

## Happy New Year? NOT SO FAST!

If you are new to following Yahweh's Way, you may be hearing this for the first time. For those of you who have been reading our articles for some time, it's a good time to review what you've already learned. You are probably hearing, "Happy New Year!" everywhere you go. But is it really a new year? It might come as a surprise to learn that Yahweh's real new year actually begins in the springtime, when new life and growth springs forth.



Celebrating a new year in the dead of winter is not a new practice. In fact, the custom is thousands of years old. In addition, it comes directly from paganism. Here at Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua, we talk a

lot about paganism. It's because we believe so strongly that we are to worship our Heavenly Father Yahweh the way He tells us to worship Him! Our Creator deserves proper worship, not pagan adopted practices.

Having new year's on January 1st was actually practiced before Yahshua was born. The Romans had a false deity named Janus, from where we get the name of the month "January." Janus was supposedly the deity of doorways and new beginnings.

Thankfully, we have a merciful Heavenly Father Who gives us detailed instructions on how to live. The real Holy Days are found in Leviticus 23. Yahweh expects us to walk in Spirit and in Truth. You are never too young to have a relationship with your Heavenly Father. Join us in waiting to say "Happy New Year!" in the springtime, when it really occurs!

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"The Christian Church adopted the Julian year of the Romans. This year begins with Jan. 1, which, at the beginning of the Christian era, was observed in Rome as a public holiday. The festival was noisy, attended with games and sports, which degenerated into coarse and indecent behavior. From this the Christian Church held aloof, and penitential sermons were appointed for the day, warning against participation in the heathen feasts. But inasmuch as Christian participation in the feasts of the pagans did not cease...'

The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge

# Do you remember?

- 1. How should we worship Yahweh?
- A. Any way we want to.
- B. We can copy the pagans, because their celebrations are fun!
- C. Only the way He tells us to.
- D. The way our ancient ancestors did.
- 2. The real new year begins in the...
- A. Dead of winter.
- B. In the hot summer.
- C. In the fall.
- D. In the springtime, when new growth occurs.



- 3. What is true of the month January?
- A. It comes from the name of a pagan Roman deity named Janus.
- B. January 1st as a new year was celebrated before Yahshua's birth.
- C. January does not begin Yahweh's real new year.
- D. All of the above are true.
- 4. Which is true of your relationship with Yahweh?
- A. You're never too young or old to have a relationship with Him.
- B. He doesn't care how you worship Him.
- C. He wants you to worship in Spirit and Truth.
- D. Both A and C are correct.
- 5. Which statements are true?
- A. Yahweh deserves proper worship.
- B. Yahweh is merciful.
- C. Yahweh gives us instructions on how to live.
- D. All of the above.



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### **David and Goliath**

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## MONEY IN THE BIBLE

Money can be used for good or evil. Scripture warns us that the love of money is the root of all evil. See 1 Timothy 6:10. Fill in the blanks with the correct name.

- 1. Name the tax collector who followed Yahshua. (Matthew 9:9)
- 2. Who lied about money and died because of it? (Acts 5:1-5)
- 3. Who offered money for the power of the Holy Spirit? (Act 8:18)
- 4. Who sat by the wayside, begging for money because he was blind? (Mark 10:46)
- 5. Who ended up feeding pigs after wasting all his money on reckless living? (Luke 15:14-15)
- 6. Who paid money to an innkeeper to take care of the man beaten by robbers? (Luke 10:33-35)
- 7. Who put money in his brothers' sacks when they came to Egypt to buy grain? (Genesis 42:25)
- 8. Who gave all her money as an offering? (Luke 21:2-4)
- 9. Which two people took money to help the believers in Antioch? (Acts 11:29-30)
- 10. Who healed a man who asked for money? (Acts 3:3-8)
- 11. Who was a generous man? (Acts 10:1-2)
- 12. Who told Peter he could find money for taxes in a fish? (Matthew 17:26-27)
- 13. Who offered money for the destruction of the Jews because he was angry? (Esther 4:7)

