

# **It's Jewish!**

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When we present God's Holy Law  
And arguments from Scripture draw  
Objectors say, to pick a flaw:  
It's Jewish

Though at first Jehovah blessed  
And sanctified His day of rest  
The same belief is still expressed:  
It's Jewish

Though with Creation this rest began  
And thence though all the Scriptures ran  
And Jesus said 'twas made for man --  
It's Jewish

Though not with Jewish rites which passed  
But with the moral law 'twas classed  
Which must exist while time shall last --  
It's Jewish

If from the Bible we present  
The Sabbath's meaning and intent  
This answers every argument:  
It's Jewish

Though the disciples Luke and Paul  
Continued still this rest to call  
The Sabbath day, this answers all:  
It's Jewish

The Gospel Teacher's plain expression  
That sin is of the Law transgression  
Seems not to make the least impression --  
Its Jewish

They love the day of man's invention  
But if Jehovah's rest we mention  
This puts an end of all contention:  
It's Jewish

Oh ye who thus God's day abuse  
Simply because 'twas kept by Jews

The Saviour, too, you must refuse --  
He's Jewish

The Scriptures, then, we may expect  
For the same reason you'll reject  
For if you stop to recollect --  
They're Jewish

Thus the apostles, too, must fall  
For Andrew, Peter, James, and Paul,  
Thomas, Matthew, John, and all,  
Were Jewish

So to your hapless state resign  
Yourself in wretchedness to pine;  
Salvation surely you'll decline --  
It's Jewish!

## **Sabbath was Only for the Jews?**

The answer to that one is simple. God gave the Sabbath to man around two thousand years before there ever was a Jew. The Jews did not exist before Abraham, but the Sabbath was given at creation.

It was restated to the Jews in the ten commandments, and many people confuse the ten commandments with all the laws that WERE given to the Jews at that time. But God Himself separated the ten commandments from all other laws. They were the only laws ever spoken by God to men, and written by His own finger. Every other law was spoken to Moses or the prophets to give to men, but God did not trust even them with the ten commandments. And the ten commandments were honored above every other law because God commanded that they be placed in the holy box called the "ark" in the most holy place of His sanctuary. No other law was so honored.

The ten commandments are different in another way. They are all laws that apply to every nation and every time. Ask yourself, was there ever a time or place when it was OK to murder? to steal? to commit adultery? to worship idols? Every law of the ten is like that--a law for all times and places. Yet God Himself placed the Sabbath commandment right in the middle of this universal law. Did God not know what He was doing?

The Sabbath is a memorial of creation. Were the Jews the only people who were created by God? Or were we all? Every people on earth should honor their Creator by keeping His holy Sabbath day.

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