whom the House of Israel came.

Go to Calneh (the ancient city built by Nimrod) and see what has become of that; it is now in ruins...

Thinking to postpone/delay the **DAY of CALAMITY**/ sorrow/ affliction/trouble, you are drawing near (to Jahwah) and adopting **FALSE Sabbaths**.

Sabbaths are appointed times set aside by Jahwah to worship i.e. to meet with Him. If the House of Israel were appointing false Sabbaths to meet with Jahwah, they were <u>false appointed</u> <u>times</u> and Jahwah was not in attendance. In other words, the House of Israel was hiding from Jahwah, just like the name Saturn implies -- "*The Hidden Ones*." They also adopted false feasts thinking they had changed the calendar, thus delaying the Day of Judgment.

V. 7 Therefore, you will now be the first to go into exile/captivity and <u>YOUR FEASTS</u> (false Sabbaths -- not mine) and life of ease will come to an end!

Does Not Keeping the True Sabbath Affect the United States?

After a long struggle of pioneering an unknown wilderness, the people of the United States are living a life of ease. They have become lazy and uncaring about the things of Jahwah, caring only about money, the latest gadget that brings more comfort and leisure time for vacations, wild parties, etc. They no longer care about justice -- about what is right and what is wrong. As long as the economy is good and there is money in their pockets, that is all they care about. Abortion of 20 million babies plus is all right -- the harvesting of baby parts and selling for experimentation is all right; destroying and killing religious people is all right -- Waco and Ruby Ridge, etc.; selling out the national security for campaign funds is all right; and it goes on and on and on.

Adonai Jahwah has sworn by Himself! Jahwah Elohim of <u>Appointed Times</u> says: "I hate the pride of Jacob/Israel; I despise their countries/luxurious mansions; I will give their <u>capital city</u> (Washington DC) and everything in it to the enemy.....

Jahwah without question has given our capital city of Washington, D.C to the enemy, Satan. It is no longer under Jahwah -- the property "of the people, by the people, and for the people;" it is the property "of Satan, by Satan, and for Satan." Jahwah declares He is going to destroy this government that has done away with justice.

For, behold, Jahwah commands and He will break/smite the <u>GREAT HOUSE</u> (The White House) into pieces and the Little House (Congress) into bits!

...for ye have turned **judgment** into poison, and the fruit of **justice** into bitterness;

Ye who rejoice at pride/vanity; who say: 'Have we not possessed power by our own strength?'

"But beware, <u>**O** House of Israel</u>. I am raising up a nation against you, saith Jahwah, the Elohim of Sebaoth/Appointed Times; and this nation will afflict you with the bringing in of Hemath to the river of the wilderness.

"The Hidden Ones" Of Saturn Approach Jahwah At The Wrong Appointed Time!

Saturday is named after the planet **Saturn**, which was thought to be a wandering star in ancient times. The Saturday Sabbath is the day set aside to honor Saturn -- not Jahwah. Just like Christmas it is a **FEAST** dedicated and set aside to honor Saturn. The Creation Sabbath, i.e. the *Lunar Weekly Sabbath*, was set aside by the Creator of the Universe -- a time set aside for all Israel to come and worship Jahwah -- a time which propitiates/ pardons sin through Jahshuwah. Remember Jahshuwah is in **SUPREME AUTHORITY** (2962) on the Sabbath as related in Mark 2:27 and 28:

The Sabbath Day came into being/was created for the sake of mankind, not mankind for the sake of the Sabbath Day.

Therefore indeed the <u>SON OF MAN</u> (Jahshuwah) is <u>CONTROLLER</u>/is in <u>SUPREME AUTHORITY</u> over the Sabbath Day.

Amos declares that Israel had set-up an **IDOLATROUS SHRINE**, i.e. a **FALSE SABBATH** dedicated to **Saturn** -- "**The Hidden Ones**." They were drawing near -- approaching Jahwah at the **wrong appointed time**.

There were others in the Scriptures that came at the "**wrong appointed time**" and were destroyed or cast out of Jahwah's presence -- such was the case of Abihu and Nadab. Fire came out from Jahwah and destroyed them when they approached at the wrong appointed time in Leviticus 10:1 and 2:

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire therein and laid incense on it and offered strange fire before Jahwah, <u>NOT AT ITS APPOINTED TIME</u>, and not as he had commanded them. And there went out fire from before Jahwah and devoured them and they died before Jahwah.

The meanings of the names -- Abihu and Nadab -- will help shed some light on their character. <u>Abihu</u> denotes that he is a "worshipper of self;" <u>Nadab</u> is "liberal" -- free from narrowness -- <u>free from bondage to authority or creed in religion</u>. In other words, Nadab thought he didn't have to approach Jahwah at Jahwah's specified appointed time, but he could come whenever he felt like it -- whenever it was convenient for him -- whenever it would fit into his schedule -- whenever he had nothing better to do. Abihu was a worshipper of himself, which meant he did whatever was pleasing and convenient to his flesh. It didn't matter how or when Jahwah commanded them to approach -- they would approach Jahwah at their own convenience, whenever and however they wanted.

Doesn't that sound familiar in today's churches -- "It doesn't matter what day we appoint to worship God -- God doesn't care what day we assemble to worship him," thus throwing out Exodus 16:4, where Jahwah gave the Sabbaths to his people as a sort of test/exam -- a custom that proves if they will follow his instructions or not. Since Jahwah is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, this test has not in any way, shape, or form been changed. Believing the Sabbath has been changed <u>does not make it so</u>.

Some scholars suggest that Cain's rejection was due to his approaching Jahwah at the **WRONG APPOINTED TIME** -- not on the Sabbath. Genesis 4:3 in the King James reads:

<u>And in process of time</u> it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

The **time** as well as the place was probably appointed, as Jahwah's appointed times to meet with him are very clearly stated throughout the Scriptures. *The first Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians* states Cain brought his sacrifice "*after certain days.*"

The Popular and critical Bible Encyclopedia defines the phrase "*in process of time*" as "*the end of days*" meaning at the end of the week which would be the <u>Sabbath</u>.

"<u>And</u>" comes from the Hebrew "*vaw*", which also has various other meanings such as: *but, or, even, so, thus* or <u>THEN</u>. "*Then*" is defined in the dictionary as "*at that time*" "*soon* or *immediately afterward*," or "<u>AT ANOTHER TIME</u>."

Now let's analyze the phrase as "*in the end of days*." The Hebrew word for "<u>In</u>" is "*min*," which can also mean <u>after</u>, <u>since</u>, <u>out of</u>. The Hebrew word used for "the end of" is <u>qets</u>, which also means <u>after</u> or <u>AT THE END OF (a definite time)</u>.

If the "*End of Days*" is referring to the Weekly Sabbath and Cain's offering was brought after the Weekly Sabbath, the verse would read:

Thus <u>after the End of Days/after the Weekly Sabbath</u>, it came to pass that Cain brought the fruit of the ground -- an offering unto Jahwah. Genesis 4:3

If indeed Cain brought his sacrifice after the Sabbath had ended -- at the wrong appointed time, it was therefore unacceptable to Jahwah. His punishment was to be sent away from the presence of Jahwah into the "Land of Wandering/Nod."

Israel Refuses To Keep Jahwah's Appointed Time To Enter The Land And Is Also Sent Away To A Land Of Wandering!

There was an **APPOINTED TIME** for Israel to enter the Land of Promise as found in Numbers 14, but Israel would not enter at the appointed time. Jahwah therefore cursed them to forty years of **WANDERING** -- just like Cain, who was banished to the Land of Nod/Wandering.

