

I don't remember who sent me this. And as per my usual "prediction" Bro. James Trimm will not have anything new against the Creation Calendar. He will not prove that Saturday is the Sabbath nor will he prove that the Sabbath is the seventh day in an unbroken cycle of seven days.

I acknowledge that his study is short because it was posted on a forum; I can't promise that my rebuttal will be as short but I will try not to infer any more than Bro. Trimm intended.

Please also note that Bro. Trimm assumes that he has found the key that topples the Lunar Sabbath. I can assure you, before I have read a single word of his rebuttal that he has not. I will let you, the ladies and gentlemen of the jury, decide who has presented and/or defended his position with accurate, truthful and Scriptural information. I will respond in blue. Any [bracketed statements] included in his paragraphs are my own unless otherwise noted. **Dated: 4-10-2013.** Shall we begin...?

## Fall of the Lunar Sabbath

Posted by [James Trimm](#) on September 8, 2010 at 2:30pm in [Alternate Calendar Debate](#)  
<http://nazarenespace.com/group/alternatecalendardebate/forum/topics/fall-of-the-lunar-sabbath>

The so-called floating "Lunar Sabbath" is a recent invention. There is no evidence that anyone ever followed it until recent times. To the contrary the historical evidence PROVES that the ancient Hebrews (Including Yeshua himself) kept the Seventh day of the week ("Saturday") and not a so-called floating "Lunar Sabbath".

The following information was obtained from, "The Anchor Bible Dictionary" Vol. 5; Pg. 853f.

Evidence #1. "Sennacherib's [the Assyrian leader] letter written on his Judean campaign in 701 b.c. refers to his capture of Lachish on Hezekiah's "seventh time" (ina 7-šu, lit. "in his 7th (time)," Na'aman 1974:26). Shea (1988:178) has suggested that Hezekiah's "seventh time" refers to the sabbath, the day when its defenders rested and the Assyrians captured Lachish".

A "time" referring to a king is usually a year, not a day. Events recorded about kings are typically written thus: "In the seventh year of King Hezekiah..." Granted, Scripture records that Sennacherib took Israel in Hezekiah's 14<sup>th</sup> year, not his seventh. So could this be referring to the seventh day Sabbath? Perhaps. Perhaps not. A suggestion by a scholar does not a Scriptural truth make. Is this evidence? Certainly, but without a point of reference, it would be inadmissible in a Hebrew or modern court of law.

Remember also a time, times and the dividing of time? This referred to a complete 360 day year.

"Seventh time" (**Joshua 6:16**) refers to the seventh time around the city of Jericho. This took place on the sixth day of the week. "Seventh time" (**I Kings 18:44**) refers to the seventh time Elijah's servant looked toward the sea, all these trips took place on the same day.

Evidence #2. "The publication of the Chronicles of the Babylonian Kings by Wiseman in 1956 provided the date for the capture of Jerusalem "on the second day of the month of Adar" (Wiseman 1956:72-73), i.e., March 16, 597. [sic, should read 597 B.C.] The day was a sabbath (Johns 1963:483-84)".

On whose calendar, Israel's or Babylon's? Were Wisemen or Johns inspired by YHWH and do they have a book that bears their name in Scripture?

The most salient point here is that Babylon at this time had a lunar-solar calendar very similar to Israel's. Adar is the name of Babylon's 12<sup>th</sup> lunar month. Every Sabbath in Scripture that can be date identified falls on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> days of the lunar month, and there are over 20 of them, some of which are in the NT. I won't take the time to prove it here, but the Hebrews observed the 1-2 dark days (no visible moon) after the last Sabbath of the month as new moon day(s). For an in depth study on this, if you are on-line, click right [here](#) to open link. Babylon started their month at the sighting of the first visible crescent, meaning that Babylon's lunar months were always a day behind Israel's lunar months, meaning that Babylon's Adar 2 would equate to Israel's 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the 12<sup>th</sup> month.

The third day of the lunar month is NOT the Sabbath. Israel's months looked something like this:

New Moon Days	First Week Day	Second Week Day	Third Week Day	Fourth Week Day	Fifth Week Day	Sixth Week Day	Seventh Week Day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
(30)							

Evidence #3. “[T]he day for the first assault against Jerusalem on January 15, 588, [sic, should read 588 B.C.] is again a sabbath, based on the synchronism of the biblical date (2 Kgs 25:1; Jer 52:4; Ezek 24:1–2) with the Babylonian records”.

**II Kings 25:1, Jeremiah 52:4 and Ezekiel 24:1-2** say that this took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month. Look above. Does this LOOK like a Sabbath? This would have been the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the tenth month on the Hebrew calendar. Does THAT day look like a Sabbath?

