

## 1 Kings 20:26-30 (War on the Sabbath???)



The Sabbath is one of the most heated controversial debates on where many would imply that Saturday upon the Georgian Christian calendar is the original 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath. According to Roman historical evidence, Saturn-day or (Dies Saturni) in Latin was originally the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week and then changed into the 7<sup>th</sup> day, which the evidence can be view in [this web page](#). Of course this change was made 1,000 years or so after the Sabbath law was spoken unto Israel during the Exodus period, so the question that comes to mind is “Was YHWH involved on advising the Roman Empire on changing Saturday from 1<sup>st</sup> day to 7<sup>th</sup> day on (their) calendar?” According to scripture, the Sabbath law was part of a covenant unto Israel and YHWH did not make a covenant with the Roman Empire, as it is an historical fact that Rome was not yet in power and/or a Nation when the Sabbath law was spoken unto Israel during the Exodus period.

### Exodus 31:16

*Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.*

Many would imply that the Sabbath is not reckoned by the moon, however scriptures does not supports this statement as being scripture clearly shows that the Moon was created to govern the months throughout the year and the Sun only governs the hours in a day. **Psalm 104:19, Jeremiah 31:35, Psalm 136:8, Ecclesiasticus 43:6(Apocrypha)**

According to **Genesis 1:14** it says the following:

*And YHWH said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*



The scriptures on the other hand do not support, nor indicate that the Sabbath is from Friday evening to Saturday evening, nor do the scriptures support any Israelite observing any of the Roman calendars, including the Gregorian which is technically governed by the Sun and constituted by a winter and summer solstice. The only calendar that is supported through scripture is a calendar governed by the moon, as YHWH spoke of his calendar in Exodus 12:2 as he spoke of the days that were familiar to the Israelites, upon his calendar to Ezekiel in Ezekiel 46:1 which consist of New moon day – 6 working days & 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath.

In regards to the 7 day Israelite / Assyrian war mentioned in 1 Kings 20:26-30, would be 2 questions that would come to mind.

1. Did the Israelites go to war on the Sabbath?

2. Which calendar did the Israelites observed during their 7 day war? What is it a solar calendar or a Hebraic lunar calendar?

According to 1 Kings 20:26-30

*26. And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.*

*27. And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.*

*28. And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.*

*29. And they pitched one over against the other **seven days**. And so it was, that in **the seventh day the battle was joined**: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.*

*30. But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.*

The definition of war from the world English dictionary is the following:

1. A conflict carried on by force of arms, as between nations or between parties within a nation; warfare, as by land, sea, or air.

2. A state or period of armed hostility or active military operations: The two nations were at war with each other.

3. A contest carried on by force of arms, as in a series of battles or campaigns.



The definition of Soldier from the world English dictionary is the following:

1. A person who serves in an army; a person engaged in military service.
2. A person of military skill or experience.
3. A person who works diligently for a cause.



In regards to my first question, regarding if the Israelites did go to war on the Sabbath? To discover the answer to this question, can be found upon using our common sense along with the scriptural references.

Going to war however goes against the concept of “Rest” and a Soldiers job duties is to “Fight”. According to scripture in **Exodus 23:12** implies that the 7<sup>th</sup> day is a day of rest and a conflict of any sort between two persons, parties or nations is considered a violation against the Sabbath law. To commit a violation or a Sin against the Sabbath law would result on receiving the death penalty **Exodus 31:15**.

As scripture would specify that Sin is a transgression of the law and the Sabbath is a law **1 John 3:4**

Question #1.....Did the Israelites during their 7 day war observed this calendar?

## Roman Solar Calendar

### 7 day Israelite/Syrian war

Rest ?



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Day 1 of the War

Day 2 of the War

Day 3 of the War

Day 4 of the War

Day 5 of the War

Day 6 of the War

Day 7 of the War

1 Kings 20:26-30



Sabbath ?

## Leviticus 23:3

Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of **Rest**, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of YHWH in all your dwellings.



Question#2.....Or did the Israelites during their 7 day war observe this calendar?

## Hebraic Lunar Calendar

### 7 day Israelite/Syrian war



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## Leviticus 23:3

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The question you will have to ask yourself is which calendar did the Israelites observed during their 7 day war, considering all the given facts in this article. Could it be that the Israelites gone off to war on the Sabbath and YHWH said nothing about his people committing a sin as they would escape the death penalty for breaking the Sabbath law? Or did YHWH went against his word that indicates he went against his own Sabbath law that requires rest and advised plus permitted the Israelites to fight a war on the Sabbath ?

### Psalm 89:34

*My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.*

The final conclusion is upon you the reader who will discern, on what type of calendar did the Israelites observed in regards to 1 Kings 20:26-30 and whether the Israelites did go to war on the Sabbath.