Thus your children must wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even **forty days**, <u>each day for a year</u>, must ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, then you will know and understand My breach of promise -- what it means to oppose me.

I, Jahwah have spoken; surely I will do thus to all this wicked congregation gathered together against me. In this wilderness they will come to a full end and here they will die.

The Church wanders in the Wilderness for Forty Jubilees!

Did the same thing happen to the Church? Did they refuse to enter the Land of Promise at the appointed time fixed by Jahwah, thus the church was condemned to wandering in the wilderness? It appears that is exactly what happened!

First Corinthians 10:11 states that all of these things in the Scriptures were given to us as examples:

All these things happened to them as examples -- **as object lessons to us** -- to warn us against doing the same things; they were written down so that we could read about them and learn from them in these last days as the world nears its end.

Just like ancient Israel of yesterday, the modern day Church of Israel has been wandering through the wilderness -- only instead of a year for each day, i.e. forty years, the curse was one jubilee for each day in the land. It is now time to come out of the wilderness and cross over the Jordan into the land, and we must follow the same directions which Jahwah gave to Joshua that are found in Joshua 3:3 and 4:

When you see the Ark of the Covenant of Jahwah your Elohim being carried forward by the Levitical priest, then you too <u>MUST LEAVE YOUR POSITIONS</u> and set out. Follow it,

so that you will <u>KNOW THE WAY</u>/ the *derek*/the custom/the path <u>YOU MUST GO, for you have not</u> <u>traveled this way/*derek*/path/custom before</u>. Between you and the ark, however, keep a distance of <u>two thousand cubits</u>. Do not go near it.

Did you get that? YOU HAVE NOT TRAVELED THIS WAY BEFORE!!!

Cubit in Hebrew is *ammah*, which is a *unit of measure* or a *door-base as a bond of the entrance*. Thus this number 2,000 is a unit of measure which denotes an <u>entrance</u> -- the place to cross over the Jordan into the Land of Promise. There is to be a space of <u>2,000 cubits</u> between the Ark of the Covenant and us. Our Ark of the Covenant is Jahshuwah, and it has been almost 2,000 years since he crossed over the Jordan, therefore we are approaching the <u>appointed time</u> for <u>entrance</u> into the Land.

Are you willing to leave your place and follow after the Ark in a <u>custom that you have</u> <u>not traveled before</u>? Or, are you going continue in the same path as the traditions of the forefathers have handed down? There is a fork in the road and you have to choose either the "narrow" road that leads to life or the "broad" road that leads to destruction. The choice is yours alone to make.

Shortly after Jahshuwah and his apostles died, the Church left the true *derek*/path/custom and adopted the pagan sabbaths of the Babylonian Mysteries -- pagan sabbaths brought into the Church by the Gnostics. Such Gnostics as Simon Magus -- Marcion -- the Nicolaitanes introduced false appointments to meet with Jahwah -- false Sabbaths -- false worship of the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets -- the worship of Baal and the Sacred Hebdomad.

Just as Israel was cursed to wander through the wilderness the Church also was cursed to wander through the wilderness. But instead of <u>one year</u> for every day the twelve spies searched out the land, the **Church** was cursed to wander <u>one jubilee</u> (50 years) for every day the spies searched out the land. Two thousand years is -- you guessed it -- 40 jubilees.

The custom/way/path/derek is the entrance into the Land. It is a custom/path that has not been followed during this trek through the wilderness as stated in Joshua 3:4, "ye have not gone/come/entered this way/custom/path previously."

Just like Israel in Amos 5 and 6, the Church took up the Tabernacle of Saturn (the hidden ones) and appointed false feasts. Jahwah again says to modern day Israel:

"I hate, I reject **YOUR FEAST DAYS**. I take no pleasure in **your** festival assemblies.... So now you must **suffer to bear up/marry** the **Tabernacle (Siccuth) of Saturn/Chiun/Kaiwan/Remphan** your **king** and **STAR-GOD**."

Those that refuse to come out of Babel will **suffer to bear up the Tabernacle of Saturn** --"her plagues will come in a single day -- pestilence and mourning and famine -- she will be consumed by fire for mighty is Jahwah Elohim who judges her." (Revelation 18:8)

So Jahwah hid His Sabbath from Israel and sent them into exile/captivity and condemned them to bear up the <u>TABERNACLE OF SATURN</u> their king and <u>STAR-GOD</u>, i.e. a <u>FALSE</u> <u>SABBATH</u> that does not atone for sin -- which is <u>NOT</u> an *OWTH/sign/mark* between Jahwah and His people. Remember the Messiah Jahshuwah atones for our sin and he is in <u>SUPREME</u> <u>AUTHORITY</u> (over) the Sabbath. Keeping the Sabbath Day, proves to Jahwah that you have placed the Messiah in <u>SUPREME AUTHORITY</u> over your life, i.e. made him <u>KING</u> and El over your body temple. He will not accept your lip service. As the old saying goes: "Actions speak louder than words."

The *Encyclopedia Biblica* explains *Chiun* and *Siccuth* in this way:

<u>Chiun</u> is of frequent occurrence in Babylonian mythological and religious texts as the <u>name of the</u> <u>planet SATURN</u>. Other Semitic peoples have preserved the same name....the name <u>Sakkut</u>, which is probably the same as the <u>Siccuth</u> (tabernacle) of Amos 5:26, is used in a Babylonian list as a name for the god Ninib. <u>Ninib</u> appears to be the god of the **planet** <u>Kaiwanu/Saturn</u>Sakkut and Kaiwan are the same.

There is a reference to Sakkut/Saccuth-Kaiwan in 2 Kings 17:30 under <u>Succoth-Benoth</u> and another to <u>Kaiwan</u> in Eze. 8:3 and 5 -- "The image of jealousy." It was probably a <u>statue of Kaiwan</u>.

Thus Ezekiel 8:3 and 5 reads:

...The Spirit lifted me between earth and heaven and in visions of Elohim, He took me to Jerusalem, to the entrance to the north gate of the inner court, where the **IMAGE THAT PROVOKES TO JEALOUSY** (Kaiwan/Saturn) stood...

Then He said to me, "Son of man look toward the north." So I looked, and in the entrance north of the gate of the altar I saw this image of jealousy (**Kaiwan/Saturn**).

Scribner's *Dictionary of The Bible* has this to say regarding the image of jealousy:

<u>Kewan</u> would seem to be nothing less but the Semitic-Babylonian <u>Kaawanu</u>..."<u>the planet Saturn</u>." Saturn was also called **Salam**, **Salme**, as 'the dark star,' a name which recalls the expression 'your images' in Amos 5:26 which in Hebrew, immediately follows <u>Chiun</u> (= <u>Kaawanu</u> = <u>Rephan</u>).... <u>The Hebrew</u> <u>scribes were accustomed to distort the names of heathen deities</u>....

The *Encyclopedia Judaica* describes *Sikkuth* and *Chiun* in this way: <u>Sikkuth</u> -- "the vocalization is modeled after *shiffuz* (*shiqquz* = '**abomination**.') *Chiun* is identified with the Akkadian *Kajamanu*, "the steady one;" the appellation (title) of the star god <u>SATURN</u>.

House Of Israel Carried Away To Assyria Because They Reject Jahwah's Set-Time Ordinances!

The House of Israel is carried away to Assyria because of their keeping the <u>set-time</u> <u>ordinances of the heathen</u>. Second Kings 17:6-30 clarifies that the House of Judah, as well as the House of Israel, walked in the <u>set-time ordinances of the heathen nations</u>:

In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and **<u>carried Israel away into Assyria</u>**, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against Jahwah their Elohim, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They had **worshipped other** gods

and walked in the <u>SET-TIME ORDINANCES OF THE HEATHEN/NATIONS</u> whom Jahwah had cast out before them, as well as those (*set-time ordinances*) which the kings of Israel had introduced...

