

# Jehovah Mekoddishkem / M'kaddesh – The Lord who Sanctifies!

“But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘**You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.**’<sup>14</sup> Therefore you are to **observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you.** Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.<sup>15</sup> For six days work may be done, **but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD;** whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death.<sup>16</sup> So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a **perpetual covenant.**’<sup>17</sup> **It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever;** for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed.” (Exodus 31:13-17)

- **“As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people. <sup>7</sup> You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> You shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies”** (Leviticus 20:6-8)
  
- **“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. <sup>23</sup> I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations,...<sup>25</sup> Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. <sup>28</sup> You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness;...”** (Ezekiel 36:22-30)

# I) Sabbath according to OT!

- **Sabbath in Hebrew is *shavat*, “to rest”**. As God rested after six days of work completing the creation. Sabbath was commonly for “rest and worship”
- **Sabbath according to (Exodus 31:13-17)!** i) “**You shall surely observe My sabbaths**” v. 13, “So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations” ii) **As a perpetual covenant** v. 16, iii) For six days work may be done, **but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD**” v. 15, iv) **Is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations**” v. 13, “**It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever**” v. 17. v) that you may know **that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.** v. 13.
- **Sabbath according to (Isaiah 58:13)!** “If because of the sabbath, **you turn your foot From doing your own pleasure on My holy day, And call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, And honor it, desisting from your own ways, From seeking your own pleasure And speaking your own word,**” (Isaiah 58:13)

## II) Sabbath Rest in Christ according to NT!

- **Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath!** “For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” (Matthew 12:8), “So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.” (Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5)
- **Coming to Jesus is to find our Sabbath rest!** “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)
- **Being in peace and enjoying a reconciled relationship with God!** “and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.” (Colossians 1:20) Ref: Corinthians 5:17-18