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New Moon or No Moon ? That is the question.

The Astronomical New Moon is defined by scientists who believe there is no Creator, but we see in Scripture that the Hebrew words used for moon do not indicate “dark” or “night.” The first possible sign for the newness or renewal of a moon would be the first visible “light.” ...Notice the following:

“Hebrew has two terms for moon: *yareakh* and *levonah*. The first is a common Semitic term, appearing as *yrkh* in Phoenician and as *arkhu* in Akkadian, where it is also the usual word for ‘month’ or one lunation. *Yerakh* also means month in Hebrew.

“*Levonah* is a derivative of ‘white.’ In most biblical references, *levonah* is used in parallelism to *shemesh*, ‘sun,’ to describe the brilliant luminosity of the moon (Song of Sol. 6:10; Isa. 30:26). But in Isa. 24:23, *levonah* is used in parallelism to *bosh*, ‘shame,’ to evoke an image of colorlessness accompanying embarrassment.

“In referring to the new month, the biblical author uses the term ‘new, renewal’ (Heb. *khodesh*) rather than either of the standard terms for moon.”

—Harpers Bible Dictionary (Page 652)

3394] יָרֵחַ *yareach* /yaw-ray-akh/] n m. From the same as 3391; TWOT 913a; GK 3734; 26 occurrences; AV translates as “moon” 26 times. **1** moon.

—Strong’s Concordance

913) (יָרֵחַ *yrakh*). Assumed root of the following. 913a) (יָרֵחַ *ārēah*) *moon*. 913b) (יָרֵחַ *yrakh*) *month*.

) (יָרֵחַ *yareah*). *Moon*. (ASV and RSV the same.) The word occurs 27 times. “The moon,” frequently paralleled by “the sun,” was created by [Elohim] to rule the night and to indicate the seasons, especially the occasions of feasts (Ps 104:19; 136:9). The moon gives off enough light in the Near East by which to perform many tasks, and during full moon journeys could be made at night.

—Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, page 406 (See also 1074 לַבַּן *lbn*, page 467)

Aramaic) (יָרֵחַ *yarho*) *new moon, month*.

—Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon (page 437)

3842] לְבָנָה *lābanah* /leb-aw-naw/] n f. From 3835; TWOT 1074c; GK 4244; Three occurrences; AV translates as “moon” three times. **1** moon (as white).

—Strong’s Concordance

“Know therefore that Yahweh thy Elohim, He is Elohim, the faithful El, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations.”

—Deut 7:9 KJV

“We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom Yahweh has given to those who obey Him.”

—Acts 5:32 NIV

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Assembly in Focus: Thyatira

Thyatira (the castle of Thya, continual burning, perpetual sacrifice, daughter). Roman Universal era – 600 AD - tribulation.

40 miles southeast of Pergamum, was a much smaller city. Thyatira was located where the town of Akhisar (Turkey) lies today. The location was known for its industries including coppersmiths and the dying of purple and crimson cloth. Apollo, the sun god, was the chief deity of the city. Thyatira, which in Greek means daughter, was named in 290 BC by King Seleucus I Nicator whose daughter had been born nearby. Prior to that, the city had been named Pelopia and before Pelopia it was named Semiramis, after Babylon's Queen of Heaven.

Trade guilds played an important role in the business community. Every artisan belonged to a guild, and every guild enjoyed a wide influence. Powerful among them were the guild of coppersmiths and the guild of the dyers. A member of this guild seems to have been Lydia of Thyatira, who in Acts 16:14 and 40 sold her dyes in Philippi. The color obtained by the use of this dye is now called Turkish red. Members of the guilds met regularly and participated in various forms of pagan religious practice. Pagan feasts, along with the traditional immoral practices were frequently celebrated. By their non-participation, the faithful were seen as outsiders, making it difficult to find employment and they therefore became socially and economically isolated. It was taught by some of the early assemblies that no believer should belong to the guilds, and thus a great opposition to the faithful was promoted. In the guilds, "The Truth" was syncretized with the old pagan form of sun worship and dressed up with a new face. Traditions, rituals, pagan objects, and ceremony replaced the truth of the evangel. Pagan deities masquerading under gospel titles replaced the true Messiah, and the ancient Babylonian mysteries were reintroduced and syncretised with the truth. Even the pagan vestments with their prominent purple and crimson colors were introduced as the vestments of the priesthood. The symbol of Dagon the fish god became the symbol of the false priesthood presiding as shepherds over the flock.