Jahwah warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn ye from your evil ways and keep My commands, i.e. **My Set-time ordinances** according to all the torah/instructions I commanded your fathers and delivered to them through My servants the prophets.

But they would not listen, they were as stubborn as their fathers, who would not trust Jahwah their Elohim.

Thus they rejected the **SET-TIME ORDINANCES OF HIS COVENANT** which He had made with their fathers and the warnings which he gave them. They went after false idols, and became false, and **they followed the nations** that were round about them, concerning whom Jahwah had commanded them that they should not do like them.

They forsook <u>ALL</u> the commandments/ordinances/customs/*mitzvah* of Jahwah their Elohim, and made for themselves molten images of <u>two calves</u> (Apis of Memphis which symbolized Osiris/Nimrod); and they made an <u>Asherah</u> (a sacred pole for setting feasts for Baal), and WORSHIPPED ALL THE HOST OF HEAVEN (the Sacred Hebdomad of Babel -- the sun, the moon, and the five planets) and served Baal.

They burned their sons and their daughters as offerings, and used divination and sorcery, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of Jahwah, provoking him to anger.

America Sacrifices Her Children In A Different Way!

We in modern America sacrifice our children in a different way, i.e. we do that which is *politically correct*. We abort our babies. Instead of burning them with fire out in the open on the summit of a hilltop, we burn them with a chemical inside an abortion clinic on the altar of <u>SELF</u>/flesh/lust.

We say to **SELF** -- "I am <u>not married</u> -- there is not enough <u>MONEY</u> to support a child -- I don't have <u>TIME</u> in my schedule. -- it's the <u>WRONG SEX</u>! I wanted a boy instead of a girl, etc." Jahwah commands that we worship only Jahwah with our whole mind, body, and soul and not serve <u>SELF</u>, <u>the man of sin</u>.

We are the temple of Jahwah and the mind is that which controls and oversees the temple -the body -- the holy place; therefore, when **our** mind -- instead of the mind of Christ -- controls the temple/body, serving the lusts of the body, the **MAN OF SIN IS STANDING IN THE HOLY PLACE** as describe of Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-11:

Let no one deceive you, regardless of what they say; for the **apostasy/rebellion has to come first**, and the human being (*anthropos*) that <u>wanders away from Jahwah's law</u> (sin) is <u>revealed/uncovered</u> -- the son of destruction/the one to be destroyed,

Without knowledge of the <u>law</u>, man does not know the definition of <u>sin</u>. Remember Adam and Eve were the first to stray from Jahwah's law and <u>HID THEMSELVES IN THE TREES</u>. They became the first <u>HIDDEN ONES</u> -- the first <u>HUMAN BEINGS OF SIN</u>. The whole of Babylonian worship is the worship by <u>HUMAN BEINGS who are HIDING</u> from Jahwah's presence. How do they hide from Jahwah? -- By setting up false calendars. <u>SATURN</u> or <u>SATUR</u> means the "<u>HIDDEN ONE</u>." Continuing in Thessalonians 2:3:

Who opposes and exalts **<u>HIMSELF</u>** over/above <u>**ALL THINGS</u>** that speak of Elohim or that worship. He (**the lawless human being**) will even go in and sit down in the temple of Elohim and proclaim himself to be Elohim.</u>

The human being is that temple of Jahwah -- he, as a human being, opposes Jahwah and sets himself up as Elohim over the temple of <u>SELF</u>. The following scriptures very plainly spell out that the body of man is the temple of Jahwah:

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 -- Know ye not that <u>**YE ARE THE TEMPLE**</u> of Elohim, and that the Spirit of Elohim dwelleth in you?

If any one defiles/corrupts/destroys Elohim's temple, Elohim will destroy him. For Elohim's temple is **HOLY**, and **YOU ARE THAT TEMPLE**.

1 Corinthians 6:19 -- Do you now know that <u>**YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF**</u> *Ruwach ha'qodesh*, who is in you, whom you have received from Elohim?

2 Corinthians 6:16 -- What agreement is there between <u>THE TEMPLE OF ELOHIM</u> and idols? For <u>WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING ELOHIM</u>...

Ephesians 2:21-22 -- The whole building framed together in Him, <u>rises/grows into a holy temple</u> in the Master; in whom you also are built up together for <u>a dwelling place of Elohim</u> in the *Ruwach ha'qodesh*.

Continuing with 2 Thessalonians 2:5-12: Don't you remember I told you these things while I was still with you?

Now you must be aware of the <u>restraining power</u> which prevents him (the man hidden from Jahwah's law) from being revealed until the <u>APPOINTED TIME</u>,

There is a **<u>definite appointed time</u>** for all human beings that are hiding from Jahwah <u>under</u> <u>the covering of Satan's government and his Babylonian worship</u> to be revealed, i.e. uncovered,

because **<u>THE MYSTERY</u>** of **<u>iniquity</u>** (the condition of one being without the law, whether because of ignorance or because of contempt and violation of the law) is already at work, but only until the restraining **<u>power</u>** is removed.

What is that restraining power? <u>Satan</u> is the power that <u>prevents the man of sin from</u> <u>being revealed or uncovered</u>. Jahwah is allowing Satan to cover, hide and deceive the lawless human being.

Then he will be revealed, that lawless human being whom Sovereign Jahshuwah will overthrow/remove/consume with the breath of his mouth, and bring to an end/destroy by the splendor/visible manifestation of His coming.

No longer will the human being -- the man of sin -- be in control over his body temple, as Christ will be ruler over all! The lawless human being is produced by the working/operation of Satan. It (this working/operation) of Satan) will be attended by all the powerful signs and miracles of the Lie, and all the deception that wickedness can impose on those doomed to perish, because they refused to accept the truth and be saved.

And for this reason, Jahwah sends them (the lawless human being) a strong delusion to MAKE <u>THEM</u> <u>BELIEVE THE LIE</u>, (the lie of Satan)

So that all may be condemned who have refused to **<u>BELIEVE THE TRUTH</u>** and have taken pleasure in **<u>UNRIGHTEOUSNESS</u>** (violating the law and set-time ordinances of Jahwah).

The King Of Assyria Exports People From Babylon To Dwell In Samaria!

The House of Israel -- the United States -- have not kept the set-time ordinances of Jahwah and has been given into the hands of the spoilers. Our spoilers are the politicians ruling our government in Washington, DC.

For this sin against Jahwah, the ancient House of Israel was removed from Samaria, their homeland and banished to the land of Assyria. Then something of extreme importance happened. Only a few verses of scripture relate this most important event -- an event that brought about everlasting changes in this region -- the king of Assyria exported people from Babylon to dwell in Samaria, and <u>they brought their gods with them</u>. Just like the foreigners that are pouring into the United States. They come to the US and bring their gods with them.

...so Israel was carried out of their land to Assyria.....

Then the king of Assyria brought people from **Babylon**, and from **Cuthah** (ten miles north-east of **Babylon**) and <u>Ava</u> (located on the River Euphrates in northern Babylon, meaning "*perverted*") and <u>Hamath</u> (*descendants of Cain*), and from <u>Sepharvaim</u> (the two Sippars of Babylonia) and placed them in the cities of Samaria to replace the Israelites. They took over Samaria and lived in its cities....