James Trimm has made these statements and expects them to hold water, but he doesn't know anything about the Creation Calendar (Lunar Calendar) that Israel observed. The 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month is not even a sabbath of the Babylonian months. I'm not sure who Bro. Trimm so trusts in telling him that it is. The Babylonian sabbaths were the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> days of the month (the 19<sup>th</sup> day was roughly the 49<sup>th</sup> day from the beginning of the preceding month, completing what they called a week of weeks. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylonian\\_calendar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babylonian_calendar)

Evidence #4. “Again the fall of Jerusalem on the 9th day of the 4<sup>th</sup> month of Zedekiah's 11th year (Jer 52:5–8) is calculated to fall on a sabbath (Johns 1963:485)”.

Calculated to fall on a Sabbath? **Calculated to fall on a Sabbath!** Bro. Trimm, you mean, you have no references that prove that these dates fell on a Sabbath? If I had known you needed a reference regarding Jerusalem's fall on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> month, I could have supplied you with one...

This is found in the Talmud the *Steinsaltz Edition*”, *Volume XIV Tractate Ta’anit Part II (1995 by Israel Institute for Talmudic Publications and Milta Books)*, pages 205-206. It says the following regarding the destruction of Solomon’s Temple in Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar’s army:

**Page 205:** “Then late on the day of the ninth, close to nightfall, they set the Temple on fire, and it continued to burn the entire next day, on the tenth.”

**Page 206:** “When the Temple was destroyed for the first time at the hands of Nebuzaradan [the captain of the guard], that day was the ninth of Av, and it was the day following Shabbat, and it was the year following the Sabbatical Year.... And similarly when the Temple was destroyed a second time at the hands of Titus, the destruction occurred on the very same day, on the ninth of Av.”

The ninth day of the month is the day AFTER the weekly Sabbath, naturally. If I’ve done the math right, the ninth day of the month follows the 8th day of the month. Am I right? Since the 8th day of the month is the Sabbath, so are the 15th, 22nd and 29th days of the month. See the calendar model on the previous page.

There are many “Jewish” records that show the fall of Jerusalem on the day AFTER the weekly Sabbath. An actual quote is usually better than a calculation, wouldn’t you agree?

Evidence #5. “This strategy was again used later by the Seleucids at the beginning of the Maccabean period when Jews were attacked on the sabbath but refused to resist on this day (Josephus Ant 12.6.2; 1 Macc 2:33–38)”.

It is also stated, “Based on these calculations, it appears that the military strategy of the Assyrians and Neo-Babylonians utilized the seventh-day Sabbath rest of the Israelites to accomplish their military-political goals”. Logic would dictate that the Israelites were most vulnerable on their day of rest, especially since one of the halakas of the time taught that one could not fight on the Sabbath (see Jubilees 50:13).

No one argues that the attacking armies failed to utilize the Hebrew Sabbath as a weapon against Israel. It is an absolute fact. Israel was on apostasy, so the Father, who normally fought Israel’s battles for them, let them face the consequences of their iniquity. The problem is that this Sabbath was NOT saturday because Israel was not using the seven day planetary week. Another fact, saturday was the first day of this pagan planetary week until 321 A.D. when Constantine adopted the planetary week and venerated the day of the sun, bumping saturn’s day from the first slot, allowing the sun’s day to move into the coveted position of the first day of the week.

Importantly, note that in Evidences #2 and #4 the Sabbath falls on the second and ninth days (respectively) of their respective months, contradicting a Babylonian-style lunar-shappatu system (or a system that goes 1-8-15-22-29).

The Babylonian sabbaths were the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> days of their lunar months, not days 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. The 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> days of the month are the Hebrew Sabbaths (Day 1 was new moon day, not a weekly Sabbath). The 9<sup>th</sup> day of the 4<sup>th</sup> month was indeed the day AFTER the Sabbath, which was the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the month. Bro. Trimm calls this “evidence”, but I find it to be mere speculation so far. Bro. Trimm makes the same fatal mistake as the other nay-sayers. He assumes that the calendar statements in Scripture are referring to the Gregorian calendar model he presently uses, i.e. that when the word “Sabbath” appears in Scripture that it refers to saturday. The dates he’s offered are not proven to be on the Sabbath, it was just said by someone, and I presume, calculated.

Here is how I determine what is truth...

