

SABBATH – Part Three: TIME ZONES, SIN on the SABBATH

Last week we talked about the fallen angels which our days of the week are named for. Ms. Jeanette shared with me that Tyr is a Norwegian word for bull. I also looked it up briefly and see that it was also a Norse god of war. You can see the connection to Nimrod who wore horns on his head. He was known as a mighty hunter before the LORD – in God’s face/against Him. He hunted not only animals but also men to make them slaves to work for him building his empire/tower of Babel against God. This is the wickedness that is tied up in the days of the week and month names.

Ms. Jeanette asked:

Why did ppl need weekdays in way back when if they didn't have airplanes and international meetings or skype? (Not a real question) And what of the ever stupid summer and wintertime hour change? What if it changes again with the coming of the beast? Totally think that's possible.

Daniel 7:25 - And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

The suspense for the conclusion is on -is it new moon, saturday, sunday, one day every other week? Could it be enough to worship every day?

Can you work on that day? As a farmer you have to feed animals etc. And many other occupations have to work every day. Can you go travel, buy things, cook food etc. –border lining- what do the messianic do?? And Hebrew roots?

Something else we must consider when thinking about the ongoing debate as to what day the Sabbath should be celebrated on is:

TIME ZONES

How do you think Abraham told time? How do you think they were telling time in Jesus' day? They were getting up with the sun and going to bed by it. They would watch the sun through its phases to know the time of day.



We know there were sun dials around at that time too. In ancient times water clocks and hour glasses were used as well.

In the old days every town and village in effect had its own time-zone. When the sun was at its highest point in the sky, everyone knew it was midday. If people travelled across the country on foot or by horse then they would simply reset their watch at their destination. This all served us well for thousands of years until someone went and invented the railway and then there were immediate problems. What was 10am in London was not 10am in Liverpool. For a while people did try and create complicated train time-tables taking into account the day/date and co-ordinates of the train station but in reality it was all too complicated.



The Centre of Time. On the left of the line you are in the Western Hemisphere and on the right, the Eastern Hemisphere

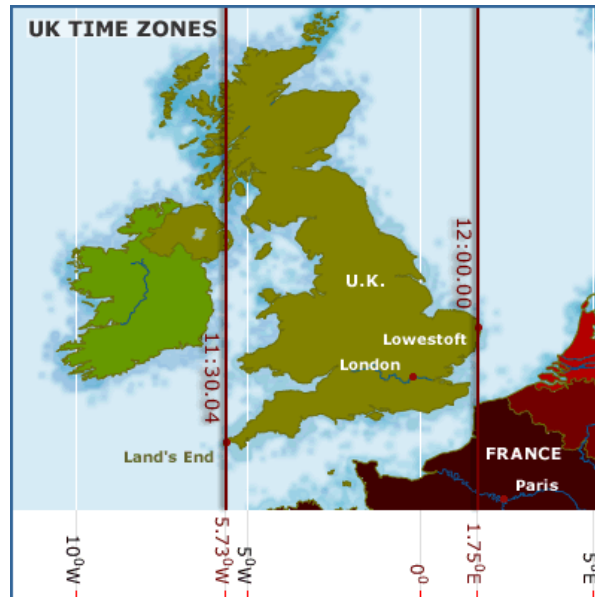


International Time Zones / UTC = Coordinated universal time zone.

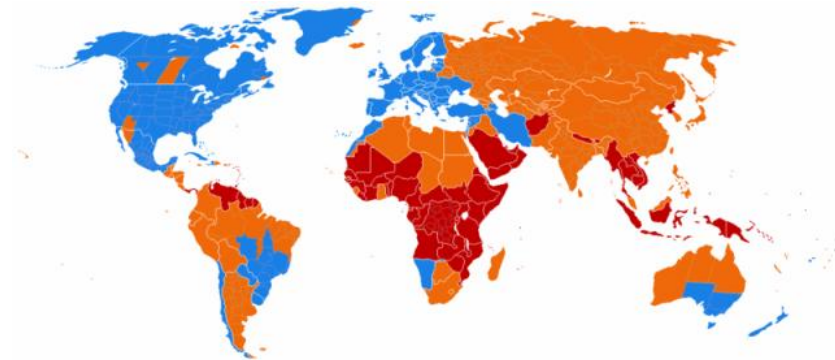
Some countries have many time zones, others are just 30 minutes difference from their neighbours while others still change their time-zones and even days to for economic reasons if they trade with a richer state in a different time-zone. Countries or parts of countries can change their time-zones quite radically. Look at these two time-zone maps showing how time has changed in the United States in the last century.