These same Samaritans still resided in the land during the time Jahshuwah walked the earth. In Matthew 10:1-6, Jahshuwah commands his twelve disciples to stay away from the cities of Samaria and go instead to the true House of Israel which had been carried away captive to the land of Assyria.

Then Jahshuwah summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to drive them out and to cure every disease and every sickness. These twelve Jahshuwah sent out with the following instructions: "Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and <u>do not enter any Samaritan</u> <u>town</u>; but go rather to <u>the lost sheep of the House of Israel</u>. Go and preach this message: 'The Kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils."

The House of Israel was a divorced woman wandering through the world with no hope of return to Jahwah. In the Law of Moses, once a woman was divorced and married another, she could never return to her first husband. Israel had married another --her pagan gods. Jahshuwah told his disciples to go find the House of Israel and **tell them the good news** -- that Jahwah had indeed created a way in which they could return to Him, their first husband. We, of course, know the way was through the Messiah.

Continuing in 2 Kings 17:29, it describes the corruption that took place following the import of the pagan population. They brought their pagan gods with them from the land from which they came --

Each nationality made gods of its own where they settled and put them in the shrines on the high places built by the Samaritans.

The people from <u>Babylon</u> made <u>Succoth-benoth</u> (a corruption of Succuth-Kewan -- the two names of <u>Saturn</u> combined), and men of Cuth made Nergal (the planet Mars).and the men of Hamath made Ashima (the planet Venus).

And the Avites made Nibhaz (the planet Jupiter)...

The Gods of 2 Kings 17:30 and 31

These two verses are of extreme importance as they influence the thinking of the people in this area from this time on -- even during the time of Christ. Due to this, an entire section is devoted to the gods that were brought into Samaria by the Babylonians. Various historical Bible scholars will be quoted to describe each god named. This will help to explain how this Babylonian worship of the seven planets consumed this land.

1. <u>Succoth-benoth</u> (of Babylon)

* *Matthew Henry Commentary* -- volume II -- page 795 -- states that Succoth-Benoth was probably **Venus**.

* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- 1899 -- Page 4820 -- "A Babylonia idol introduced into Palestine...if the usual explanation of Am.5:26 is correct, we can hardly doubt that it is a corruption of *Saccuth-Kwan* (two names of Saturn combined.)"

* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- 1899 -- Page 1946 -- states that <u>Succoth-benoth</u> is "Sakkuth-Kaiwan (Ninib) = <u>Saturn</u>."

* *Dictionary of the Bible* -- 1905 -- Volume IV -- page 626 - "As Nergal was the patron-god of Cuth, it is reasonable to infer that in <u>Succoth-benoth</u> we have a corrupted from either of <u>Bel-Merodach</u>, the patron-god of Babylon, or of his wife Zarpanit."

* *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* -- volume 6 -- Page 218 -- "...sukkot may be identified with the Sumerian deity <u>SAGKUD</u> (i.e. Saturn)...this deity may be the same "Sakkuth" (Heb. Siffut) mentioned in Amos 5:26."

2. <u>Nergal (of Cuth/Cush/Cuthah</u>)

* The Anchor Bible Dictionary -- Vol. 4 -- page 1075 -- Nergal is a Babylonian sun-god.

* *Dictionary of the Bible* -- Vol. III -- page 514 -- Nergal was identified with the planet Mars.

* *The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopedia* -- vol. II -- page 1229 -- "The more measured researches of Norberg, Gesenius, and other inquirers into the <u>ASTROLOGY</u> of the Assyrians and Chaldeans, lead to the conclusion that *nare-gal*' is the same as the Zabian name for the <u>PLANET</u> <u>MARS</u>."

* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- page 3395 -- "The planet sacred to Nergal was <u>Mars</u>, which, like its god, was called *Karradu*, 'warrior.'"

* Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary -- Vol. 1 -- page 410 -- "from Cuthah -- or Tiggaba, a city about fifteen miles north-east from Babylon, now Ibrahim, specially dedicated to **Nergal**, the **DEIFIED NIMROD**. (Rawlinson's '*Herodotus*,' i.,p.621; LAO II, P. 487).....(Page 417) But modern critics, looking to the **ASTROLOGICAL** character of Assyrian idolatry, generally consider Nergal as **THE PLANET MARS**, the god of war. It was most natural that "the men of Cuth," when transplanted to Samaria, should carry the worship of their favourite deity with them into their new country."

* *Dictionary of the Bible* -- 1905 -- Volume III -- "....in later days was made a son of the <u>Bel</u> of Nippur....among his name s (when identified with the planet Mars) are those of Allamu and Almu."

3. Ashima (of Hamath)

* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946 -- "Ashima =<u>Ishtar</u> =<u>Venus</u>"

* The *Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia* -- 1912 -- Volume I -- page 166 -- <u>Ashima</u> = perhaps "<u>heaven</u>." "The Babylonian Talmud, in the treatise 'Sanhedrin' (cited in Carpzov's *Apparatus*, p. 516), and the majority of Jewish writers, assert that Ashima was worshiped under the <u>FORM OF A GOAT</u>....(NOTE: Could this goat have been the <u>Goat of Mendes</u>? The Goat of Mendes will be studied further in later articles.)

* **The Anchor Bible Dictionary** -- volume 1 -- page 487 -- "The most widely accepted interpretation of the word <u>Ashima</u> is that it is an Aram form meaning "<u>the Name</u>." As such it would likely refer to one or more of the NW Semitic goddesses Anat, Astarte, or Asherah. Designations such as <u>Face-of-Baal</u>, <u>Name-of Baal</u>, and possible <u>Sign-of-Baal</u> are not uncommon for these goddesses, and seem to indicate that the goddess in each case is <u>A PARTICULARIZED</u> <u>MANIFESTATION OF BAAL</u>."

* *Insight on the Scriptures* -- Volume 1 -- page 192 -- "Ashima, according to the Babylonia Talmud (Sanhedrin 63b), was represented as a <u>hairless he-goat</u>, and for this reason some have identified <u>Ashima</u> with <u>Pan</u>, a pastoral god of fertility. Another suggestion is that the name <u>Ashima</u> may be <u>A DELIBERATE ALTERNATION</u> OF "<u>Asherah</u>" (the Canaanite fertility goddess) to combine it with the Hebrew word '<u>asham</u>' ('<u>guilt</u>'); Ge 26:10"

4. <u>Nibhaz</u> (of the Avites)

* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946: "Nibhaz (Nibhan) = <u>Marduk</u> = <u>Jupiter</u>"

5. Tartak (of the Avites)

* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946: "Tartak or Tartah = the lance-star = Antares"

* *Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary* -- Vol. 1 -- Page 417 -- "Tartak -- according to the Rabbis, was in the form of an ass; but others understand it as a <u>PLANET</u> of ill-omen; probably <u>SATURN</u>.

* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 4903 -- "Perhaps Tartahu, the 'lance-star' of the Babylonians...identified by Jensen with Antares, and by Hommel with Procyon, and regarded by the Babylonians as the star of the god Ninib."

* *The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia* -- 1912 -- Volume III -- page 1635 -- Tartak = "Prince of Darkness."

6. <u>Adrammelech</u> (of the Sepharvites)

* Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary -- Vol. 1 -- Page 417 -- The sun-god (Adrammelech) is not unfrequently mentioned in the Assyrian inscriptions. Although no temple was specially reared to the sun, that deity appears to have been worshipped in Assyria under three different forms -- as 'the rising sun,' 'the meridian sun,' and 'the setting sun.' The male and female powers of the sun, whose worship at Shepharvaim (Sippara) was celebrated throughout the East, were identified by the Greeks and Romans with the Apollo and Diana of classical mythology...Sippara is called *Tsiparasha Sahama*, 'Sipara of the sun,' in various inscriptions, and possessed a temple of the god, which was repaired and adorned by many of the ancient <u>Chaldean</u> kings, as well as by Nebuchadnezzar (Rawlinson, 'Ancient Monarchies,' p.161).