1. In Scripture: If I find 2-3 witnesses, texts saying the same thing, (**Genesis 41:32, Deuteronomy 19:15**, II Corinthians 13:1) then it is truth that I must admit and comply with.
2. In Scripture: If I find a single text that says "thus saith YHWH", (**Deuteronomy 8:3b**, Matthew 4:10, Luke 4:8), it is truth; I must admit it and obey His command, whether there are 2-3 witnesses or not.
3. In Scripture: If I find a chain of texts where there is an unfolding of truth, one expounding upon the other, (**Isaiah 28:9-10**), this reveals truth that I am responsible for.
4. If it is in the law [Torah] or the prophets, it is true, **Isaiah 8:20**. If something outside of Torah and the prophets agrees with the Torah and the prophets, neither adding nor diminishing aught (**Deuteronomy 4:2**), it is the straight truth. The standard listed in Isaiah and Deuteronomy (above) was given to trump **Test 1** IF the 2-3 witnesses are false witnesses (speaking not according to the Torah and the prophets).
5. A doctrine or accepted belief that lacks any of the above 4 tests means that it is NOT true. YHWH says that He will do NOTHING unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets, **Amos 3:7**. If the prophets are silent, then it did not come from YHWH. If there is no "thus saith YHWH, no 2-3 witnesses, no chain of inter-textual evidence and thus no support found in the Torah and the prophets, then it is my privilege to admit it and tell others that it has no foundation in truth.
6. Any historical evidence that agrees with Scripture (e.g. the Torah and the prophets) is acceptable as supportive evidence to the truth. Any historical record that disagrees with Scripture, failing the first 4 tests above, is a lie in the highest order of magnitude.
7. If someone makes a statement, it does not matter if a thousand witnesses (accusers, followers, scholars, etc.) come later saying that he did NOT say such or did not MEAN such and such; the spoken word of the person in question (i.e., Almighty Yah, the prophets, etc.) takes precedence over that of all his defenders OR detractors.
8. If someone claims to be Messiah, or a prophet, or to have a special message for the body of believers, but fail to provide **Tests 1, 2 and 3** above, then **Isaiah 8:20** and **Deuteronomy 18:18-22** (in essence, **Tests 4 and 5**) need be applied. If what they say doesn't come to pass or they speak not according to the Torah or the testimony of the prophets, fear them not, there is no light in them.

I have Scriptural evidence, from the law and the prophets, that the weekly Sabbaths are regulated by the moon and that they fall on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> days of EACH month. This is applying **Tests 1, 2, 3 and 4**. I have historical statements that supports what Scripture reveals. This is applying **Test 6a**. So far, the only Test that is applicable for the "evidence" supplied by Bro. Trimm is **Test 5 and 6b**. So far he's presented nothing but historical "evidence" that is contrary to Scripture.

In Evidence #3, the Sabbath falls on the tenth day of the tenth month indicating there was no synchronization of the weekly Sabbath with the lunar cycle in this time period. Not only do the days of the attacks calculate to be on the weekly Sabbath, but they also do not correspond to the necessary lunar days to substantiate a Lunar-Sabbath theory.

Bro. Trimm does not give us any evidence for his reasoning or his conclusion, just this “synchronization”. Nothing is given that offers us any data points that might help us understand his conclusion. And this, my friends, is not evidence.

This is how evidence is presented:

Israel did not recognize New Moon day as a day of the week. If last month began with a new moon and the second month after creation began with a new moon, what do you think the FIRST month of the first year of earth’s history began with? New Moon. **Genesis 1:1-2** and **Ezekiel 46:1** proves that new moon day (the first day of every month, even the FIRST month of earth’s history) is a third category of day, not counted as a week day. The temple gate is shut during each and every one of the SIX working days, but it is opened each and every Sabbath and new moon. This means that the new moon cannot fall on one of the six work days. **Amos 8:5**, **Isaiah 66:23** and **II Kings 4:23** also prove that the days of set-apart convocation (Sabbaths and new moon days) belong in a separate category, apart from the six common work days. **Amos**: The unscrupulous vendors are seeking to cheat the Israelites, but it is Sabbath and new moon. Israel won't come out to buy their wares until a work day. **Isaiah**: We will worship YHWH at the appointed times, not on work days. **II Kings**: The boy collapses in the field, his mother races out, scoops him up and runs inside. There the boy dies in her lap. So she runs upstairs, places the boy on Elisha's bed, then runs to her husband asking permission to take a donkey and a servant with her to go see the prophet. To which he inquires, It is neither New Moon, nor Sabbath, why do you want to go see him today? Where was the man? In his field. What was he doing? Working. This is applying **Test 1** and **3**.

**Genesis 1:14** says that the two great lights would be for **signs**, **seasons**, days and years. Thus the calendar of Yah is in the heavens.

**Exodus 31:13**, **Ezekiel 20:12**, and **20:20** all say that the Sabbath is a **sign**, using the SAME Hebrew word found in **Genesis 1:14** (owth), meaning signal or beacon. So either the sun or moon will regulate the Sabbath.

