

YAIY Quick Study Sheet



New Moon or No Moon ? That is the question.



The Astronomical New Moon is defined by scientists who believe there is no Creator, but we see in Scripture that the Hebrew words used for moon do not indicate “dark” or “night.” The first possible sign for the newness or renewal of a moon would be the first visible “light.”Notice the following:

“Hebrew has two terms for moon: *yareakh* and *levonah*. The first is a common Semitic term, appearing as *yrkh* in Phoenician and as *arkhu* in Akkadian, where it is also the usual word for ‘month’ or one lunation. *Yerakh* also means month in Hebrew.

“*Levonah* is a derivative of ‘white.’ In most biblical references, *levonah* is used in parallelism to *shemesh*, ‘sun,’ to describe the brilliant luminosity of the moon (Song of Sol. 6:10; Isa. 30:26). But in Isa. 24:23, *levonah* is used in parallelism to *bosh*, ‘shame,’ to evoke an image of colorlessness accompanying embarrassment.

“In referring to the new month, the biblical author uses the term ‘new, renewal’ (Heb. *khodesh*) rather than either of the standard terms for moon.”

—Harpers Bible Dictionary (Page 652)

3394] יָרֵחַ *yareach* /yaw·ray·akh/] n m. From the same as 3391; TWOT 913a; GK 3734; 26 occurrences; AV translates as “moon” 26 times. **1** moon.

—Strong’s Concordance

913) יָרַח (*yrah*). Assumed root of the following. **913a**) אֶרְבָּעָה (*arēah*) *moon*. **913b**) יָרַח (*yrah*) *month*.

) יָרַח (*yareah*). *Moon*. (ASV and RSV the same.) The word occurs 27 times. “The moon,” frequently paralleled by “the sun,” was created by [Elohim] to rule the night and to indicate the seasons, especially the occasions of feasts (Ps 104:19; 136:9). The moon gives off enough light in the Near East by which to perform many tasks, and during full moon journeys could be made at night.

—Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, page 406 (See also **1074** לְבָנָה *lbn*, page 467)

Aramaic) יָרַח, אֶרְבָּעָה (*yarho*) *new moon, month*.

—Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon (page 437)

3842] לְבָנָה *lābanah* /leb·aw·naw/] n f. From 3835; TWOT 1074c; GK 4244; Three occurrences; AV translates as “moon” three times. **1** moon (as white).

—Strong’s Concordance