

YAIY NEWS



Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua

“How joyful are those who fear Yahweh— all who follow his ways. You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How joyful and prosperous you will be! Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine, flourishing within your home. Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees as they sit around your table. That is Yahweh’s blessing for those who fear him.”

—Psalm 128:1-4 NLT

BIBLICAL TIMEKEEPING

The proper Biblical calendar is given to us in Genesis 1:14: “And Elohim said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.’” These heavenly lights – the sun and moon, specifically – divide night from day. A day ends at sunset, when a new day begins (Ex. 12:18; Lev. 22:6-7; 23:32; Eph. 4:26). Read our booklets online, *When does the Scriptural Day Begin? And Biblical vs. Jewish Calendar*.

Heavenly “lights” also set the seasons. The Hebrew word for seasons is *moedim*, meaning appointed times, festivals or by implication, assemblies or gatherings of Yahweh’s people.

The scriptural calendar employs both sun and moon to establish the holy days of Yahweh as well. Isaiah 66:23 shows that in the millennial Kingdom Yahweh’s people will worship Him from one new moon to another, meaning from month to month determined by the new moon. It will be no different then from what it is now, Numbers 28:11.

“Month” comes from the principal word in Hebrew: *chodesh*, meaning to be new, which is the visible new moon. The new moon sets Yahweh’s special monthly times. The new moon is the “rebuilding” phase of the moon.

We know in which month is found the first special observance of the year by the following Deuteronomy 16:1: “Observe the moon [month] of Abib, and keep the Passover unto Yahweh your Elohim who brought you forth out of Egypt by night.”



shape of a thin crescent (horns pointing left).

To find this moon, which marks the beginning of each biblical month, face the western sky. Beginning with the zenith (highest point overhead), scan either side of an imaginary line running down to the setting sun. The moon is usually visible near the setting sun for about 15 minutes on the first night. It is usually evident by the time two or three stars appear.

The visible new moon is seen as the moon moves slightly beyond the point directly between the earth and sun, which is called the conjunction. At this point the extreme right or bottom edge of the moon becomes visible in the

“...if you want to
receive eternal life,
keep the
commandments.”

—Matt 19:17b NLT

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BIBLICAL TIMEKEEPING...cont.

What is Abib?

“Abib” means month of “early ears” of grain. From Exodus 9:31-32 we see that the grain is barley. When barley is in the ear and yet green, we know that we are in the first month (whose new moon we had observed). Plants depend on the sun for growing, and the sun determines the seasons. Therefore, by observing the new moon for the month, and agriculture for the season, we know when the first month, Abib, begins.

In the YAIY calendars (see Biblical Calendars link on our front page of YAIY.org) we have indicated new moon days for each month, a moon in which should be visible the that night just after sunset. Similarly, the observances and holy days begin at sunset the evening before. We must have at least two visual sightings of the new moon just as Israel did, but secular calendars will show the astronomical new moon a day or two previous to the visual new moon.

We have also restored the proper weekly Sabbath by highlighting the seventh day. The Biblical observances and holy days are noted as well. Today’s Roman-Gregorian months do not correspond precisely to the more ancient months because the Roman calendar ignores the moon and is based on the sun’s 365 1/4 day year. New moons in today’s calendar float throughout the month, rather than start the month.



Today’s Secular Calendar

The calendar in use in the Western world today is the Gregorian calendar, a Roman (Julian) calendar modified by Pope Gregory XIII. It was designed to correct the errors of the Julian calendar. Yet, this calendar is solar and not based on the new moons, as Scripture indicates. Julius Caesar had long before ordered the Romans to disregard the moons in determining the calendar.

The modern year begins and ends in the dead of winter, not in the spring as Scripture tells us it should be. The names of the months in today’s secular calendar have various origins.