**Psalms 104:19** says that the moon will regulate the **seasons** (mo’edim--appointed times, set feasts). **Leviticus 23:1-3** shows the weekly Sabbath to be the first **feast** (mo’edim--appointed times, set feasts). So the luminary that regulates the weekly Sabbath is the moon. This is **Test 1, 2** and **3**.

This is not circular reasoning, it is not speculation, it is not presumption, it is not a conclusion based on irrational thinking. This is following the evidence in Scripture to its conclusion.

Scripture calls satyrday worship idolatry: *But you have borne the tabernacle of your moloch [king] and Chiun your images, the star of your god which you made for yourselves.* **Amos 5:26**

Chiun is the Hebrew word for Saturn. Here Amos sees a day where Israel worships a star-god that they would make for themselves. Israel would have been in apostasy then.

Stephen, in **Acts 7:43** quotes Amos and is translated as Remphan, which is Greek for Saturn. Satyrday is ONLY a day found on the pagan seven day planetary week. Satyrday was the first day (not the seventh) of this pagan calendar week from at LEAST 800 B.C. The Father’s calendar is found in the sun and moon (the two great lights), not in the planets. This is **Test 1**.

Why am I spelling it satyrday instead of saturn's day? Because Saturn and the Satyr are both linked to the same false system of worship. Watch. Ever heard of a dual counterfeit? Only the enemies of YHWH would accept an obvious counterfeit, but for the more elect, the Adversary has a not-so-obvious counterfeit.

*How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be Almighty, follow Him: but if Ba'al, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. I Kings 18:21.*

Ba'al is the obvious fraud, but what about "the LORD"? Every time you read LORD or GOD in all capital letters in Scripture, the underlying Hebrew is YHWH, the Creator's Name. Ba'al means "Lord" in Hebrew. In Hebrew there is no deception, His Name is YHWH, (which is how the Hebrew reads) but in English there is no right answer from which to choose, both mean Lord. YHWH tells us to stop calling Him "my Lord" (**Hosea 2:16**-Baali means "my Lord"). Friends, what we have here is a dual counterfeit; one is obvious, the other not-so-obvious.



Which day do YOU keep holy?

- Sunday, the current first day of the pagan Roman/papal calendar
- Saturday, the current seventh day of the pagan Roman/papal calendar.

I say "current" because these days were not always the first and seventh days of the week, respectively.

As a side note, I find it interesting that we pronounce the "n" in Woden's day (Wednesday), but we don't for "Saturn's day" (Saturday). Have you ever heard of a Satyr? The cloven footed half-man, half-goat—the universal symbol of Satan himself?

**Sunday** is the obvious fraud. Only the enemies of YHWH would observe Sunday, in honor of the pagan sun-god. But every Satyrday, of every week, of every year, Sabbatarians everywhere, in spite of themselves, worship on **Satyrday** — a day named after Satan himself.

Very cleverly, the Adversary receives his worship every week, all year long, by sincere folks who believe they are following YHWH. Friends, what we have here is a dual counterfeit; one is obvious, the other not-so-obvious. Even if Saturday really is named after Saturn, don't think we are going to get off the hook so easily. Saturn worship is the oldest form of Satanism and is clearly and historically linked to Satyr, the horned goat. The Adversary does not care how you spell his many different names, or under which one you worship, as long as you do not worship YHWH. Please feel free to connect the dots... **Satan (or Pan) is also called the "Horned God"**

**Pan a lusty satyr, half-man, half-goat, was given to every form of licentiousness and debauchery.**

**Kronos, the father of the gods.....for a certain wicked deed, was called Titan, and cast down to hell.**

**Kronos is none other than Satan himself. Titan, or Teitan, as it is sometimes spelled, is the Chaldee form of the Hebrew word Sheitan (Satan), the common name for the Adversary.**

**In the region where the Chaldean Mysteries were originally concocted,--that Adversary who was ultimately the real father of all the pagan gods,--and who (to make the title of Kronos (Saturn), “the Horned One,” appropriate to *him* also) was symbolized by the Kerastes, the *Horned* serpent.**

Horned goat, horned serpent, father of the gods, Satan (Adversary)...hmm. **Kronos (Satan) claims to be in charge if TIME! Kronos is where we get our word Chronology, the study of time.** Kronos, said another way, is also Father Time. Cue Scriptural support:

*For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim:*

*I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. **Isaiah 14:13-14***

The word *congregation* here is the Hebrew word mo’edim, which means “appointed times”. A mountain in Scripture represents a government or controlling authoritarian force. What Satan is proclaiming here is that he will sit on the mountain of the appointed times. He is saying that he will control the calendar, and the appointed times. And indeed he does, but only in the hearts and minds of his followers.