The referenced Jezebel was likely an outspoken local assembly member leading the church astray with occult practices. Ahab, king of Israel, had married Jezebel, a Phoenician Baal worshiper, although Yahweh had expressly forbidden intermarriage with heathens. This marriage led to Baal worship being introduced into Israel. In the name of Yahweh, pagan temples, symbols, mysteries and festivals were perverted and syncretised with the true message of Yahshua.

Rev 2:18-28 – Assembly of Thyatira – false prophet and corrupt doctrine vs. 20

Salutation	Vs 18 – Who’s eyes are like a flame of fire and feet like fine brass (alloy of gold, copper, silver) – related to local industry – Rev 1:14, Dan 10:6
Assets	Vs 19 – charity, service, faith, patience (cheerful endurance), works - the last more than first Vs 19 – faith & patience of assembly – Rev 13:10, Rev 14:12
Liabilities	Compromising, tolerance of sin, complacent Vs 20 – permit Jezebel (H348 means chaste), a prophetess (means inspired woman) to teach and seduce my servants to commit fornication (means practice idolatry) and eat things sacrificed to idols (see vs 14), • 1Kg 16:31 & 21:25, Rev 17:3 - dressed in scarlet/purple (same as local cloth makers), and to eat things sacrificed to idols. Vs 24 – some know depths of Satan = Jezebel’s apostasy = mystery cults
Rebuke	Vs 21 – space to repent but didn’t, rebuke for Jezebel and her followers
Exhortation	Vs 22 – repent or go into great tribulation. Vs 23 – all churches will know Vs 24 – keep what you have, hold fast
Reward	Vs 23 & 26 - rewarded according to your works. Vs 26 – power over the nations Vs 28 - receive Morning Star (Yahshua), morning star - Rev 22:16 & 2 Pet 1:19
Post Script	Vs 29 – he that has an ear

- Attributes - beginning of organized priesthood, laity, doctrinal syncretism and apostasy
- 1 Kg 16:30-31, 21:25 – Jezebel, protégée of Semiramis – Queen of Heaven
- 1 Kg 18 – 19 – 2 Kings 9:22-37, history of Jezebel
- Ez 34:1-5 – Victory over the people (Nicolaitan attitude)
- Jer 5:31 – false prophets and the people love to have it so
- Mt 7:20 – know them by their fruits
- 1 Kings 18:19, Neh 6:14, Eze 13:17-19 – Baal worship
- Reward and Post Script reversed from Thyatira through Laodicea
- Rev 2:24 – the remnant (small group), that reject Jezebel’s doctrines, no other burden
- Parable – Mt 13:33 - leaven
- Paul’s epistle – Galatians (Gal 5:9-leaven, Judaizers and pagan practices) Gal 1:6-7 – perverted & substituted evangel



News You Can Use (Parable of the Fig Tree)

Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. (Matt 24:32-35 NKJV)

This parable is referencing the events previously outlined by Yahshua (specifically addressed to His disciples) at the Mount of Olives in Matthew 24:3-31. The Olivet discourse details dual prophecies. The first prophecy focuses on the period of time from 31 CE to the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE. The second prophecy predicts the final end time events leading up to the Great Tribulation and the return of Yahshua Messiah to the Earth to reign for 1000 years.

Dating back even prior to 30 C.E., the residents of Roman controlled Jerusalem, including the inhabitants of what we know today as Israel, were apprehensive and weary of the future. Whether it was government oppression, religious persecution, famines, earthquakes or pestilence; being able to connect the dots and have a vision of what the future holds was a challenge that most were incapable of visualizing. Yahshua's disciples also wanted to know about future conditions and when He would return.

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (Matt 24:3)

The Messiah was physically present during this time but few recognized it. If you were alive then, would you have been a believer or a skeptic?

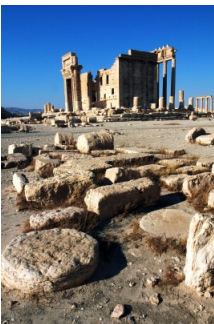


Israel and Iran

Fast forwarding to 2012 C.E., generally the same physical conditions exist, although seemingly on steroids. The conditions summarized in Matthew 24:4-8 included wars and rumors of wars. The potential conflict between Israel and Iran over Iran's clandestine nuclear program is a clear indicator of trouble ahead. Are we at the doorstep of a regional or worse yet global war? The repetitive call for the complete annihilation of modern day Israel by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad adds to the escalating tension in the Middle East. Will a confederation of Islamic countries collaborate with a covenant to destroy Israel as predicted in Psalms 83:1-5 (also verses 12-18)?



