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Why January is **Not** the Real New Year

It seems everywhere we go now, we are greeted with jovial expressions of “Happy New Year!” Most people don’t give a second thought to this, since the tradition of starting a new year in January is well-steeped into our society.

But let’s examine this further. Does January really start a new year? The easy answer, according to Yahweh’s Word is , “No.” Simply put, Yahweh’s begins His real new year in the spring, in March or April. This makes sense as spring is when new growth occurs. Life springs forth with the warm spring rains, and our barren trees become green

again. The snows melt, and we see signs of life as little creatures come out of hibernation and beautiful flowers start to bloom.

So where did January come from? In Roman Mythology, Janus was the pagan deity of the “doorway.” Also in Roman times, January was known as the month the wolf.

Wolves played a big role in Roman beliefs. Many ancient Romans actually believed that their emperors were direct descendants of wolves!

We are well aware that the ancient Romans were pagans through and through. When Rome conquered other nations, they spread their pagan customs far and wide. We see this well in our modern world. Pagan roots are deep everywhere we look.

Yahweh’s people are supposed to be set apart. We are warned clearly not to learn the way of the nations. Yahweh’s ways are exactly opposite compared to the world’s ways. So we look forward to the real new year in spring, when we can keep Yahweh’s Passover and His Feast of Unleavened Bread.

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Can you answer?

1. When does Yahweh begin His real new year in *Israe*l?

- A. Winter
- B. Spring (March-April)
- C. Summer
- D. Fall

2. What happens in spring?

- A. New life and growth appear.
- B. Warm rains cause leaves and flowers to grow.
- C. Hot sun destroys crops.
- D. A. and B. are correct.

3. In ancient times, the Romans knew January as:

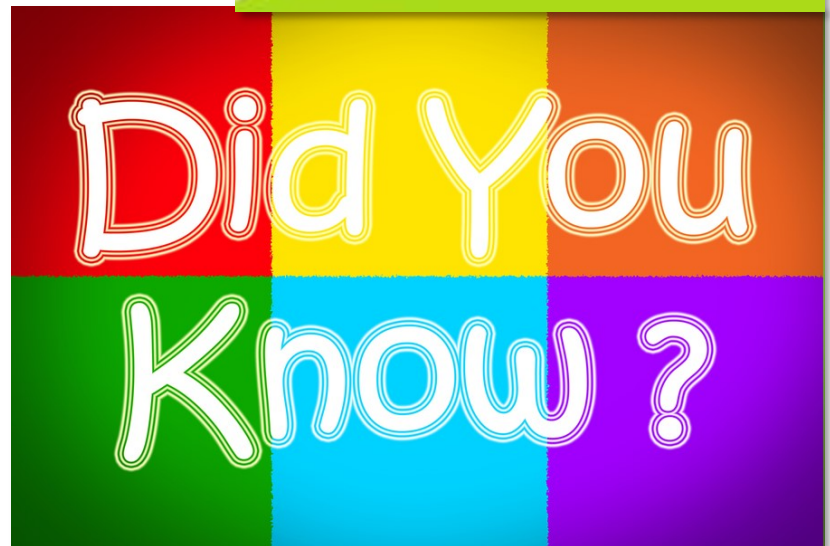
- A. The month of the wolf.
- B. The month of good parties.
- C. The month of Christmas lights.
- D. The month of rabbits.

4. Where did the term January come from?

- A. Saturnalia.
- B. The Roman deity Janus.
- C. The female deity Diana.
- D. The female deity Ishtar.

5. How far has paganism spread?

- A. Only in America.
- B. Around the entire world.
- C. Only in the Middle East.
- D. Only in Rome.



People in Yahshua's Life

MARY

Joseph

PETER

JUDAS

THOMAS

JOHN

LAZARUS

PILATE

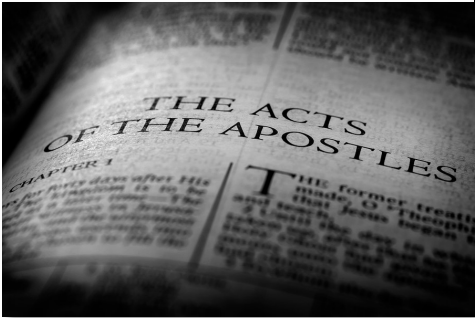
SIMEON

MARTHA

L I Z J N W A N J O M C R O T
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HELPING SUFFERING PEOPLE

The Bible has a lot to say about the treatment of the poor. Write the name of the person who was involved with the poor.

1. Who charged the elders and princes with crushing Yahweh's people and "grinding the faces of the poor?" (see Isaiah 3:14-15)
2. Name the person who devoured the vineyard of a poor man. (1 Kings 21)
3. Name the person who accused the people of Israel of selling the poor for a pair of shoes. (Amos 2:6-7)
4. Who said the people of the land had oppressed the poor and needy? (Ezekiel 22:29)
5. Who admonished the assembly for only treating wealthy people with dignity? (James 2: 1-6)



6. Name the person who defended himself by saying he had helped the poor. (Job 31:16-17)
7. Who benefited from Yahweh's command to leave the gleanings of their crops? (Ruth 2)
8. Who said, "Half of my goods I give to the poor." (Luke 19:8)
9. Who told the young man to give to the poor and follow Him? (Matthew 19:21)
10. Name the person who told Nebuchadnezzar to show mercy to the poor? (Daniel 4:27)