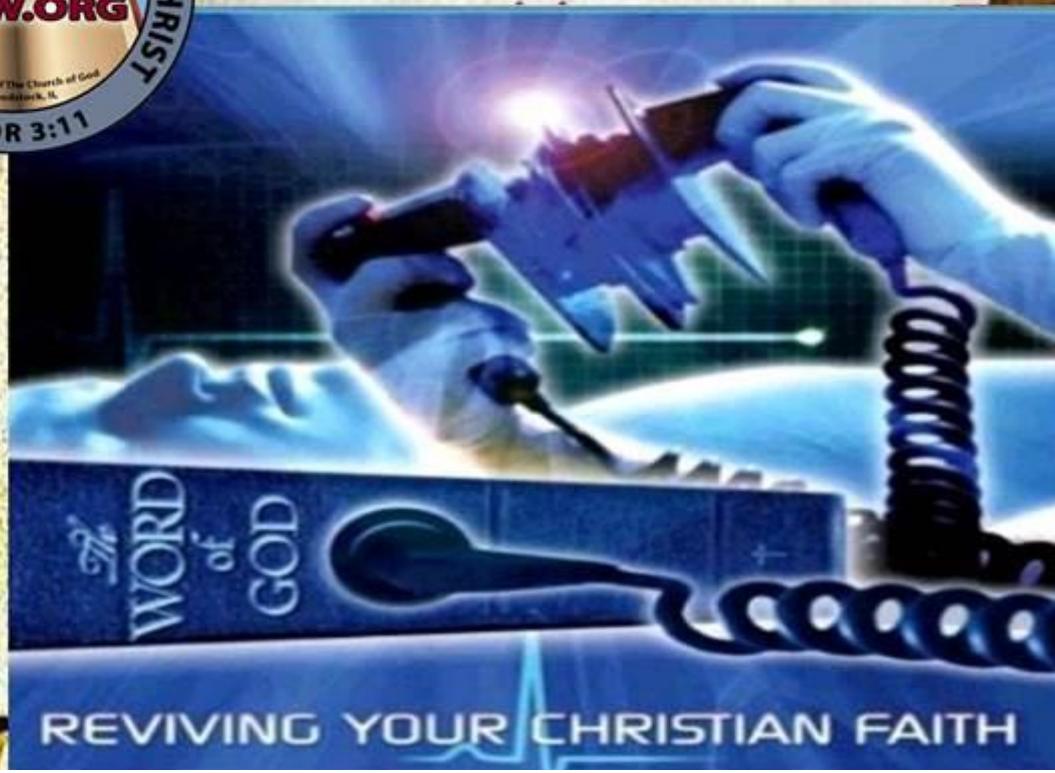
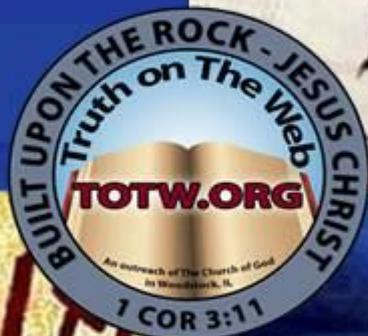
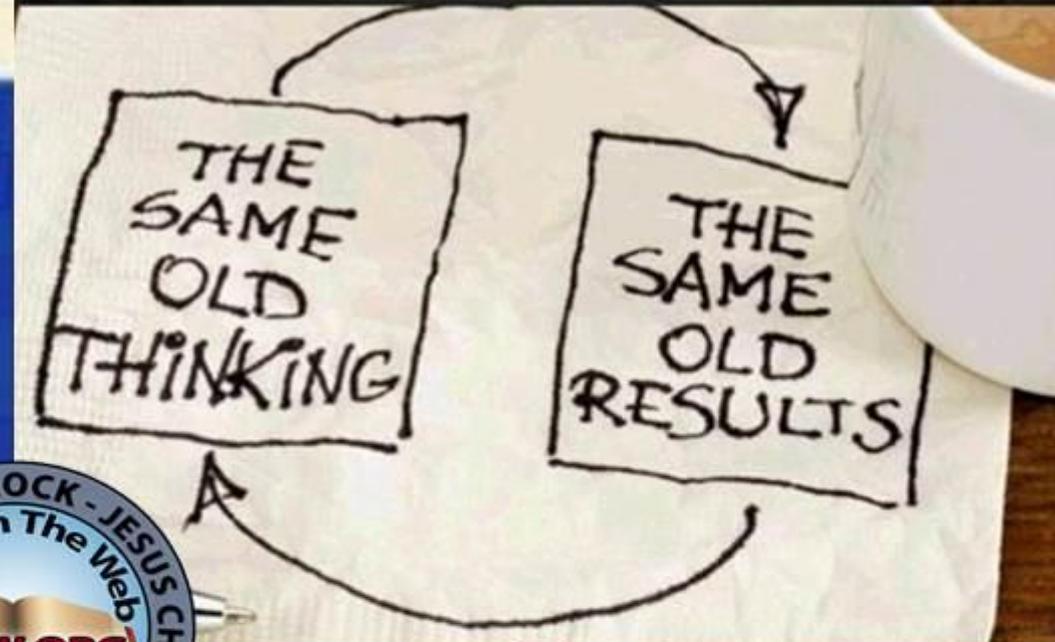