**Now, the name Saturn in Chaldee is pronounced Satur; but, as every Chaldee scholar knows, consists only of four letters, thus — S T U R. This name contains exactly the Apocalyptic number 666...**

ס	S = 060
ת	T = 400
ו	U = 006
ר	R = 200
<hr/>	
666	

The information in the **bold blue font** on the last two pages was gleaned from Alexander Hislop’s classic, *The Two Babylons*. This is applying **Test 6**.

Truth is a two edged sword. If we are going to condemn “sunday” observance as worshipping on the “venerable day of the sun,” satyrday Sabbath keepers need to look in the mirror. Is worshipping on a day named after Satan any better? Satyrday bears the name of our enemy.

Do this word study with your concordance. **Isaiah 13:21** says... *But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.*

*The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. **Isaiah 34:14***

In both cases, the Hebrew word here translated as satyr is Strong's H8163.

It would seem that the Father stopped Israel's Satyrday observance early on. Speaking to Israel after their deliverance from Egypt, YHWH said... *And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.* **Leviticus 17:7**. Notice the word for devils (below).

*And they shall no 3808 more 5750 offer 2076 (853) their sacrifices 2077 unto devils, 8163 after 310 whom 834 they 1992 have gone a whoring. 2181 This 2063 shall be 1961 a statute 2708 forever 5769 unto them throughout their generations. 1755*

Same Hebrew word, H 8163, Satyrs.

Jeroboam and his sons were later cursed for leading Israel BACK into idolatry. **II Chronicles 11:15** says... *And he [Jeroboam] ordained 5975 him priests 3548 for the high places, 1116 and for the devils, 8163 and for the calves 5695 which 834 he had made. 6213*

Same Hebrew word, H 8163, Satyrs.

Jeroboam brought back what YHWH had removed from Israel in **Leviticus 17**. And nearly every time Jeroboam's name is mentioned thereafter it is either prefaced or followed by the statement, *who has made my people Israel to sin*. Amos reminded Israel of their Satyrday idolatry, Stephen repeated it and it got him killed. This is applying **Tests 1** and **3**.

Some people are touchy about their idolatry. I hope you are not and that you are willing to examine why the Father calls Satyrday worship idolatry. Satyrday was not the 7th day of the week until 321 A.D. when Rome adopted the pagan seven day planetary week. Satyrday was the first day of this seven day week for its entire history (during the time Scripture was being written), and not promoted (demoted actually) until Constantine venerated the day of the sun, supplanting Satyrday as the first day of the week.

*"The New Moon is still, and the Sabbath originally was, dependent upon the lunar cycle." **Universal Jewish Encyclopedia**, p. 410. **No quote can be clearer than this.***

*"... each lunar month was divided into four parts, corresponding to the four phases of the moon. The first week of each month began with the new moon, so that, as the lunar month was one or two days more than four periods of seven days, these *additional days* were not reckoned at all." **Universal Jewish Encyclopedia**, Vol. 10, p. 482. Article "Week."*

*"...the Hebrew *Sabbathon* ... was celebrated at intervals of seven days, **corresponding with changes in the moon's phases**..." **Encyclopedia Biblica**, 1899. p. 4180*

*"In the time of the earliest prophets, the New Moon stood in the same line with another lunar observance, the Sabbath. Ezekiel, who curiously enough frequently dates his prophecies on the New Moon ... describes the gate of the inner court of the (new) temple looking eastward as kept shut for the six working days, but opened on the Sabbath and the New Moon." **Scribner's Dictionary of the Bible** (1898 edit.), p. 521*



“The Hebrew month is a lunar month and the quarter of this period—one phase of the moon—appears to have determined the week of seven days.” *Encyclopedia Biblica*, p. 4780. **And why have we never been taught any of this???**

“...The [early] Hebrews employed lunar seven-day weeks...which ended with special observances on the seventh day but none the less were tied to the moon’s course.” *Hutton Webster*, in his book, *Rest Days*, page 254.

In the article *Shawui Calendar: Ancient Shawui Observance*, we find confirmation of a radical change in YHWH’s calendar. “The [lunar]...calendar was used by all the original disciples of Yeshua... This original Nazarene lunar-solar calendar was supplanted by a Roman ‘planetary week’ and calendar in 135 C.E. -- when the ‘Bishops of the Circumcision’ (i.e. legitimate Nazarene successors to Yeshua) were displaced from Jerusalem. This began a three hundred year controversy concerning the true calendar and correct Sabbath.”

