

*“The decline of the [Roman Julian] eight-day week coincided with the expansion of Rome... The astrological and Christian [planetary – Sun. – Sat] seven-day weeks that had just been [re] introduced into Rome were also becoming increasingly popular. There is evidence indicating that the Roman eight-day week and those two seven-day cycles were used simultaneously for some time. However, the coexistence of two weekly rhythms that were entirely out of phase with one another obviously could not be sustained for long. One of them clearly had to give way. As we all know, it was the eight-day week that soon disappeared from the pages of history forever [along with the original lunar seven-day week].” Eviatar Zerubavel, The Seven-day Circle, p. 46.*