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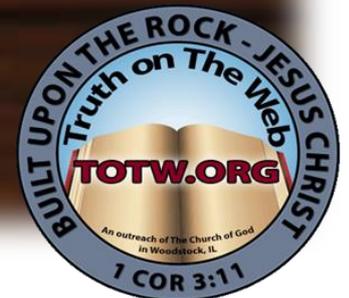


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Day of Atonement

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Leviticus 23:32 It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: **in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even**, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath.

Feast of Unleavens

Exodus 12:17-19 And ye shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. **In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.** Seven days shall there be no leaven found...

Leviticus 23:6 And **on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread** unto the LORD: **seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.**

“There only exists one time standard in the whole period covered by the Bible, i.e., the one taking the morning as the beginning of the day, 'but in regard to the festivals and appointed times, the Torah ordains that they shall be observed also on the night of the *preceding day*.”

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In The Beginning....

Genesis 1:1-5 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 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. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. **And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.** And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary

3117. יוֹם yom

from an unused root meaning to be hot; a day (as the warm hours), whether literal (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next), or figurative (a space of time defined by an associated term), (often used adverb):—age, + always, + chronicals, continually(-ance), daily, ((birth-), each, to) day, (now a, two) days (agone), + elder, X end, + evening, + (for) ever(-lasting, -more), X full, life, as (so) long as (... live), (even) now, + old, + outlived, + perpetually, presently, + remaineth, X required, season, X since, space, then, (process of) time, + as at other times, + in trouble, weather, (as) when, (a, the, within a) while (that), X whole (+ age), (full) year(-ly), + younger.

- daylight (i.e., sunrise to sundown)
- night & day (i.e., 24 hours)
- a time period/age (i.e., Abraham saw My day)

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Yom = daylight (i.e., sunrise to sundown)

Genesis 1:16 And God made two great lights; **the greater light to rule the day**, and the lesser light to rule the night: *He made the stars also.*

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Genesis 1:5 And the evening and the morning were the first **day**.

Genesis 1:8 And the evening and the morning were the second **day**.

Genesis 1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third **day**.

Genesis 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth **day**.

Genesis 1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth **day**.

Genesis 1:31 And the evening and the morning were the sixth **day**.

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Leviticus 23:27-32 Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a Day of Atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a Day of Atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It *shall be* unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath.

The First Day

Genesis 1:5 And God called the light “Day” [Hebrew: *yom*], and the darkness he called “Night” [Hebrew: *layilah*]. And the evening [*‘erev*] and the morning [*boqer*] were the first day.

