## Is Saturday The Scriptural Sabbath?

## There are many reasons why Saturday on the pagan Roman calendar can't be the Scriptural Sabbath.

To start with, there was no such thing as Saturday when Messiah carried out His ministry, as the Romans observed an eight-week with days named after the first eight letters of their alphabet.

It wasn't until later in the first century that the Romans started using a seven-day calendar, but Saturday was the first day of the week, and Friday was the seventh day.

It wasn't until the fourth century that Emperor Constantine officially moved to the seven-day calendar. When he did that, he switched Saturday to the seventh day. So the current seventh day is not the same as the seventh day from the 1st century to the 3rd century, which was Friday; thus, we can't say that Saturday has always been the seventh day of the week.

Then in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar to make it more accurately reflect the solar cycle. Ten days were dropped off of the yearly calendar to synchronize the calendar to bring the vernal equinox from March 11 back to March 21. So the current seventh day is offset by three days, compared to the Saturday of the 4<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> centuries; thus, we can't say that there's always been a continuously repeating 'six work day / one Sabbath day' cycle.

We can see that Saturday has not always been the seventh day of the Roman calendar and that changes have offset it by another three days. So there's no way to say that the Saturday of today's Roman calendar lines up with the Sabbath that Messiah observed during His ministry.

But the greater issue is that Scripture declares three types of days: work days, Sabbath days, and new moon days, not just two.

The new moon day is the first day of the Scriptural month. Then there is a pattern of 'six work days / one Sabbath day' during the month. A continuously repeating 'six work day / one Sabbath day' cycle doesn't take into account the new moon day; therefore, it's not scripturally valid.

## The Popes have declared that they have the power to change the calendar and the Sabbath.

But that's a false dichotomy, as neither Sunday nor Saturday is the Sabbath. The Scriptural calendar is incompatible with the pagan-Roman calendar of the heretical Popes of Rome.

## Most people who observe a Saturday Sabbath believe that it starts on Friday at sundown.

But we can see by the narrative of Genesis 1 that the creation events took place during the *light of the day*. And then there was 'darkness of night' which takes place from 'evening to morning.' One complete day has the pattern of 'light of day > darkness of night.' A Scriptural day starts when the sun begins to rule the sky.

The only time a command is given to start observance at sundown is on the Day of Atonement, on which we are to start the observance at the evening on the ninth day and continue it until the evening of the tenth day. It points to two different days and does not say that a day is from evening to evening.

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