Time zones in 1913 in the U.S.A.



In Britain we have just one time-zone, we're not that wide but we are quite long. I'm talking country size here, not people! The difference in sunset times between north and south is over an hour. There has been much talk about creating a horizontal time zone either between England or Scotland or at a parallel line somewhere in northern England.



Areas in blue still operate Daylight Saving, those in orange no longer operate Daylight Saving and those in red never have.

[didfr](#) says:

Pardon me for speaking simply, but I think it is stupid. No daylight is saved by moving a clock's hands. To get the most daylight, one must get up when the sun does. We could adjust our schedules seasonally rather than being a slave to 9-5 or whatever. I naturally tend to sleep later these days and get up earlier when spring is on the way.

We learn in school that noon is midday, 12 o'clock, but now we have created a world where that is not true.

[The Bumble Files](#) says:

Wow, how odd that some places in Britain don't get light until 10 AM? That would be so strange. Fascinating stuff and a strange ritual we have in changing the time. Like we have such control over it!

Stephen Liddell – the writer of the article

I noticed that the birds coming to the feeder are coming at the original meal times. Our changing clocks back is fooling no-one but ourselves!

In the U.S. time began to be modified and legalized in the 1800's initially due to railroads.

Since the Sabbath was given to Israel do we base everything on their time? They are exactly 8 hours ahead of us here in Texas. China is 13 hours ahead of us here. What time zone would you pick to keep the Sabbath? When would it start?

The 2005 [Israeli Daylight Saving Law](#) established predictable rules using the Jewish calendar but Windows zone files could not represent the rules' dates in a year-independent way. Partial workarounds, which mishandled older time stamps, included manually switching zone files every year and a Microsoft tool that switches zones automatically. In 2013, Israel standardized its daylight saving time according to the [Gregorian calendar](#).

Israel Daylight Time has been a subject of much confusion and haggling. It has started and been lengthened and shorted and stopped altogether and then reenacted at different times.

SINNING ON THE SABBATH

Reinstituting their service to the LORD

Nehemiah 13:15-22 – In those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the

sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, *that* there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the sabbath.

Isaiah 1:10-20 - Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before Me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread My courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto Me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts My soul hateth: they are a trouble unto Me; I am weary to bear *them*. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

He is comparing Jerusalem & Judah to Sodom and Gomorrah – they are deep in their sins and their hearts are turned away from God. They are in idolatry, pursuing other false gods.

*Notice where He compares their sin to the color red like crimson and then says they shall be as wool – this means white (white as snow) not a wooly rough curly texture. See the next passage

Revelation 1:14 - His head and *His* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes *were* as a flame of fire;

This does not mean Jesus had hair like a black man, that is what people are saying today. Mainly those that support this new Black Israelites Movement.*

Ezekiel 20:16 – Because they despised My judgments, and walked not in My statutes, but polluted (made unclean) My Sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

CLOSING

Amos 8:1-7 - Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit. And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon My people of Israel; I will not again pass by them anymore. And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast *them* forth with silence. Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn (grain)? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea*, and sell the refuse of the wheat? The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

Israel stayed in constant sin against God. There are not very many stretches in the Bible where they held it together and really stayed faithful to Him. They hated His prophets and despised His Word and His commandments. And God has kept record of it all and He will deal with them during the tribulation.

Jeremiah 30:7 - Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

So many Jews will be killed during the tribulation along with those from the nations that have rejected Jesus Christ. But the end of this verse offers hope still for a remnant that God will save.

PRAYER

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