January is named after the pagan god Janus; February comes from a purification rite of the heathen Romans; March from Mars; April derives from the Latin Aprilis, meaning “to open;” May from the goddess Maia; June from the goddess Juno. July and August are named after Roman emperors Julius Caesar and Augustus. September, October, November, and December are from the Latin meaning the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth, respectively. The old Roman calendar had only 10 months for the year. (Later, the added leap year day was put at the end, of February.)

Similarly, the names for our days are rooted in paganism. Sunday honors the sun god; Monday is named for the moon deity; Tuesday, the deity Tiu; Wednesday, the Norse god Woden; Thursday, the god Thor; Friday, the goddess Frig; Saturday, for the deity Saturn.

The Bible does not name the days of the week except for the seventh, the Sabbath. The others are merely numbered.

In all the calendar manipulations done through the centuries, the order of the days has not been altered since Yahweh first rested on the seventh day at creation and thus created the Sabbath. The sequence has remained constant, and at no time has the Sabbath been lost.

One needs only go back to the Messiah’s time to determine when the 7th day Sabbath was. While He had issues with the Pharisees for adding laws to the commandments of Yahweh, such as, the 7th day Sabbath, He never declared they were keeping the timing of the Sabbath incorrectly.

Are Ministers Confused or Was Yahweh?

In Exodus 16:28 Yahweh tells Moses, essentially telling all of the people of Israel and those with them, “How long will you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?” This was after the people disregarded the weekly 7th day Sabbath. How can this be? We are told again and again by the majority of ministers that the commandments and laws were only first given at Mt. Sinai.

A further reading of Exodus 16, brings us to verse 34, which talks about “the Testimony.” Most scholars agree, this has to be speaking of, at a minimum, The 10 Commandments. Again, before the Covenant at Mt. Sinai.

Upon further investigation, we find back in Genesis that faithful Abraham was obedient to Yahweh. How was he obedient though? He kept His commandments and laws, Gen. 26:5. This flies contrary to what most ministers are telling their congregations today.



The ministers are confused about what Scripture says, or even what Yahshua was telling the people of His day. He was telling them to live by every word that proceeds out of Yahweh’s mouth, Matt. 4:4. He’s quoting the book of Deuteronomy. He also told the people to repent; to turn back to Yahweh; to live accordingly to His ways. This is to be in combination with faith in the Messiah and being saved though His shed blood. The sacrificial killings (laws that were added, Gal. 3:19) are no longer required by those in the New Covenant.

This is exactly the message being preached by Yahweh’s people today. Yahweh is not the Author of confusion. His ways, however, are eternal. For further review, please feel free to read our booklet online, *What Happened to Christianity?* Also, the mini-study, *The Hope of Israel*.

“Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of Elohim. I say this to your shame,” 1 Cor. 15:34.

Don’t Be A Statistic!

SMOKING STATISTICS by the World Health Organization (May 28th, 2002)

- Smoking related-diseases kill one in 10 adults globally, or cause four million deaths. By 2030, if current trends continue, smoking will kill one in six people.
- Every eight seconds, someone dies from tobacco use.
- About 12 times more British people have died from smoking than from World War II.
- Cigarettes cause more than one in five American deaths.
- Half of long-term smokers will die from tobacco. Every cigarette smoked cuts at least five minutes of life on average - about the time taken to smoke it.
- Smoking is the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death. It is a prime factor in heart disease, stroke and chronic lung disease. It can cause cancer of the lungs, larynx, esophagus, mouth, and bladder, and contributes to cancer of the cervix, pancreas, and kidneys.
- More than 4,000 toxic or carcinogenic chemicals have been found in tobacco smoke.

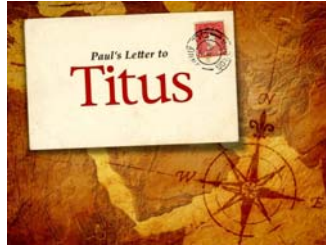


“Do you not know that you are a Dwelling Place of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you? If anyone destroys the Dwelling Place of Elohim, Elohim shall destroy him. For the Dwelling Place of Elohim is set-apart, which you are,” **1 Corinthians 3:16 The Scriptures.**



Scripture Readings/Commentary

A new addition to the YAIY website is archived videos from the Scripture readings and commentary each Sabbath. Traditionally, the Torah is read in synagogues around the world. With ours you'll see both Old Testaments and New Testaments (letters written in New Testament times) read and elaborated upon with visual aids.



