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Biblical Timekeeping (updated)

The proper Biblical calendar, in part, 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 the stars, specifically—divide night from day. The moon rises about an hour later every day and is visible during the daytime for much of the month. A day we find ends at sunset, when a new day begins (Ex. 12:18; Lev. 22:6-7; 23:32; Judges 14:18; Eph. 4:26). Request our booklets, ***When does the Scriptural Day Begin?*** And, ***Biblical vs. Jewish Calendar.***

Heavenly "lights" also help 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 (along with agriculture to fix the beginning of the year) to establish the Holy Days of Yahweh. 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 moon. It will be no different then from what it is now (Num. 28:11).

"Month" comes from the principal word in Hebrew: *chodesh*, meaning to be new. The 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.*

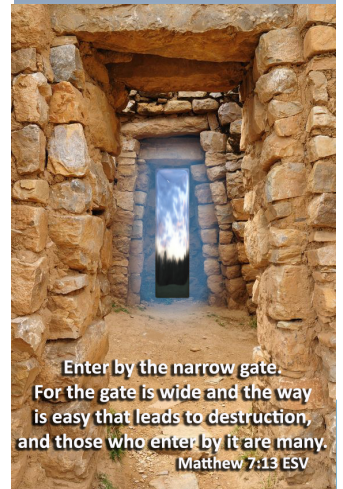
This Calendar's Features

"Abib" is often translated as "green (early) ears" of grain. In Exodus 9:31-32 we note the grain is barley, but it was not immature. When barley is able to be roasted (Lev. 2:14), we can identify the new year by the following new moon. Plants depend on the sun for growing, and the sun determines the seasons. By visually seeing the agriculture growth for the beginning of the Spring season, and observing the new moon for the month, we know when the first month of the year begins.

David knew when the new moon would occur before it appeared as he was a shepherd who would have been observing such moon phases (a 29 to 30 day cycle). A full moon would occur 15 days later after a new moon. For

These are the appointed times of Yahweh, holy convocations (set-apart gatherings) which you shall proclaim at the times appointed for them.

Leviticus 23:4 NASB



Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. Matthew 7:13 ESV

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example, on the first feast day of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Tabernacles. He wrote about these things in Scripture, saying in Psalm 81:1-3, *Blow the trumpet at the time of the new moon, at the full moon, on our solemn feast day.* We can also confirm that Yahweh fixed the order of the sun, moon and stars from Scripture in Jeremiah 31:35-36 NASB: *Thus says Yahweh, Who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; Yahweh of hosts is His Name: "If this fixed order departs from before Me," declares Yahweh, "Then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever."*

The times of the new moons and full moons can be calculated due to the consistent patterns. Therefore, we like David, can know when each new moon would most likely be seen. We visually confirm when the new moons arrive, but sometimes our calculations are incorrect. Hence, the need for visual confirmation.

We have also restored the proper weekly Sabbath, Biblical observances and the Holy Days by highlighting them (see our calendar). 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 ¼ day year.

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. This calendar is solar and not based on the new moons, as Scripture commands. 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 eight of the months in today's secular calendar have various pagan origins. The names of the last four are close to the Biblical months. September means seventh month, October means eighth month, November means ninth month and December means tenth month.

The Bible does not name the days of the week except for the seventh, the Sabbath. The others are merely numbered. In other calendars and languages around the world, the 7th day is specifically referred to by a word that is related to the Hebrew word *Shabbat* (English: Sabbath). For example, Armenian: *Shabat*, Greek: *Savvato*, Latin: *Sabbatum*, Russian: *Subbuta*, Spanish: *Sabado*, etc. Even though Saturday may be listed on the calendar (in English), the underlining word in many languages is their equivalent word for the Hebrew *Shabbat*, which is the 7th day ending each weekly pattern.

In all the calendar manipulations done through the centuries, the order of the days has not been altered since Yahweh first rested on the 7th day at creation and thus created the Sabbath. The sequence has remained constant, and at no time has the Sabbath been lost. Praise Yahweh for preserving the weekly Sabbath so that we do have the proper day of rest and time to enjoy His beautiful creation which He set apart from all other days of the week.

**Abib* is not technically the name of the first month. However, it can be used to describe it. Originally the months were numbered. In the Hebrew it says, "in the month of the abib." In other words, the first new moon (month) when the barley is in an early ripened stage, to be harvested fully at the wave sheaf offering (Lev. 23:10-11). The fields (plural: Ex. 9:31, 13:4, and Lev. 23:10) should be ready before a new year is announced. Otherwise, a 13th month is declared which automatically keeps the feasts in their proper seasons.

Passover Dates This Year

This year, once we get confirmation of *abib* and the new moon by the evening of March 28th, Passover will be on April 11th, observed the evening before, with the days of Unleavened Bread falling on April 12th through April 18th.

Touching Unclean Foods

Question: I have been applying for jobs. There are jobs available in food handling in delicatessens and pizza places. They require handling pork, prawns, etc. (Unclean foods). Am I able to work there handling unclean food?

