

Happy new year? Not even close!

Now that the pagan holiday of Christmas is over, we hear "Happy new year!" everywhere we go. People mean well, but is January really a new year? Right from the start, we can affirm that January is indeed NOT the real new year according to Yahweh's real calendar.

People are so used to believing that January starts a new year, that it may surprise them that Yahweh begins His real new year in the springtime, when new life and growth spring forth. The word "January" actually comes from the two-faced Roman deity named Janus. Our modern Gregorian calendar clearly shows many pagan aspects, including the names of the months and days.

January new year's celebrations are not new at all. Pagan cultures have



been celebrating it for thousands of years. Yahweh has always wanted pure worship from His people, and humans have disappointed Him terribly. many cases, paganism has crept into Yahweh's ways. The ancient Israelites were notorious for backsliding into paganism. were explicitly told not to copy the ways of the nations around them. It is

hard to fathom that ancient Israel could not stay on the straight and narrow path, despite Yahweh being deeply involved in their lives. Yet, we see the same thing today. People are told to worship Yahweh a certain way in Scripture, but for some reason they find pagan worship more exciting and fun.

Pagan worship does not lead to eternal life. Yahweh's way is the only path to take. Keeping Yahweh's true Holy Days are much more satisfying than pagan days. You are never too young to choose Yahweh!

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Guard yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are [put away] from before you, and that you do not inquire about their mighty ones, saying, "How did these nations serve their mighty ones? And let me do so too."

Deuteronomy 12:30 (The Scriptures)

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Test your knowledge

- 1. What season does Yahweh begin His real new year?
- A. Winter
- B. Spring
- C. Summer
- D. Fall
- 2. The month January is named for:
- A. The Roman deity Janus.
- B. The Greek deity Diana.
- C. Santa Claus.
- D. The Easter bunny.
- 3. What is evident in a real new year?
- A. Leaves falling off trees.
- B. Winter blizzards.
- C. Summer vacation.
- D. New life and growth.
- 4. What is true of new year's celebrations?
- A. It's customs are thousands of years old.
- B. It's a relatively modern observance.
- C. It's from pagan worship.
- D. A and C are both correct.
- 5. Which statements are false?
- A. Ancient Israel often backslid.
- B. Ancient Israel always did what Yahweh wanted.
- C. Ancient Israel regularly copied the pagan nations around them.
- D. A and C are correct.



SUMMER







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APRIL







JULY







NOVEMBE



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What can we learn from the book of Proverbs?

MORALS PARABLES BLESSING

GUIDANCE KNOWLEDGE WISDOM BENEFITS

DISCRETION PROSPERITY

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Who am I?

- 1. Who confessed that he almost believed? (Acts 26:28)
- 2. Who was the deputy who wanted to hear Yahweh's Word? (Acts 13:7)
- 3. Who followed an angel out of prison? (Acts 12:7-9)
- 4. Who befriended Luke? (Acts 1:1)
- 5. Who joined a man in a chariot? (Acts 8:27-30)
- 6. Who provided a meeting place for the early assembly? (Acts 12:12)
- 7. Who drove Paul's accusers from the judgment seat? (Acts 18:12-16)
- 8. Who became a disciple after Judas? (Acts 1:25-26)
- 9. Who taught Paul? (Acts 22:3)
- 10. Who sinned and died? (Acts 12:21-23)
- 11. Who provided housing for Peter? (Acts 10:5-6)