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Calendar Correction

Our dates proved correct again this year for Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. However, we've been getting some questions about why the wavesheaf ascension date isn't counted from the Passover date. On the right of the calendar we've noted: (Note: April 8th The Firstfruit/Wavesheaf offering. The day of Yahshua's ascension to heaven.)

The confusion is the day of a new moon is not fixed according to the secular calendar (it can occur on any weekday because it follows the scriptural calendar), the same can be said of Passover (day 14 of the scriptural month). They float when using the secular calendar, but the day of the wavesheaf offering is fixed - always Sunday since it follows the weekly Sabbath. Yahshua died on a Wednesday, all prophecy about this event would follow Scripture (mid-week, three days, three nights and the wavesheaf offering the day after the weekly Sabbath occurring during the Days of Unleavened Bread). This means that if Passover ever occurs on the weekly Sabbath - see 2015 calendar- then the wavesheaf offering would be the day following the second High Day of the Days of Unleavened Bread. The only time our secular calendar would be in agreement with the scriptural calendar is when Passover occurs on Wednesday (no calendar on our web site has a Wednesday Passover). All calendars are now corrected online.

The correction and clarification made to this year's calendar is as follows: (Note: April 8th, the day of Yahshua's first ascension to heaven to present Himself as the wavesheaf offering to Yahweh, Lev. 23:11).

In Loving Memory

Sister Charlotte Chesbro went to sleep in Yahshua the Messiah 02/20/2012. Surviving is her husband is bro. Jim Chesbro. She was born in April 1924 and passed after 4 days in the hospice in Harrison on February 20th, 2012 being nearly 89 years young. We look forward to seeing her in the resurrection. She was a dear sister who, after coming to the knowledge of the Name of Yahshua through Kingdom City Missouri literature, was baptized in that Name by Brother James in the Pigeon creek (2006). She had testimony of receiving literature from Brother Mansager from Kingdom City, Missouri. She attended one Unity Conference after that in Eaton Rapid's Assembly of Yahweh. She "without hesitation" would say Praise Yahweh and Yahshua, with a big smile on her face. She spoke of Yahshua walking in her and not beside her. She was an inspiration and always had an encouraging word in troubled times.

Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Jewell Holt, Dolores Parker, Elder Don Mansager and Family/Friends, Maxine Conrad, Terrel Frasure, Donald Appling, Lois McDonald, David and Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, Dries Van Zyl, Daphne Griffith and Family, Donald Carringer, Clare Kane, Elizabeth Bailey, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, David Wilson, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers, Elder Yahkara Sunith, Robert and Patricia Potter, Benjamin Francis, Manuel Longoria and Family, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Donnie and Roland Miller, Al Pagano, Anthony Golden, Jessie Hoffman, Rachel Rodgers, Serena & Sonya Siangco, John Cole, Cindy Gustke and Family/Friends, Helen and Tim Rose, Glen Jones, Jim Colletti and Family, Cindy Smith, Pamela Woodfork, Carrol Isdell and Family, Loretta Reyes, May Rodgers, Bonnie Merryman, Gerald Bennet and Family, Jesus Onate, Shawn Allen, Tiffany Harris, Skip Franchino and Family, Sharon Scott, Clyde Scott, Inez Scott, Genise Holliday, Editha Joseph-Wayland, Paul Oliver, Julias Okumu, Collette Jazaerli, Dirk Coetzee, George Simon, Jim Still, Larry Skinner and Family, Dennis Kimmonge, Elsie du Plessis, Sandra Gets, Garry Rivers and Family/Friends, brethren around the world, world leaders, Jerusalem and all the land of Israel.