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“When day-time had passed, the period allotted to darkness returned (and there was evening), and when the night-time came to an end the light held sway a second time (and there was morning), and this completed the first calendar day (one day), which had begun with the creation of light.”

U. Cassuto, *A Commentary on the Book of Genesis*, trans. Israel Abrahams, 4th ed., 3 vols. (Jerusalem: Magnes, 1961)

“Some scholars...support their opinion by the verse of Gen. 1:5: 'And the morning and the evening were the first day' (RV), 'and there was evening and there was morning one day' (JPS). From this verse they conclude that the evening was first and was followed by the morning. The words however should be translated; when the sun set and the sun arose constituted the first day; i.e. the time from sunrise to sunrise completed one day. This I believe is clear from the passage in the Pentateuch. The Book of Genesis says that first there was darkness and then that light came when God said: 'Let there be light.' We are told that God divided the light from the darkness and called the light day and the darkness night. When the light which God created went down, and it became dark, and then when the dawn arose, a full day was completed. Thus, the day really began with the light and lasted until the following dawn.”

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, THE BEGINNING OF THE JEWISH DAY DURING THE SECOND COMMONWEALTH in "The Jewish Quarterly Review" Vol 36 of 1945

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and **day and night** shall not cease.

Exodus 13:21 And the LORD went before them **by day** in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; **and by night** in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go **by day and night**:

Leviticus 8:35 Therefore shall ye abide *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation **day and night** seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

Deuteronomy 28:66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear **day and night**, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein **day and night**, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

1 Kings 8:59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God **day and night**, that He maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:

1 Chronicles 9:33 And these *are* the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* free: for they were employed in *that* work **day and night**.

Nehemiah 1:6 Let Thine ear now be attentive, and Thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant, which I pray before Thee now, **day and night**, for the children of Israel Thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against Thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

Nehemiah 4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them **day and night**, because of them.

Job 26:10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the **day and night** come to an end.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in His law doth he meditate **day and night**.

Psalms 32:4 For **day and night** Thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

Psalms 42:3 My tears have been my meat **day and night**, while they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?

Psalms 55:10 **Day and night** they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.

Psalms 88:1 O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried **day and night** before Thee:

Jeremiah 9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep **day and night** for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Jeremiah 16:13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, *neither* ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods **day and night**; where I will not shew you favour.

Jeremiah 33:20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and that there should not be **day and night** in their season;

Jeremiah 33:25 Thus saith the LORD; If My covenant *be* not with **day and night**, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

Lamentations 2:18 Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river **day and night**: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

Luke 18:7 And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry **day and night** unto Him, though He bear long with them?

Acts 9:24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates **day and night** to kill him.

Acts 26:7 Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving God **day and night**, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

Revelation 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not **day and night**, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come

Revelation 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him **day and night** in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God **day and night**.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented **day and night** for ever and ever.

1 Samuel 25:16 They were a wall unto us both by **night and day**, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

1 Kings 8:29 That Thine eyes may be open toward this house **night and day**, *even* toward the place of which Thou hast said, My name shall be there: that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant shall make toward this place.

Isaiah 27:3 I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it **night and day**.

Jeremiah 14:17 Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears **night and day**, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of My people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

Mark 4:27 And should sleep, and rise **night and day**, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

Mark 5:5 And always, **night and day**, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

Luke 2:37 And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers **night and day**.

Acts 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one **night and day** with tears.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring **night and day**, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

1 Thessalonians 3:10 **Night and day** praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

2 Thessalonians 3:8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail **night and day**, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

1 Timothy 5:5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers **night and day**.

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers **night and day**;

1 Kings 8:29 That Thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which Thou hast said, My name shall be there: that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant shall make toward this place.

2 Chronicles 6:20 That Thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof Thou hast said that Thou wouldest put Thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which Thy servant prayeth toward this place.

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Psalms 55:16-17 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me. **Evening, and morning, and at noon**, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice.

