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THE LORD'S FESTIVALS AND HOLY CONVOCATIONS.

THE SABBATH.

The Seventh Day, or Saturday, instituted as a day of rest, in memorial of the Creation; Gen. ii. 2. Observed anterior to the delivery of the law; Ex. xvi. 4, 30. In memory of the departure from Egypt; Ex. xx. 8, 11; xxxiv. 21; Deut. v. 12, 15. A sign between God and Israel for ever; Ex. xxxi. 13, 17. Kindling of fire thereon prohibited; Ib. xxxv. 1, 3. To be strictly kept; Lev. xix. 1, 4, 30; xxvi. 2; xxiii. 1, 3; xxiv. 8. The profaner thereof stoned to death; Numb. xv. 32, 36. Offerings for the S; Ib. xxviii. 9, 10. Religious worship and instruction thereon; 2 Kings, iv. 23. King's guard and Levites on duty relieved on S; Ib. xi. 9. Covert for the S. built; Ib. xvi. 18. "The S. I cannot away with;" Is. i. 13, 14. "Blessed is he who observeth it;" Is. lvi. 1, 7. "If thou wilt call the Sabbath a delight;" Ib. lviii. 13, 14. "From one S. to another, all flesh shall go to worship;" Ib. lvi. 23. S. shall cease; Hos. ii. 11. Desecrators not forgotten by God; Amos viii. 4, 7. Bear no burden upon the S; Jer. xvi. 19, 27. S. mocked by Israel's adversaries; Lam. i. 7. Caused to be forgotten by God; Ib. ii. 6. God's fury poured out because S. polluted; Ez. xx. 10; xxii. 7, 8, 26; xxiii. 38; xlv. 24; xlv. 17. Gate inner court opened on the S; Ib. xlv. 1, 4. Psalm of the S. day; Ps. xcii. Nothing purchased on S; Neh. x. 31. Nehemiah testifies against S. breakers, and prevents traffic on the S; Ib. xiii. 15.

THE FEAST OF NEW MOON.

The day of its commencement is always publicly announced in the Synagogue on the previous Sabbath; and the divine blessing implored to prevail during its continuance. Anciently, special religious service and instruction were afforded on the N. M. 2 Kings iv. 23. Unlawful to buy and sell on N. M. Amos viii. 4. Special sacrifices on the N. M. Num. xxviii. 11.

TISHRI.

WEATHER (IN PALESTINE).

Very hot days, and excessively cold nights. (See Jacob's emphatic appeal to Laban, Gen. xxxi. 40.) Thermometer 65°; Variation 4° a 5°. Lightnings frequent at night, Wind chiefly from the west.

PRODUCTIONS (IN PALESTINE).

Ripe dates, pomegranates, pears, plums, citrons, oranges. Sebastes and Charnubi yield: Cotton gathered, and second cluster of grapes which blossomed in April. Ploughing begins.

1st Day.—*Rosh Hashanah*, New Year, called also *Yom Hazik-karon*, Day of Memorial, and Feast of Trumpets; as some say *Zecher aslo shel Yitschak*, in memory of the ram, entangled by its horns, offered instead of Isaac. It is the beginning of the civil year, and traditionally accounted as the anniversary of Creation. It is a holy convocation, on which no servile work is to be done. Lev. xxiii. 24. Special offerings thereon. Numb. xxix. 1. From the 1st to the 10th day, are called *Aseret Yemeh Teshubah*, the ten Penitential days, and as such, are solemnly observed. The Sabbath falling therein is called *Shabat Teshubah*, or Penitential Sabbath, on which it is customary for Jewish Ministers to address their people on the subject of repentance.

2 Second Day of *Rosh Hashanah*, observed with the strictness of the first, and with it, considered by the Rabbies as *Yoma Arichta* one prolonged day.