“This intimate connection between the week and the month was soon dissolved. It is certain that the week soon followed a development of its own, and it became the custom -- without paying any regard to the days of the month (i.e. the lunar month) -- ...so that the New Moon no longer coincided with the first day [of the month].” *Encyclopedia Biblica*, (1899 edit.), p. 5290.

“... the custom of celebrating the Sabbath every 7th day, irrespective of the relationship of the day to the moon’s phases, led to a complete *separation* from the ancient view of the Sabbath...” *Encyclopedia Biblica*, (1899 edit.), p. 4179.

“The calendar was originally fixed by observation, and ultimately by calculation. Up to the fall of the Temple (A.D. 70), witnesses who saw the new moon came forward and were strictly examined and if their evidence was accepted the month *was fixed by the priests.* Eventually the authority passed to the Sanhedrin and ultimately to the Patriarch. ... Gradually observation gave place to *calculation.* The right to determine the calendar was reserved to the Patriarchate; the Jews of Mesopotamia [Ed.—this is the land of Babylon] tried in vain to establish their own calendar but the prerogative of Palestine was zealously defended. So long as Palestine remained a religious centre, it was naturally to the homeland that the Diaspora looked for its calendar. Uniformity was essential, for if different parts had celebrated feasts on different days confusion would have ensued. It was not until the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. that Babylon fixed the calendar...” *Encyclopedia Britannica: Vol. 4, article “Calendar”*.

“These imported [from Babylon] superstitions eventually led Jewish rabbis to call Saturn *Shabbti*, ‘the star of the Sabbath,’ [and]...it was not until the first century of our era, when the planetary week had become an established institution, that the Jewish Sabbath seems always to have corresponded to Saturn’s Day [Satyrday].” *Hutton Webster* in his book, *Rest Days*, p. 244.

**Thus the condemnation in Amos 5:26 was set in stone.** In **Amos 5:26**, the prophet is recorded as reminding Israel of their apostasy. Israel started worshipping Chiun, a star-god of their own making. In **Acts 7:43**, Stephen quotes Amos and is translated into Greek as saying “Remphan, the star-god...” Chiun and Remphan are the respective Hebrew and Greek words for Saturn. The Sabbath of Scripture is based upon the lunar cycle. So Israel did indeed come to worship Saturn on his day, but at a much later date and not by Divine command.

“With the development of the importance of the Sabbath as a day of consecration and the emphasis laid upon the significant number seven, the week became more and more divorced from its lunar connection...” *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia: Vol. 10, 1943 edit. Article, "Week," p. 482.*

“The four quarters of the moon supply an obvious division of the month...it is most significant that in the older parts of the Hebrew scriptures the new moon and the Sabbath are almost invariably mentioned together. The [lunar] month is beyond question an old sacred division of time common to all the semites; even the Arabs, who received the week at quite a late period from the Syrians, greeted the New Moon with religious acclamations. ... We cannot tell [exactly] when the Sabbath became disassociated from the month.” *Encyclopedia Biblica, 1899 edit., pp. 4178-4179.*

And THIS ladies and gentlemen of the jury is applying **Test 6**. How is it that scholars cannot tell when the Sabbath was disassociated from the lunar cycle while modern Satyrday sabbath keepers in general deny that the Sabbath was ever connected with the moon in the first place?

*The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, My people doth not consider. **Isaiah 1:3***

Has James Trimm supported his conclusions using any of these methods or has he just made statements based solely on the fact that they supported his previously held convictions? I'm a 4th generation satyrday Sabbath keeper. Trust me, it would have been a LOT easier to keep on worshipping as my ancestors had before me. But there is this little thing called spiritual integrity that demands loyalty to the Creator and to truth, wherever it may lead. Clearly, James Trimm is a spiritual man, however he has made statements and come to conclusions not based on their verity or merit, rather the nearness to his own biased opinion. This is not spiritual integrity, but it IS a step toward truth. I too objected to the Creation Calendar before I became a defender and supporter. Time will tell whether Bro. Trimm is more interested in the truth than his warm, fuzzy traditions.

To my knowledge, the Babylonians used a crescent New Moon method for determining the beginning of the month (it was some time after the Exile that the Babylonians learned how to calculate the conjunction).

This is a true statement.