* *Matthew Henry* -- volume II -- page 795 -- "Adrammelech and Anammelech were only distinctions of Moloch."

* *The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia* -- 1912 -- Volume I -- Page 68-69: Adrammelech = "splendor of the king", i.e., of Moloch. Many authorities have the opinion that Adrammelech depicts the <u>PLANET SATURN OR THE SUN</u>.

* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946: "Adrammelech = Marduk = <u>JUPITER</u>." Page 72 --Some scholars...see in Adrammelech a subsidiary name or title of the SUN-GOD himself."

7. <u>Anammelech</u> (of the Sepharvites)

* Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary -- Vol. 1 -- Page 417 -- "If it (Anammelech) represents the female power of the sun, we must suppose that Ana is an abbreviated from of *Annuit*, and the *Melek* is for *Malcah*, the Jews, from contempt, not caring to be correct in their names of false gods' (Rawlinson, 'Ancient Monarchies,' i., p.163)."

* *Matthew Henry* -- volume II -- page 795 -- "Adrammelech and Anammelech were only distinctions of Moloch."

* *Encyclopedia Biblica* -- Page 1946: "Anammelech = Marduk = <u>Jupiter.</u>" Page 162 -- "The name Anammelech is probably to be explained as *Anu-malik* 'Anu is the decider or prince'*Anu* was <u>the god of Heaven</u>, and with him were identified a number of gods representing personifications of powers or localities of the upper region...He stood at the head of the Babylonian pantheon, forming one of the supreme triad of Babylonian divinities, in which <u>he was</u> <u>associated with Bel</u>..."

* *Dictionary of the Bible* -- 1905 -- Volume I -- page 91: "The first part of the word Anammelech contains perhaps the name of the <u>BABYLONIAN GOD OF THE SKY</u>, or of a <u>THIRD OF THE</u> <u>SKY</u>, Anu. ...Possibly the writer of Kings meant by the name to identify the Babylonian Anu with the Ammonite Molech -- Anu-Molech.

Verse 34 of 2 Kings 17 concludes this event with the words: "Unto this day, they continued to practice."

Jamieson Fausset Brown Bible Commentary interprets this verse as:

<u>Unto this day</u> -- the time of the Babylonian exile, when this book was composed. Their religion was a strange medley or compound of the service of God and the service of idols. Such was the first settlement of the people, <u>afterwards called Samaritans</u>, who were sent from Assyria to colonize the land, when the kingdom of Israel, after having continued 256 years, was overthrown.

In conclusion, all of these gods were of the Sacred Hebdomad -- they were the planets worshipped from the time of the Tower of Babel. The Babylonians brought their gods into Samaria when they replaced the House of Israel. The summary of these gods is:

Succoth-benoth = Sakkuth-Kaiwan (Ninib) = <u>Saturn</u> Nergal = <u>Mars</u> Ashima = Ishtar = <u>Venus</u> Tartak = <u>Saturn</u> Nibhaz (Nibhan) = Marduk = <u>Jupiter</u> Adrammelech = <u>Jupiter</u> or <u>Saturn</u> or the <u>Sun</u> Anammelech = Marduk = <u>Jupiter</u>

The House Of Judah Erects The Set-Time Ordinances Introduced By The House Of Israel!

Now that we have the understanding of the *man of sin* -- the human being that is serving himself and is killing and offering up sons and daughters in the sacrifice of abortion -- let's proceed with the study of 2 Kings 17, beginning with verse 18:

So Jahwah was very angry with Israel and removed them from His presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left,

Now pay special attention all of you that proclaim <u>the Jews have the correct calendar</u>, as the next verse very plainly states that Judah walked in the <u>VERY SAME SET-TIME</u> ORDINANCES THAT WERE INTRODUCED BY THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

and **even Judah did not keep the commands of Jahwah their Elohim**, but followed/walked in the **SET-TIME ORDINANCES which Israel had introduced**.

Thus Jahwah rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the land of **spoilers**, until He had cast them out of His sight.

Micah 6:16 repeats the same accusation -- Judah was keeping <u>the same set-time</u> <u>ordinances as the House of Israel</u>:

You have kept the **<u>set-time ordinances of Omri</u>**; What the house of Ahab did, you have done. You have walked in their counsels, therefore you force me to make an appalling example of you. Your citizens (the Jews) will be a laughing stock/an object of horror and you must endure the reproach of the nations.

No other people have been so abused in the archives of history. Now you understand why. The curse was from Jahwah for not keeping his set-time ordinances. They were keeping the set-time ordinances of Baal worship.

For the statutes of Omri are kept -- the founder of Samaria, who overthrew and supplanted Zimri, the conspirator and regicide, and of Ahab's wicked house; and a supporter of Jeroboam's superstitions (1 Ki. xvi. 16-28). This verse is a recapitulation of what was more fully stated before, <u>Judah's sins and</u> <u>consequent punishment</u>. Judah, though at variance with Israel on <u>ALL THINGS ELSE, IMITATED</u> her impiety. This was true of the reign of Ahaz, King of Judah, especially, who 'walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim;' which was the special sin of the house of Ahab (2 Chr. Xxviii.2).

2 Chronicles 28:1 and 2 reads as follows:

Ahaz...began to reign and he reigned 16 years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of Jahwah, like David his father.

For he walked in the **customs** of the kings of (*the House*) of Israel and made molten images for Baalim.

The Donkey Knows Where Their Master Feeds Them, But Judah Does Not Know!

Isaiah's vision concerning **Judah** and **Jerusalem** (Isaiah 1:2-6 and 10-20):

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for Jahwah hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have **rebelled** against Me.

The ox knows who owns him, and donkeys know where their master feeds them; But Israel does not know. My people do not understand.

Jahwah feeds his people on His Sabbaths and appointed times. The donkey knows the time and place where his master feeds him, but Jahwah's people do not know the time and place of their feeding.

You are doomed, you sinful nation -- a people weighed down with iniquity, <u>a RACE OF EVILDOERS</u>, full of corrupt/perverted children. You have rejected Jahwah, spurned the Holy One of Israel, and turned your backs on Him.

Why do you keep on rebelling? Do you want to be punished even more? Your whole head is sick. Your whole heart is diseased.

From head to foot there is not a healthy spot on your body - only wounds, bruises and open sores not dressed, not bandaged, nor soothed with ointment...

Hear the word of Jahwah, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the Torah of our Elohim, you people of Gomorrah.

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me? says Jahwah. I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams and I delight not in the fat of lambs, and the blood of bulls and goats.

When you come to meet with me/to appear before me, who has asked/required you to trample/walk in My temple/courts ?

When offerings and incense are brought at the wrong appointed time, they become vain and false and are not accepted by Jahwah. When Sabbaths are held at the wrong appointed time, Jahwah no longer hears your prayers nor **FORGIVES YOUR SINS**. **WHAT**? Jahwah no longer hears your prayers or forgives your sins? Read on, if you don't believe me!!!

Bring no more false/vain offerings! (*Your*) incense is an abomination unto me! (*Your*) New Moons/<u>Renewal Cycles</u>/chodesh and <u>Sabbaths</u>, and sacred assemblies/calling of assemblies, I cannot endure. Your assemblies are wicked.

