

My Friend,

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We in America are not accustomed to the great and wide spread problems that now confront us, but God has plans for us. Please notice at least what I have put in bold face type and italics. Also read my conclusion—perhaps first.

Sabbaths are a sign and seal given to God's people. Sabbaths help people prepare for trouble in ways which were not so clearly seen or needed before.

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I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, **we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully....**And at this time God's chosen all saw clearly that we had the truth, and they came out and endured the persecution with us. I saw the sword, famine, pestilence, and great confusion in the land. Page 94, CET EGW
THE SABBATH JUBILEE

The beginning of the earth and Sabbath

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1:4 And God saw the light, that [it was] good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. *[Notice that evening darkness precedes the light of the first day. A day begins at sundown and ends when the sun again goes below the horizon.]*

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, [it was] very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2:2 And **on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.**

2:3 And **God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it:** because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. *[The orbits establish days, months, and years. Only the seven days of creation and the Word of God establish the weekly cycle.]*

The Sabbath reinstated at the exodus from Egyptian slavery

Exodus 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,

20:2 I [am] the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

20:3 **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**

20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; 20:6 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

20:8 **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

20:10 But the seventh day [is] the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates:

20:11 **For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.**

Gods people did not buy and sell on the weekly Sabbaths

Nehemiah 10:31 And [if] the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, [that] **we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day:** and [that] we would leave the seventh year... [*Should we buy and sell in the Sabbath years? Leviticus 24:4 below says, "rest unto the land".*]

The Lord provides year long Sabbaths every 7th year

Leviticus 25:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,
25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, **then shall the land keep a sabbath** unto the LORD.
25:3 **Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;**

Instructions for the year long Sabbath

25:4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

25:5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest **thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: [for] it is a year of rest unto the land.**

25:6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee,

25:7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that [are] in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat. *[We are not to deny wild food to others.]*

After seven sevens proclaim freedom, a jubilee year

25:8 **And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.**

25:9 **Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth [day] of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.**

25:10 **And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and PROCLAIM LIBERTY throughout [all] the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.**

25:11 **A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather [the grapes] in it of thy vine undressed.**

25:12 **For it [is] the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.**

25:13 In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession.

25:17 Ye shall **not** therefore oppress * **one another; but thou shalt fear thy God:** for I [am] the LORD your God.

25:18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

25:19 **And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.**

25:20 And if ye shall say, **What shall we eat the seventh year?** behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

25:21 **Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.**

25:22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat [yet] of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat [of] the old [store].

Year 1- 6 & 48 Plant and harvest. Store enough to last, along with foraging, until harvest of year 8 or 9 after Jubilee.

Year 7 & 49 Rest and rest

Year 50 Rest and rest

Year 8 & 51 Plant and harvest. This is year 1 of the next seven and next fifty.

25:55 ... unto me the children of Israel [are] servants; they [are] my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I [am] the LORD your God.

Preparation is essential

Matthew 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, **Give us of your oil**; for our lamps are gone out. 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, **[Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you**: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

25:12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. *[God shut the door of Noah's ark and no one could enter though they wanted in out of the rain. The earth will be purified of sin and sinners.]*

The Mark of the Beast

Revelation 13:15 ...the beast (see Daniel 7:17) should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Revelation 14:9 If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, v10 **The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.**

Whose wrath will you choose?

** These are the divine rules for social life:*

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

20:13 Thou shalt not kill.

20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.

Conclusion:

One day in seven God's people are to live without planting, harvesting, buying, or selling. Thus they learn to prepare, and then discipline themselves to resist temptation.

One year in seven they are to live a whole year using what they have prepared and can forage.

Once or twice in a lifetime at fifty year intervals ($7 \times 7 + 1$), God's people are to do the same for two years. Those who are well over 50 years of age will be enabled by experience to inspire courage and instruct the young in effective preparation. God's people thus prepared will not panic when they cannot buy or sell.

*John chapter 6 uses bread, the symbol of food, in another sense. Luke also quoted Jesus: ...man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. Luke 4:4
Sabbaths being freed from work are wonderful opportunities to study to know God, to listen to and teach others of Him.*