

## IS IT A NEW YEAR?

On January 1st every year, you may see a lot of celebrations taking place, and even hear people wishing each other a "Happy New Year!" But what does Yahweh think about this? You may be surprised to learn that Yahweh's real new year does not begin on January 1st.

Yahweh's real new year begins in the spring, when new life is springing forth from the earth. Flowers will be blooming, temperatures will be getting warmer, and trees will be getting brand new leaves. Man's new year begins in the dead of winter. Which makes more sense to you?



Man's new year in the winter has pagan roots. In fact, the tradition of a winter new year is very old—thousands of years old in fact! Many ancient pagan cultures had celebrations in honor of winter and pagan deities. These celebrations were not always fun and pleasant. Animal and even human sacrifices took place.

We must live our lives to please Yahweh. He tells us in Scripture

exactly when His real new year is. It begins the time when we observe Yahweh's spring Holy Days. As Yahweh's people, we greatly look forward to it—just three more months to go!

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# Why do people celebrate New Years in January?

- 1. Modern New Year's celebrations:
- A. Are not modern at all.
- B. Were created just a short time ago by bored people.
- C. Have pagan roots.
- D. Both A. and C. are true.
- 2. Yahweh begins His new year in the:
- A. Winter.
- B. Spring.
- C. Summer.
- D. Fall.





- B. A new year should begin when new life is springing forth after a long, cold winter.
- C. A new year should begin when all the leaves are falling off the tree.
- D. We should always start a new year in the hottest part of summer.
- 4. Man's new year:
- A. Began in pagan cultures.
- B. Begins in the coldest part of the year.
- C. Is not really a new year in Yahweh's eyes.
- D. All are correct.
- 5. What does Yahweh expect of His followers?
- A. That they obey Him the way He wants to be obeyed.
- B. That we can do whatever we want.
- C. That we can incorporate pagan celebrations into true worship.
- D. That we only have to obey when it is convenient.





### The Twelve tribes of Israel

The Bible speaks a lot about the twelve tribes of Israel. See if you can find them in the box below!

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Unscramble the two missing tribes: CRHASASI and OEUZNLB

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