Therefore, <u>your</u> new moons/chodesh/renewal cycles (not mine) and <u>appointed feasts</u>/appointment of times/moed (not mine), My soul hates! You have become a burden to Me. <u>I WILL NO LONGER</u> <u>PARDON YOUR SINS</u>.

When you stretch forth your hands, I will turn away Mine eyes from you; and though you make many prayers, I will <u>NOT</u> hear you; for your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves and make yourselves pure/clean. Take your evil deeds out of My sight! **STOP** doing evil (i.e. stop keeping the wrong Sabbaths and festivals.)

Learn to **DO GOOD** (*yatab* = right; be accepted find favor, i.e. **learn how to find favor and be accepted**) and seek justice....

The next verse confirms that there is atonement abiding in the Sabbath, as he states though your sins (not keeping the law) are scarlet you will be innocent -- white as snow.

'Come now and let us settle the matter,' saith Jahwah. 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they will be as wool,

IF you are willing and **<u>OBEDIENT</u>** (in keeping His customs -- His <u>Sabbaths</u> -- <u>His appointed times for</u> <u>meeting with Him</u>), you will *then* eat the good of the land.

But if you refuse and rebel (by not keeping his Sabbaths and Appointments), you will be devoured by the sword. Jahwah himself has spoken.

The House Of Judah Worships The Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad -- The Sun, The Moon And The Five Planets!

Jeremiah doesn't mince any words. He tells it like it is. The House of Judah was worshipping the Hosts of Heaven. Jeremiah 7:22-8:9 describes it in this way:

It wasn't offerings and sacrifices I wanted from your fathers when I led them out of Egypt. That was not the point of my command.

But this is what I told them: 'Obey my voice then I will be your Elohim, and you will be my people. Walk in <u>ALL</u> the <u>customs</u> that I command/appoint you, so that you may prosper.

Yet they wouldn't listen or obey, but walked in their **<u>own counsels</u>**, and in the **<u>imagination/lust/stubbornness</u>** of their evil heart/mind/wisdom/understanding.

From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day;

Yet instead of listening and paying heed to me, they in their stubbornness proved even more wicked then their forefathers.

So you must speak all these words to them, **but they will not listen to you**. **Cry out your warnings**, **but don't expect them to respond**.

They did not listen to the warnings as predicted by Jahwah himself. Are you going to follow after the Jews or will you listen to what the *Ruwach ha'qodesh* is saying to the Churches of today? Just remember many are called, but few are chosen.

You must say to them 'This is the nation (the House of Judah) that <u>refuses to obey the voice of Jahwah</u> their Elohim, and <u>refuses to accept correction</u>/refuses to be taught. <u>Truth has perished</u>. <u>The word</u> <u>itself is banished from their speech</u>.

O Jerusalem, shave your head in shame and weep along upon the mountains; for Jahwah has <u>rejected</u> and forsaken this people of his wrath;

The hair denotes *glory*, therefore, removing her hair brings her down from her glorious position -- brings her to shame. The mountains -- the high places where she erected her idols -- are to be the sites of her lamentation. Verse 30 is addressed to <u>all</u> the people of Judah:

For the **people of Judah** have done evil in my sight, says Jahwah. They have set up their **abominations** in the house, which is called by My name, to defile it....

They have built the high places of *Topheth* (*place of fire*) in the Valley of Ben-Hinnom, and there they burn to death their young sons and daughters as sacrifices to their gods. That was no command of mine; indeed it never entered my mind.

The time is coming, says Jahwah, when that valley's name will be changed from 'Topheth,' or the Valley of Ben-Hinnom,' to the 'Valley of Slaughter.' Topheth will become a burial ground, for lack of other space.

The corpses of this people will be food for the birds of the sky and for the beasts of the field, with none to scare them away.

From the <u>cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem I REMOVE</u> all sounds of joy and gladness, <u>the</u> <u>voices of bridegroom and bride</u>, for the whole land will become desert.

Take a moment and reflect very carefully on what this verse is saying. Jahwah states very plainly that THE VOICES OF THE BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDE ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM JUDAH and JERUSALEM.

Jeremiah 8:1 At that time, says Jahwah, the bones of the kings and princes of Judah, the bones of the **PRIESTS** and the **PROPHETS**, and the bones of the citizens of Jerusalem will be brought out from their graves.

They will be spread **BEFORE THE SUN AND THE MOON AND ALL THE HOST OF HEAVEN**, which they have **loved** and **served**, which they have **followed**, **consulted**, and **worshipped**. (The Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad) They will not be gathered up for re-burial but will be left lying on the ground like dung.

Come on people! Look and listen! <u>The Jews</u> -- the House of Judah <u>loved</u>, <u>served</u>, <u>followed after</u>, <u>consulted</u> and <u>worshipped</u> the Sun and The Moon and the Five planets of Babel. It is written out in black and white for all to see. Don't let Satan blind your eyes. Wake up! Wake up before it is too late. Come out of Babel! Flee for your lives!

Death will be preferred to life by all of the survivors of **THIS WICKED RACE** (the Jews), in all the places where I have driven them, declares Jahwah Sebaoth. You must say to them: "Thus says Jahwah: 'When men fall, do they not rise again? If one turns away, does he not come back?

Why then **<u>HAS THIS PEOPLE TURNED AWAY IN PERPETUAL BACKSLIDING</u>? <u>They hold</u> <u>fast to deceit, refusing to return</u>.**

The Jews are a race of people that hold fast to deceit and lies. They are perpetual in their backsliding, refusing to hear the truth and return to Jahwah.

I have listened closely to them but <u>they speak not one word of truth</u>. No one repents of his wickedness, saying 'What have I done!' Every one turns to his own course, like a horse plunging headlong into battle.

Even the stork in the heavens knows her **<u>appointed times</u>**/her appointments/the time to migrate (<u>**moadim**</u>); the turtledove, swallow and crane know/mark/observe the time of their return/migration. But my people do not know the <u>**customs**</u>/<u>**ordinances**</u> of Jahwah.

How can you say, 'We are wise, and the Torah of Jahwah is with us'? Look how <u>it (the Torah) has been</u> falsified by the lying pen of the scribes!

How has the pen of the scribes falsified the Torah? -- By declaring the Traditions of the Fathers be higher law than Jahwah's Scriptures. The Mishnah, the Talmud, the Gemara, and the Kabalah do away with the Scriptures and declare that the Jews live by these **traditions**. As Christ says, "You have made Jahwah's Torah null and void for the sake of your **tradition**...they worship me in vain, for they teach as doctrines the commandments of men."

The <u>wise</u> are put to shame, they are dumbfounded and <u>trapped</u>. Since they <u>have rejected the word of</u> <u>Jahwah</u>, what kind of wisdom is there in them?

Bill Dankenbring comments on the above scriptures --

This Scripture is warning us that even migratory birds know the appointed times for their migrations, but god's people have **FORGOTTEN AND REJECTED THEIR OWN "APPOINTED TIMES**" to meet with God on **HIS** Holy Days, and New Moons!

Why? <u>Because their religious leaders have led them astray</u>! <u>Christian ministers have led</u> <u>Christians astray</u> -- and <u>Jewish rabbis and leaders have led the Jewish people astray</u>!

There you have it in <u>BLACK AND WHITE</u>. The House of Judah (The Jews) followed after the House of Israel. They kept the false feasts -- the false set-time ordinances that Israel introduced -- the false feasts of Baal -- false feasts set aside for the worship of the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets of Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn -- the Sacred Hebdomad of the Babylonians.

