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**The Resurrection Day
Of Messiah Yeshua**

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impact on the more orthodox Gentile Church, which adopted the view of a continuous spiritual Sabbath. Their argument was that God could not really rest, or did not need to rest, and that therefore, the Sabbath, for God, was really an eternal spiritual rest that continued from the seventh day to an eternal eighth day, which, nevertheless, they fixed on Sunday. They also argued for the continuance (or transfer) of the seventh day to the eighth, because God did not create anything more after the seventh day.

The view that YHWH did not have a physical rest on the seventh day is unbiblical, and the view that we should not follow this physical example is also unbiblical. The following passage refutes both the idea that YHWH did not physically rest, and the idea that we should not follow his example in this physical rest:

And Yāhweh spoke to Moses, saying, “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 Yāhweh who sanctifies you. ‘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. ‘For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, holy to Yāhweh; whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death. ‘So the sons of Israel shall observe the Sabbath, to celebrate the Sabbath throughout their generations as an enduring covenant.’ “It is a sign between me and the sons of Israel to time immemorial; for in six days Yāhweh made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day he ceased from labor, and was refreshed.”

The last words of Exodus 31:17 are “and was refreshed” (וַיִּנְפֹּשׂ). The Hebrew means to “take a breath,” or in colloquial English, “to take a breather.” This proves that YHWH actually rested. Now, one may ask why YHWH needed a rest? The Almighty does not get tired, does he? That is the assumption people make, but it is incorrect.

Getting tired is not part of the fall. Tiring is part of the natural

created order. But still, how does YHWH get tired so that he needs a “breather”? Who was it that was “refreshed”? John 1:3 says, “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” So, the one that was refreshed is the same one who walked in the garden with Adam. He is YHWH the son of YHWH. This is Messiah Yeshua before he was born of a woman. Even before He was born of woman he took a physical form that needed rest. He appeared as the “Messenger of YHWH.” It was the Son that was “refreshed.” “Was refreshed” implies that YHWH was tired, and then he rested, and then was tired no more. Thus it implies that the Sabbath was limited in time. It also implies that the need for rest occurs periodically.

Yeshua is the *Malakh Yahweh* (מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה). In Genesis 32:24-30 Jacob wrestled with *Elohim* (אֱלֹהִים), whom he declares that he saw “face to face” (פָּנִים אֶל פָּנִים), and the text calls *Elohim* “a man” (אִישׁ). This does not contradict Num. 23:19, because there it is said that “God is not a man that is made to be a liar” (לֹא אִישׁ אֵל וְיִכְזֹב). The use of the *waw* is explanatory.⁵¹ In common English, “God is not a lying man.” That does not keep Yahweh from taking the form of a man, though—so long as he does not exist as a lying man.

In the form of a man, Yahweh got tired and Jacob was winning the wrestling match:

In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his vigor he prevailed with the Almighty (אֱלֹהִים). He wrestled with the Messenger (מַלְאָךְ) and prevailed; He wept and sought His favor. He found Him at Bethel and there he spoke with us, even Yahweh Almighty of the Armies, Yahweh his memorial (Hos. 12:3-5).

So, the one whom Jacob wrestled with was “Yahweh Almighty of Armies” (יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי הַצְּבָאוֹת). Both the Rabbis and the Bishops of the Church introduced false teaching about the *Malakh Yahweh*. The Church denies it because they do not like to associate the acts of the *Malakh Yahweh* with Yeshua, in particular it would mean that Yeshua

⁵¹ Holladay, “5. explanatory: **and indeed...namely**,” i.e. “God is not a man, namely one that lies . . .” (pg. 84).

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