Syria



In the past year, Syrian government troops, led by President Bashar Assad's regime, have reportedly killed 25,000 rebels, including thousands of innocent men, women and children. Last month's carnage alone accounted for over 5,000 deaths. This catastrophic slaughter is now being assisted in partnership with the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. Rebel and pro-government forces clash on a daily basis in the capital city of Damascus, Aleppo and other population centers in the country. Rumors that WMD, including chemical and biological agents, will fall into the hands of Hamas or Hezbollah radicals add to the high stakes tension. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is likely to take military action if the Syrian WMD's are at risk of compromise by extreme political factions. Bible prophecy ultimately predicts the city of Damascus will become a "ruinous heap" (Isa 17:1-3, Jer 49:23-27). The current news events we are witnessing in Syria today could be a harbinger of near term prophetic fulfillment.

Economy

Add to this the turmoil, capital risk and uncertainty, the world's economies are currently trapped in. The USA national debt continues to skyrocket at the rate of nearly \$4,000,000,000 per day (\$4 billion). By the time you read this article, the US debt will be over \$16,000,000,000,000 (\$16 trillion). Currently, each US taxpayer owns \$140,000 of this mountain of debt. This is simply not a sustainable situation. It also appears likely that the EU will reorganize minus some of the existing country participants. Greece is likely the first casualty, potentially followed by Italy then Spain. The resulting financial balance sheet reorganization and currency re-evaluation will play havoc with the world's computerized banking system.



Some two thousand years later, Yahshua's words in Matthew 24:32-35 are still accurate. The "fig tree" is showing indications of early tender green branches.Are you a believer or a skeptic?



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What is Sin?

As we come into a correct understanding of Scripture, we find sin is defined as law breaking. The reality is, however, our understanding can go more in-depth. True, we understand that breaking Yahweh's instructions (law) is sin, as John points out, "...sin is lawlessness," 1 John 3:4b NASB. We comprehend that we are also to obey the laws that man has, which are provided for by Yahweh, as Paul brings forth, "Let every being be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from Elohim, and the authorities that exist are appointed by Elohim. So he who opposes the authority withstands the institution of Elohim, and those who withstand shall bring judgment on themselves," Romans 13:1-2 TS.

For us, man's laws cannot trump Yahweh's. As we see Peter, along with the other Apostles, explaining, "We have to obey Elohim rather than men," Acts 5:29b TS. This, with other matters we become aware of, would be covered by thy following statement: "...to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin," James 4:17 NASB. Deeper yet, is the idea that whatever is not of faith, is, in itself, also sin: "for whatsoever is not of faith is sin," Romans 14:23b KJV. Yet, this is tied to the idea that we are not to disobey our Father's will for us. In context, if we do anything out of our own will, which would be contrary to the faith in Yahweh's will for us, then it is sin to us. This is how faith in Yahshua can actually be defined conceptually as obedience to the Father.

Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Jewell Holt, Dolores Parker, Maxine Conrad, Terrel Frasure, 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, 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, Jessie Hoffman, Rachel Rodgers, Serena & Sonya Siangco, John Cole, Cindy Gustke and Family/Friends, Helen and Tim Rose, Glen Jones, 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, Editha Joseph-Wayland, Paul Oliver, Collette Jazaerli, Dirk Coetzee, George Simon, Jim Still, Larry Skinner and Family, Dennis Kimonge, Elsie du Plessis, Sandra Gets, Garry Rivers and Family/Friends, Johan Smit, Kerry Alexander, Jim Colletti and Family, Dan & Geri O'leary, Cleo Willard-Weems Karen van Schalkwyk, Jerry Richardson and Family, Kay Manning, Michael Johnson, Kent Hovind, Claire and Albert Hendricks, Peter Still, Diah Muller, Danny O'Connor, Joseph Atherton, brethren around the world, world leaders, Jerusalem and all the land of Israel.

"Yet even now," declares Yahweh, "Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to Yahweh your Elohim, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and relenting of evil, Joel 2:12-13 NASU.