Those that continue to follow after the false Sabbaths of the House of Judah, i.e. the Jews, better wake up and smell the flowers. The Jews were worshipping in the Tabernacle of Saturn, even then. Saturday is named after the star god Saturn -- the *Hidden One*. SATURDAY IS NOT THE SEVENTH DAY OF CREATION. <u>IT IS THE DAY SET ASIDE TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF SATURN -- THE FALSE MESSIAH, NIMROD</u>!

The House Of Judah (The Jews) Are Carried Away To Babylon For Abolishing Jahwah's Sabbath!

In the **land of Babel**/land of the Chaldeans, Ezekiel summarizes the charges against the House of Judah - the reasons for their Babylonian captivity. They had **dissolved Jahwah's Holy Sabbath**. Ezekiel 1:3; 21:1, 2; 22:1-5, 8, and 26 says:

...the word of Jahwah came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest...in the <u>land of the Chaldeans</u> (astrologers).

The Word of Jahwah came to me:

Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem and preach against the sanctuaries; prophesy against the LAND OF ISRAEL.

And say to the land of Israel, "Thus says Jahwah: 'Behold, I am AGAINST YOU...'

The Word of Jahwah was addressed to me as follows:

Son of man, are you ready to bring charges against her (Jerusalem)? Are you ready to judge the bloodstained city and declare <u>all her abominable deeds</u>?

Say to her: Sovereign Jahwah has said: 'Woe to the city which sheds blood within her walls to hasten her doom, making idols for her own defilement.

You are guilty because of the blood you have shed, you **are defiled because of the idols you have made**. You have shortened your days by this and hastened your end. Therefore I have made you a disgrace before the nations, and a mockery to all foreign lands.

Countries near and far away mock you because of your lawlessness...

You have regarded my sanctuary with contempt, and dissolved my Sabbaths.

How did they show contempt to Jahwah's sanctuary? -- By dissolving His Sabbaths. Jahwah's Sabbaths are His Sanctuary:

Her priests have violated/<u>have violently taken away My Torah</u> and have <u>dissolved my sanctuary</u> (qodesh). They have made no distinction between sacred and <u>profane</u> (2455), they have not taught people the difference between clean and unclean; they <u>have dissolved my Sabbaths</u>, and I am dishonored among them.

Jeremiah talks about Jahwah Sebaoth, the creator of heaven and earth, and how His people had erected places of worship for Baal. He finally gives them over to the Chaldeans (the astrologers). Jeremiah 32:17-34 again explains Jahwah's reason for their being taken away captive to Babylon.

Ah Sovereign Jahwah! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you....

...Jahwah Sebaoth is His name...

You (Jahwah Sebaoth -- Jahwah of Hosts -- Jahwah of Appointed Times) brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with **signs** and wonders, with a strong hand and outstretched arm, and with great terror;

And you gave them this land, which you swore to their ancestors to give them a land flowing with milk and honey;

And they entered and took possession of it. But they did not obey your voice or follow your <u>TORAH</u>; they did not perform all you commanded them to do; Therefore you have caused all this evil to come upon them.

Therefore thus saith Jahwah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the <u>CHALDEANS</u> (the astrologers), and into the hand of <u>Nebuchadnezzar</u> king of Babylon and he will take it.

And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, will come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses upon whose roofs they have offered **INCENSE UNTO BAAL**, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

For the children of Israel and the **<u>children of Judah</u>** have done nothing but evil in my sight from their youth; the people of Israel have done nothing but provoke me to anger by the work of their hands, says Jahwah.

This city has aroused my anger and wrath, from the day it was built until this day, so that I will remove it from my sight.

The people of Israel and Judah have provoked me by all the evil they have done -- they, their kings and officials, their priests and prophets, the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem.

They turned their backs to me and not their faces; though I taught them again and again, they would not listen or respond to correction.

But they set up their abominations in the house which is called by My Name, to defile it.

Why Did Jahwah Deliver The House Of Judah Into The Hands Of King Nebuchadnezzar?

Jahwah uses names throughout the Scriptures to describe people and circumstances surrounding events taking place. It always helps to thoroughly examine each and every name when analyzing the Scriptures. The name "Nebuchadnezzar" supplies great wisdom into this event.

Nebuchadnezzar contains the name of the god Nebo. Such definitions as "**treasure of Nebo**," "**Nebo-prince of gods**," "**Nebo-defend the boundary**," and "**confusion of the abode of treasure**" have been assigned to this name, all of which include the name of the god Nebo.

Nebo's name was frequently used in Chaldean proper names. He was a Chaldean deity, who was identified with the planet <u>MERCURY</u>. He was also popular in other countries such as Greece and Egypt, where he was known as <u>Hermes</u> and <u>Thoth</u>. Nebo is derived from the word *nabu* meaning '<u>the prophet</u>.' *The Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopædia* describes Nebo in this way:

The interpreter of the **WILL OF BEL-MERODACH OF BABYLON**. He had a shrine at E-saggilla, the great temple of **Bel** at **Babylon**. But his own temple was E-Zida (now *Birs-I-Nimrud*), in Borsippa, the suburb of Babylon...In later days he was identified with Nusku, a solar deity of fire. He is mentioned in Is. xlvi:I, and supposed to have been the symbol of the **PLANET MERCURY**, the **CELESTIAL SCRIBE** and **INTERPRETER OF THE GODS**, answering to the Hermes and Anubis of the Egyptians. He was likewise worshipped by the Sabians in Arabia...Gesenius traces the name in the Hebrew word *prophet*, an interpreter of the divine will. The divine worship paid to this idol by the Chaldeans and Assyrians is attested by many compound proper names of which it forms a part...

The *Dictionary of the Bible* depicts him as:

Nebo was the **interpreter of the will of Bel-Merodach of Babylon**...He presides over literature and science, and the cuneiform system of writing was regarded as his creation. Hence, in the pre-Semitic Sumerian language of Chaldæa, he is termed *dim-sar*, 'the scribe.' Among his titles are those of '<u>the wise</u>' '<u>the intelligent</u>,' '<u>the creator of the oracle</u>,' '<u>the maker of writing</u>,' '<u>the opener</u>,' and '<u>enlarger of the</u><u>ear</u>.'...In later days Nebo was identified with Nusku, a solar deity of fire, who was the messenger of Bel of Nippur, just as Nebo was the messenger of Bel-Merodac of Babylon. In the period of Babylonian influence in Western Asia (B.C. 3800-1400) the name and worship of Nebo were carried into Syria with those of their Babylonian deities. Hence we find a Mount Nebo in Moab (Dt.32:49)...In Is 46:1 Bel-Merodach and Nebo represent the city of Babylon, over which they presided.

There you have it. Nebo was the planet <u>Mercury</u> -- he was the Babylonian messenger of Bel -- he was the interpreter of the gods. In other words, he brought the will of the seven planetary gods to the people.

What does this have to do with the House of Judah and their captivity? Isaiah 66:4 tells us why:

I also will appoint/choose their **DELUSIONS**/**FALSE BELIEFS**/ , and will bring their **FEARS** upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.

What were their **Delusions/FALSE BELIEFS**? They were keeping the **appointed times** and **Sabbaths** of the Babylonian planetary gods, of whom Nebo was the messenger of their will to the people. **The House of Judah (the Jews) were not keeping Jahwah's set-time ordinances**.

What did the Jews fear? "Fear" as defined in the dictionary is *reverence for constituted authority, especially when accompanied by <u>OBEDIENCE</u> THERETO. The Jews did not fear Jahwah, as they did not obey his will; instead they feared and obeyed the planetary gods of Babylon. Thus Jahwah sent Nebo (Nebuchadnezzar), the messenger of their delusion to bring judgment upon them.*

We Cannot Discern The Times Of The Sabbath! There Is No Longer A Prophet Among Us Who Knows When They Are.