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

MORROW, TOMORROW

Two words are used in the Old Testament in this meaning: boqer, which properly means "dawn," or "morning," and machar, properly the same, but used for the next morning and hence, "tomorrow," like the German morgen. The derivative mo-chorath, is "the following day," "all the next day," especially after yom ("day"), but usually coupled with a noun following, as in **Le** 23:11, mochorath ha-shabbath "day after the Sabbath." It is also used adverbially for "on the morrow," as in **Ge** 19:34.

In the Greek of the New Testament we find aurion (**Mt** 6:34, etc.), commonly used, but hexes, also occurs (**Ac** 25:17 the King James Version, where the Revised Version (British and American) renders more exactly "the next day"); epaurion, is "on the morrow" (**Acts** 10:9,23-24).

H. Porter

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary

4283. מֹחֹרָת mochorath

or mochoratham (1 Sam. 30:17) feminine from the same as 4279; the morrow or (adverbially) tomorrow:—morrow, next day.

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary

4279. מָחָר machar

probably from 309; properly, deferred, i.e. the morrow; usually (adverbially) tomorrow; indefinitely, hereafter:—time to come, tomorrow.

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary

309. אָחַר achar

a primitive root; to loiter (i.e. be behind); by implication to procrastinate:—continue, defer, delay, hinder, be late (slack), stay (there), tarry (longer).

Genesis 30:33 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time **to come**, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that *is* not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.

Exodus 13:14 And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time **to come**, saying, What *is* this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:

Deuteronomy 6:20 *And* when thy son asketh thee in time **to come**, saying, What *mean* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you?

Genesis 19:34 And **it came to pass on the morrow**, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, **I lay yesternight** with my father: let us make him drink wine **this night** also; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

Exodus 18:13 And **it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people:** and **the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.**

Leviticus 19:6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and **on the morrow:** and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

Numbers 33:3 And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; **on the morrow after the Passover** the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

Joshua 5:11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land **on the morrow after the Passover**, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day.

1 Samuel 11:11 And it was so **on the morrow**, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host **in the morning watch**, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

1 Samuel 20:27 And **it came to pass on the morrow**, *which was the second day* of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, **neither yesterday, nor to day?**

1 Samuel 30:17 And **David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day**: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

1 Samuel 9:19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I *am* the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and **to morrow I will let thee go**, and will tell thee all that *is* in thine heart.

1 Samuel 9:26 And **they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away**. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

Exodus 19:10-11 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and **to morrow**, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

Judges 19:9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, **now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here**, that thine heart may be merry; **and to morrow get you early on your way**, that thou mayest go home.

1 Samuel 19:11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and **to slay him in the morning**: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life **to night, to morrow** thou shalt be slain.

Joshua 7:13-16 Up, sanctify the people, and say, **Sanctify yourselves against to morrow**: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. **In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes**: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families *thereof*; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man. And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel. **So Joshua rose up early in the morning**, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

Exodus 10:3-6 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, **to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast**: And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field: And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

Exodus 10:7-13 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: *but who are they that shall go?* And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we *must hold* a feast unto the LORD. And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look *to it*, for evil *is* before you. Not so: go now ye *that are* men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left. And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land **all that day, and all *that night*; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.**

Acts 20:7-11 And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart **on the morrow**; and **continued his speech until midnight**. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing *him* said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, **even till break of day, so he departed**.

Hung On A Tree

And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, that remaineth unto this day.

Joshua 8:29

Hung On A Tree

And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

Samson's Seven Day Feast

Judges 14:12 And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:

Judges 14:17-18 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people. And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle

At Even, When The Sun Did Set

Mark 1:32 And **at even, when the sun did set**, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

Luke 4:40 Now **when the sun was setting**, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Act 27:27 And when the fourteenth night came, as we were driven up and down in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were drawing near some land.

Act 27:33 And when day was about to come, Paul urged them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have continued without food, and eaten none at all.

In The Beginning....

Genesis 1:1-5 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 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. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. **And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.** And the evening and the morning were the first day.