Concerning Evidence #5 The Anchor Bible Dictionary also states, “In Jub. 50:13 fighting is still prohibited on the sabbath. [This is also true. War is work. All the fighting mentioned in this paragraph is after the bright light of Shekinah had left Israel. Israel was in apostasy and left to their own devices. It was different when YHWH fought their battles for them. See below.] Ptolomy I Soter (323–283/82 b.c.) took Jerusalem on a sabbath unopposed and ruled it harshly (Joseph. Ant 12.1.1). Apollonius, a commander of an army corps of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, in 168 b.c. “waited until the holy sabbath day” to “rush into the city with his armed men and killed great numbers of people” (2 Macc 5:25–26), because Jews did not fight on the sabbath. Sabbath attacks continued (1 Macc 2:38), and Mattathias and his followers decided that they needed to defend themselves on the sabbath (vv 39–41) in order to avoid annihilation. According to Josephus this practice continued (Ant 12.6.2). By the time the Romans engaged in war against the Jews, the latter would even attack viciously on sabbath (Joseph. JW 2.17.10; 18.1)”.

The battle of Jericho was a seven day event. Every able bodied Israelite male took with him every available weapon at his disposal. The priests even carried with them the sacred Ark of the Covenant.

In this battle/siege, Israel is on the offensive, they are the aggressors. Read the account in **Joshua 6**. Only Joshua knew it would be a 7 day affair, the men were told they would attack when Joshua gave them the signal. These soldiers were marching around Jericho for seven days in attack mode, on a full tilt adrenalin rush, not knowing for sure when the signal would come. Which day was the Sabbath? Did YHWH ever send Israel into battle on the Sabbath? The battle of Jericho is more a calendar statement than it is about the conquest of Canaan. How do I know this? Simple. Israel had JUST come out of the wilderness after a 40 year sojourn, having to relearn the law (including the Sabbath) of Yah. Do you suppose that the VERY first thing YHWH commanded Israel to do would be to break the Sabbath with a 7 day siege? If the Sabbath is every seventh day in an unbroken cycle, then ONE of the days Israel marched around Jericho had to have been the weekly Sabbath. You think about this. The Book of Jasher holds a clue...

*And it was in the second month, on the first day of the month, that YHWH said to Joshua, Rise up, behold I have given Jericho into thy hand with all the people thereof; and all your fighting men shall go round the city, once each day, thus shall ye do for six days. And on the seventh day they went round the city seven times, and the priests blew upon trumpets. Jasher 88:14, 17*

If you are interested in knowing how they took Jericho WITHOUT breaking the Sabbath, see the calendar model below. It is so simple a child can figure it out. Please remember that new moon days are not week days. Looked like this...

<b>New Moon Days</b>	First Week Day	Second Week Day	Third Week Day	Fourth Week Day	Fifth Week Day	Sixth Week Day	<b>Seventh Week Day</b>
<b>1</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7	<b>8</b>
	9	10	11	12	13	14	<b>15</b>
	16	17	18	19	20	21	<b>22</b>
	23	24	25	26	27	28	<b>29</b>
<b>(30)</b>							

The battle/siege started on new moon day, marching around one time a day until the seventh day when they marched around seven times. The battle/siege ENDED on preparation day. Israel did not march around Jericho on the Sabbath. This is the sort of “evidence” that Bro. Trimm never offers. He just says things expecting you to believe it; I show you evidence from Scripture or the historical record.

We know from the Scriptures that the Messiah and his Emissaries not only frequented the Synagogue on the Sabbath, but that it was Messiah's (Luke 4:16) and Paul's (Acts 17:2) practice to go to the Synagogue on the Sabbath (the same Sabbath the other Jews kept). [No, it was the same Sabbath that the Israelites kept. The Jews are not Israelites, they are Edomites.<sup>1</sup> The Jews never kept the Scriptural Sabbath, they adopted “Judaism” the half pagan religion of the Babylonian rabbis—the ones who wrote the Talmud and did not return to Israel with Ezra and Nehemiah—between 700-900 A.D. LONG after Rome and the Catholic church had dominated the scene, including the calendar. See **Daniel 7:25**.] Surveying the numerous issues Paul and Messiah had with the halacha of the time (especially the issue of proper Sabbath observance in the Gospels) the issue of \*when\* to keep the Sabbath is never broached; instead it was their practice to assemble on the same day as their fellow Jews.

These historical records indicate that Sabbath observance was kept by many Israelites, both pre-Exilicly and post-Exilicly, on a repeating 7 day cycle on the day we call Saturday.

Yes, Paul and the man from Galilee observed the same Sabbath as everyone else in the NT. But it was not satyrday. The only reason James Trimm believes that Israel observed satyrday on a repeating 7 day cycle is because the 430+ year old Gregorian calendar shows satyrday as the seventh day of a repeating 7 day cycle. Rome had an 8 day week in the first century and Israel has NEVER had a repeating 7 day week. The new moon interrupted the seven day cycle every month.

At this time I have to ask you the readers, the ladies and gentlemen of the jury, if James Trimm presented any evidence that would topple the Creation Calendar with its Lunar Sabbath? If not, please tell him so. He is not fighting against me or the Lunar Sabbath; he is fighting against the Most High.