Psalms 74:1-9 sums up the problem regarding the loss of the true Creation Sabbath and why Jahwah is angry with His people:

Elohim, why have you cast us off forever? Why does your anger burn against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember the **assembly** of your people, which you took to yourself long ago -- the tribe which you redeemed (brought out of Egypt) to be your own. Remember Mount Zion where you dwell.

(You) Lift up thine hand against their pride continually; because of all that the **ENEMY HAS DONE WICKEDLY IN THY HOLY PLACES/thy sanctuary**.

Thine enemies **EXALT THEMSELVES** in the midst of thy appointed times/appointed festivals. They appoint/ordain/set up their own **signs** for **signs**.

Avi Ben Mordechai states in no uncertain terms that the word "**<u>SIGN</u>**" -- "*owth*" in Hebrew -- refers to Jahwah's Sabbath:

Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate day from night; they shall serve as <u>SIGNS for the</u> <u>SET TIMES</u>, the <u>days</u> and <u>years</u>." I call this the divine <u>APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE</u>...His Jewish alarm clock in the sky!

"SIGNS' was another Hebrew way of saying SHABBATS as it is written:

The Israelites are to observe the <u>SABBATH</u>, celebrating it for the generations to come as lasting covenant. It will be a <u>SIGN</u> between me and the Israelites **FOREVER**, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and earth, and on the seventh day he abstained from work and rested.

Thus this verse could read: "Thine enemies **<u>EXALT THEMSELVES</u>** in the midst of thy appointed times/appointed festivals and appoint/ordain/set up their own **<u>Sabbaths</u>** for **<u>Sabbaths</u>**."

They have cast **<u>Thy HOLY PLACE</u>** into the fire. They have **<u>dissolved</u>**/profaned the dwelling place of your name.

They have said in their heart, even <u>ALL THEIR KINDRED TOGETHER</u>, 'Come, let's <u>ABOLISH</u> <u>THE FEASTS OF JAHWAH FROM THE EARTH</u>.'

We cannot/we do not **perceive**/**understand**/**observe**/**discern**/**learn about** our **signs** (our Sabbaths), as there is no longer a prophet among us nor anyone who knows <u>WHEN</u> (i.e. when the Sabbaths are), therefore, **God will not know us** (will not have intercourse with us) *any more*.

Nehemiah Restores The Sabbath After The Babylonian Captivity!

The Sabbath Day had been dissolved in Judah even before the captivity to Babylon, but immediately upon his return to the Holy Land, Nehemiah takes great steps to **reestablish the true Sabbath**. He entreats Jahwah to remember how he had restored the Sabbath Day upon the return of the Jews from the 70-year captivity in Babylon. The Jews were buying and selling on the Sabbath just like their fathers before them and this was the major reason for their captivity -- they had dissolved the Sabbath. Nehemiah 13:14-22 relates the story:

Remember me for this, my Elohim! Let not the devotion which I showed for the Temple of my Elohim and its observances be forgotten!

In those days I saw men in **Judah** treading winepresses on the **SABBATH**, collecting quantities of produce and loading it on donkeys -- wine, grapes, figs, and every kind of load which they brought into Jerusalem on the **SABBATH**. I warned them against the selling of food on that day.

Also merchants of Tyre were staying there, having brought in fish and other wares and were selling them on the **<u>Sabbath</u>** in Jerusalem to the people of Judah.

So I reprimanded the leaders of **JUDAH** and said to them, 'What is this evil which you are committing in **dissolving the Sabbath day**?

Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our Elohim bring all this evil on us and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath upon Israel by **dissolving** the **Sabbath**.

Take special note that their forefathers had also **<u>dissolved the Sabbath</u>**, which was the major reason for their captivity.

When it began to be dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the <u>SABBATH</u>, I commanded that the gates be shut and gave orders that they not be opened until after the <u>SABBATH</u>. I also stationed some of my servants at the gates to see that no burdens were brought in on the Sabbath day.

Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodge outside Jerusalem once or twice.

But I warned them and said to them 'Why are you remaining here outside the wall? If you do so again I will arrest you.' From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath.

Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and take up duty as guards at the gates, to ensure that the Sabbath day was kept holy. Remember this also to my credit, Elohim, and spare me according to the greatness of your mercy.

By his very name -- Nehemiah -- we understand why he was chosen to reestablish the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the time and place were Jahwah meets and tabernacles with His people -- a place in which He comforts His people. By reestablishing His Sabbath, He was bringing <u>COMFORT TO THIS PEOPLE</u>. Nehemiah means "Jahwah Comforts."

This article will conclude with the re-establishment of the Sabbath by Nehemiah. The article was deliberately based primarily from quotes directly from the Scriptures, in order to establish **firmly** with the reader that Israel right from the beginning did away with her precious Sabbaths and Set-time Ordinances that were ordained by Jahwah in the wilderness. To summarize:

There is an appointed time for everything under the sun including appointments to meet with Jahwah.

The Tabernacle of Saturn denotes **<u>TIME</u>**, a place where the "Hidden Ones," i.e. those hiding from Jahwah, are meeting -- false appointed times to worship Jahwah.

The Kingdom of Israel **abolished the Sabbath** in the wilderness.

Israel refused to enter the Land of Promise at Jahwah's appointed time and was condemned to wander in the wilderness for 40 years.

The Church duplicated Israel's sin of dissolving the Sabbath and was condemned to wander in the wilderness for Forty Jubilees -- 2,000 years.

Under King Solomon's reign, the kingdom of Israel once again does not keep Jahwah's Set-Time Ordinances and is divided into <u>**TWO HOUSES**</u>.

After the division, the House of Israel establishes two golden calves of Apis, which involves **FALSE FEASTS**.

Due to its continual refusal to keep Jahwah's feasts, the House of Israel is condemned to worship in **<u>NIMROD'S TABERNACLE OF SATURN</u>** which they had erected -- false Sabbaths and appointed feasts.

The House of Israel is carried away to Assyria because of keeping the <u>SET-TIME</u> ORDINANCES OF THE HEATHEN.

The King of Assyria exports people from Babylon to replace the House of Israel in Samaria -- **they bring the worship of the seven planets with them**

The House of Judah (<u>the Jews</u>) erects the exact same <u>SET-TIME ORDINANCES</u> <u>THAT WERE INTRODUCED BY THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL</u>.

Even the donkey knows who his master is and where he is fed and the birds know their appointed times for migration, but the **HOUSE OF JUDAH DOES NOT KNOW THE APPOINTED TIMES OF JAHWAH**.

The House of Judah (the Jews) worship the Babylonian Sacred Hebdomad -- the Sun, the Moon, and the five planets.

The House of Judah (the Jews) are carried away captive to Babylon <u>because they</u> <u>abolished Jahwah's Sabbath</u>.

After 70 years of captivity in Babylon, the Jews return to the Land of Promise and Nehemiah <u>AGAIN REESTABLISHES JAHWAH'S SABBATH</u>.

The next article will trace historically and biblically how the Covenant of Levi was established with the Tribe of Levi and was eventually taken over by the Tribe of Judah shortly after the death of Nehemiah -- with no authority from Jahwah. It will also include how the Kabalah and the Traditions of the Fathers entered and corrupted the Religion of the Jews.

Jahwah declares that "My people will come and sit before you and they will hear these WORDS, but they WILL NOT DO THEM." (Ezekiel 33:31)

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