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Genesis 5:3-5 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a *son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters: **And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.**

Genesis 5:6-8 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos: And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters: **And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.**

Psalms 30:5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for **a night** ['erev], but joy cometh in the morning.

Job 7:4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and **the night** ['erev] be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

“Evening and morning denote...the interval of a creative day, and this is evidently after the Hebrew mode of reckoning; the day is reckoned from sunset. The morning that follows stands for the second half of the day proper. In the same manner was the day reckoned by the Arabians, the Athenians (nuchtêmeron), the Germans, and the Gauls. It is against the text for Delitzsch to put as the ground here the Babylonish reckoning of the day, namely from the dawning of the morning.”

J. P. Lange, *Genesis*, Zondervan, n.d., pp. 166-167

“Some scholars...support their opinion by the verse of Gen. 1:5: 'And the morning and the evening were the first day' (RV), 'and there was evening and there was morning one day' (JPS). From this verse they conclude that the evening was first and was followed by the morning. The words however should be translated; when the sun set and the sun arose constituted the first day; i.e. the time from sunrise to sunrise completed one day. This I believe is clear from the passage in the Pentateuch. **The Book of Genesis says that first there was darkness and then that light came when God said: 'Let there be light.' We are told that God divided the light from the darkness and called the light day and the darkness night.** When the light which God created went down, and it became dark, and then when the dawn arose, a full day was completed. Thus, the day really began with the light and lasted until the following dawn.”

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, THE BEGINNING OF THE JEWISH DAY DURING THE SECOND COMMONWEALTH in "The Jewish Quarterly Review" Vol 36 of 1945

The Sabbath

Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 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: 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.

The Seventh Day

Exodus 16:23 And he said unto them,
This is that which the LORD hath said,
To morrow is the rest of the holy
Sabbath unto the LORD: bake that
which ye will bake to day, and seethe
that ye will seethe; and that which
remaineth over lay up for you to be kept
until the morning.

Mark 15:42-47 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if He were already dead: and calling *unto him* the centurion, he asked him whether He had been any while dead. And when he knew *it* of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen, and laid Him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses beheld where He was laid.

John 19:38-42 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound *weight*. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation *day*; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

Luke 23:50-56 And, behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a counseller; *and he was* a good man, and a just: (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) *he was* of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This *man* went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with Him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.

Mark 16:1-2 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him. Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

First Day Of The Week

The first day of the week
cometh Mary Magdalene **early,**
when it was yet dark, unto the
sepulchre, and seeth the stone
taken away from the sepulchre.

John 20:1

Damascus Document

No one should do any work on Friday from the time when the sphere of the sun is distant from the gate [by] its [the sun's] full size, for this is why it is said, "Guard the Sabbath day to sanctify it" [Deut 5:12]

Damascus Document 10:14-17
(Dead Sea Scroll ca. 150 BCE)

1st Century CE Testimony - Josephus

and the last [large tower] was erected above the top of the Pastophoria, where one of the priests stood of course, and gave a signal beforehand with a trumpet, **at the beginning of every seventh day, in the evening twilight, as also at the evening when that day was finished**, as giving notice to the people when they were to stop work, and when they were to go to work again.

Wars of the Jews, Book 4, 12:582

Leviticus 23:24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a shabbaton, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

Numbers 29:1 And in the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

“To ascertain when the Jewish day began we must clear up various matters about the Jewish calendar. If the calendar was solar, the day began with the dawn; ...If the calendar was lunar, the day began either when the sun set or when the stars became visible.”

Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, THE BEGINNING OF THE JEWISH DAY DURING THE SECOND COMMONWEALTH in "The Jewish Quarterly Review" Volume 36 of 1945/46

Feast of Unleavens

Exodus 12:17-19 And ye shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. **In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. Seven days shall there be no leaven found...**

Leviticus 23:6 And **on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread** unto the LORD: **seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.**

Day of Atonement

Leviticus 23:27 Also **on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a Day of Atonement**: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:32 It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: **in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even**, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath.