Respectfully,

Troy Miller  
[www.CreationCalendar.com](http://www.CreationCalendar.com)

**Endnote:**

**1.** “Here is a paradox . . . A most ingenious paradox: an anthropological fact, many Christians may have much more Hebrew-Israelite blood in their veins than most of their Jewish neighbors.” *Jewish author, Alfred M. Lilienthal, What Price Israel, p. 223.*

The 1980 Jewish Almanac, p. 3, in the first chapter entitled, “*Identity Crisis*” said... “Strictly speaking, it is incorrect to call an ancient Israelite a ‘Jew’ or to call a contemporary Jew and ‘Israelite’ or a ‘Hebrew.’”

A percentage of the people who are known today as Jews are descendants of Abraham, but not of Isaac and Jacob. History reveals that they are actually the descendants of the fierce Turkish, Khazar tribes which roamed regions of southern Russia and who adopted Judaism between 7th and 9th centuries A.D.

“No one can deny that the Jews are a most unique and unusual people. **That uniqueness exists because of their Edomite heritage.** You cannot be English Jews. We are a race, and only as a race can we perpetuate. **Our mentality is of Edomitish character,** and differs from that of an Englishman. Enough subterfuges! Let us assert openly that we are International Jews.” *Manifesto of the “World Jewish Federation,” January 1, 1935, through their spokesman, Gerald Soman.* [Emphasis my own.]

“Edom is modern Jewry.” —*The Jewish Encyclopedia, 1925 edition, Vol.5, p.41*

“Today, the Khazars are known as ‘Jews,’ not because of any racial question, but because of their religion.” (*Jewish historian, Arthur Koestler, The Thirteenth Tribe, New York: Random House, Inc. 1976*)

Koestler also wrote that during the Middle Ages, they lost the name Khazar and became known as Jews. (*The Thirteenth Tribe, New York: Random House, Inc. 1976, pp. 152-161*)

Hasdai ibn Shaprut, who was foreign minister to Abd-al-Rahman, Sultan of Cordova, in his letter to King Joseph of the Chazars (about 960 AD) speaks of the tradition according to which the Chazars once dwelt near the Seir Mountains. The 'Seir Mountains' are none other than the original land of Esau-Edom - 'Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom' (Genesis 36:8). Seir was a mountain range south of the Dead Sea and was also known as the 'land of Edom' (Genesis 36:21). The Seir Mountains were the home of the Edomites for nearly a millennium (The Edomites arrived in Edom or Seir at the end of the 14th and beginning of the 13th century B.C. Encyclopedia Judaica, Vol. 6, p. 372). Thus we have it from Jewish sources that the Khazars originally 'dwelt near the Seir Mountains' so are racially of Edomite stock, not Israelite. But how and when did Edomites get to Khazaria? There is evidence that in the 6th century BC, some of the Edomites fled their homeland of Seir and migrated north, 'After the fall of Jerusalem, in 586 BC, the Edomites began to press northward (Ezekiel 36:5). *The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible, ed. by Henry S. Gehman, The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1970, p. 418.*" (*The Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. IV, (1905), p. 3*).

So what have we learned? The Khazars are descendants of Esau, not Jacob. The Khazars claim Mt. Seir as their point of origin (*Jewish Encyclopedia, 1901-6, Vol. IV, p. 3*). Mt. Seir was the origin of the Edomites that descended from Esau. (**Genesis 36:1-8, Deuteronomy 2:4-5**). YHWH says in **Malachi 1:2-3**, Jacob I have loved, Esau I have hated.

Did you know that Jesus encountered the ancestors of these men in his day? He not only recognized them, he skillfully painted them into a corner so that they would expose themselves as imposters. John 8:28-44

**28** Then said Jesus unto them, **When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.**

**29** And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

**30** As he spake these words, many believed on him.

**31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;**

**32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**33** They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

**34** Jesus answered them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**

**35** And the servant abideth not in the house forever: *but* the son abideth ever.

**36** If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

**37** I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

These "Jews" say that they have NEVER been in bondage. Surely they must have forgotten the Hebrew sojourns in Egypt, Babylon and Assyria.

Actually, they spoke the truth. Only Jacob's descendants went into captivity. Also note that Jesus ADMITS that they are descendants of Abraham (verse 37).

**38** I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

**39** They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, **If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.**

**40** but now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41 *Ye do the deeds of your father.* Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

These men were descendants of Abraham, but were never in bondage, and Jesus agrees. Revelation 2:9 says, *I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews* [Judahites or Judeans is the underlying Greek], *and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.* (See also Revelation 3:9)