Response: There are ceremonial aspects of the law, within the Levitical priesthood, which would prohibit touching unclean animals. If one was to touch one, then they would be unclean and would not be able to approach Yahweh until evening (Lev. 15:31); and, only after washing their clothes, body and hands (v. 11). However, not eating unclean animals is a standing physical command for us today since we are still physical beings. The command, therefore, transcends the ceremonial. Peter proves the point of this having not eaten anything unclean even after Yahshua had been resurrected some 30 years previously (Acts 10:14).

With the understanding of the ritual aspects of the law, we can understand other areas of Scripture with more insight. The most likely reason (besides not having compassion) the Levite and the priest walked past the person on the side of the road (Luke 10:30-37) could be they thought he was dead; though, he was only half dead (v. 30). They would have realized that to touch a dead person would mean uncleanness, not just until evening, but, for a full seven days (Num. 19:16). The Samaritan, with the Temple at Mt. Gerizim having been destroyed more than a 100 years earlier, assuming he was a worshipper of Yahweh, would not have had an issue with touching unclean bodies or animals at that time. Samaritans were not allowed to worship at the Jerusalem Temple (John 4:10). Though, the main point of the parable was we are to have compassion for others in need.



It is acceptable to work in a food industry which has some unclean foods. To touch them is not a problem for us today in the Melchizedek order, but eating them is (Lev. 11; Deut. 14). The following two studies may be good to review: **Orthodox Believers** and **Yahweh's Food Laws**.

YAIY's Quick Bible Verses Online

Ever wonder what the Bible says concerning a particular subject, such as, Yahweh's Sacred Name, but your Topical Bible never seems to cover such specific subject matter? There's something that is quick and easy to search. Say you've heard that Satan can be destroyed, but you're not sure what Scriptures to look up. Here's what you'll find in **YAIY's Quick Bible Verses** online:

Satan Destroyed: Mark 1:24: Angels understood; Hebrews 2:14: Yahshua has power to destroy him; Revelation 20:14: Lake of fire is the 2nd death; Romans 16:20: Satan broken into pieces, destroyed.

What about slanderers? Since you remember that Satan is described as a false accuser of the brethren, the following verses may be a good start within this resource:

Slanderer: Psalm 101:5: Will be destroyed; Isaiah 58:9: Pointing the finger; Psalm 11:13: Not trustworthy.

It's important to note that this is not a comprehensive study of every subject, nor is it going to give every verse in the Bible on the subjects listed. However, it's a very good place to start. A hard-copy is available you can keep with you and your Bible. Search it online, but also order a free hard-copy today.



Leavened or Not?

The following are NOT considered leavening, as they do not leaven (puff up). They may remain.

Brewer's yeast
Nutritional yeast
Yeast extract
Autolized yeast extract
Torula yeast



Not all of the following are Scriptural leavening agents, but do “puff up” bread naturally. Therefore, they should be removed.

Leaven (Yeast)
Sodium Bicarbonate
Potassium Bicarbonate
Baking Soda
Baking Powder



Prayer List

Dolores Parker, Terrell Frasure, David & Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Karen van Schalkwyk, Robert Creech, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Charmaine Potgieter, Jaco van der Merwe, Michael Potgieter, Carroll Isdell and Family, Ivenia Wayland and Family, Juan Castaneda and Family, Diana Murphy, Rina van Schalkwyk, Annari van der Merwe, Samuel Snyder and Family, Melanie Killiebrew, Sheila Hurtado, Eric Perkins, Leonardo Drisdell, Sherrie Abril and Family, Brandon Newton and Family, Barnard van der Merwe, Byron Lamar, Lorraine Schimpf, Hoshea Stanton, Lawrence Wayne Atkins, Gary Deerwester, Frances Domingues, David Flores, Henry Sunderman, Moses Kamau, Danny O'Connor and Family, Victor Karanja, Nombulelo Precious Mabele, Patricia Calhoun, Joseph Oganga Ontita, Paul Washington, Amelia Roberts, G. Kwasnica, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Georgiana Greene and Family, Skip and Linda Franchino, Helen Drisdell, Sharon Scott, Willie Koorzen, Al J. Pagano, Baby Jai'Ron, Margaret McCloud, Nava Family, Bongani Negwenya, Velvet Green, Catherine Terrado, Roberta Wishon, Dale Wayman, Janiq Madriz, Hartwig Fleischmann and Family, Kareem Greene and Family, Ross Williams, Maryke Stanton, Chris Barnard, Trisha Aubin, Susana Malm, David & Nancy Wilson, Ina Swanson, Janet Price, Anthony Swanson, Adalberto Hernandez Jr, Lois Firth, Jordan Vira and Family, Michelle Brousard, Mariann Johnston, Lance Bullock and Family, Hap Tew, Richard Rodriguez and Family, Jim and Judy DeHart, and for the peace of Jerusalem.



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