

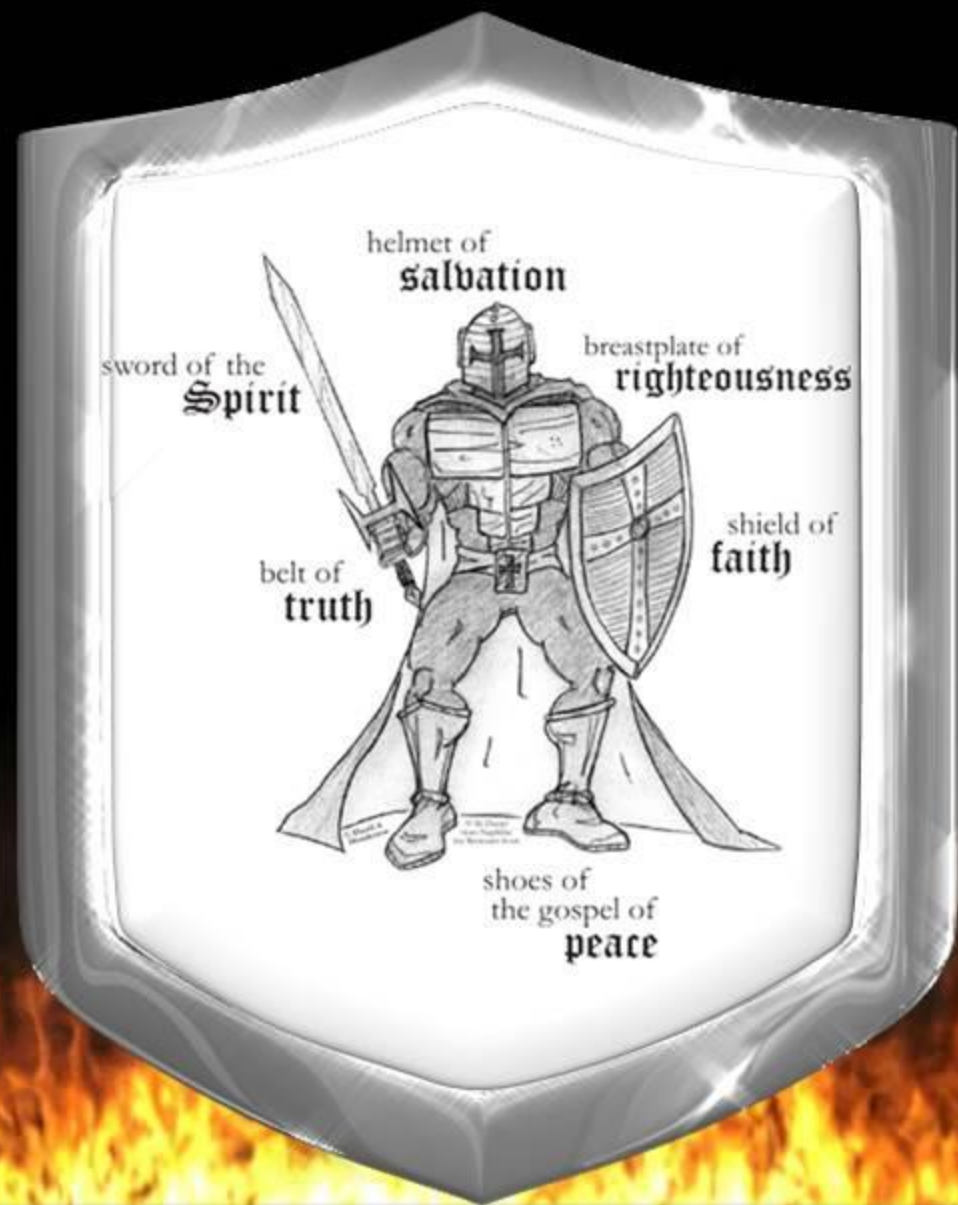
YAH'S

COVENANT



Calendar

Let us put on the full Armor of God



Taking up the shield of faith
with which you will be able to
extinguish all the flaming
arrows of the evil one.

Eph 6:16

*Eph 6:10-20; 1 Thess 5:8; 2 Cor 6:7;
Heb 4:12; Isa 59:17; Isa 11:5;
2 Cor 10:3-5; Rom 13:14; Prov 30:5*



Our Father who established Yahusha in the heavens,
Exalted is your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will
be done in earth, as in the heavens. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our transgressions, as
we forgive those who transgress against us. And lead
us not into evil inclination, but deliver us from the
outer darkness.

Matt 6:9b-13 *(All Scriptures taken from Eth Ceper unless otherwise noted.)*



Thank you, Yahuah, that You promise us that where two or three are gathered You are there in the midst (Matt 18:20). Please cleanse, strengthen, restore, heal, inspire, teach us; and guide our hearts and minds with your Word of Truth in this presentation this day.



“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask Yahuah, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you” (James 1:5 *NIV*). Please teach each of us the truths that You would have us learn today, for we know that “man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahuah” (Matt 4:4).



Please allow this presentation to be delivered and recorded clearly and succinctly, without technical difficulty or errors. “For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever” (Matt 6:13b). We ask these things in Yahusha’s precious name.



SCRIPTURAL HERMENEUTICS

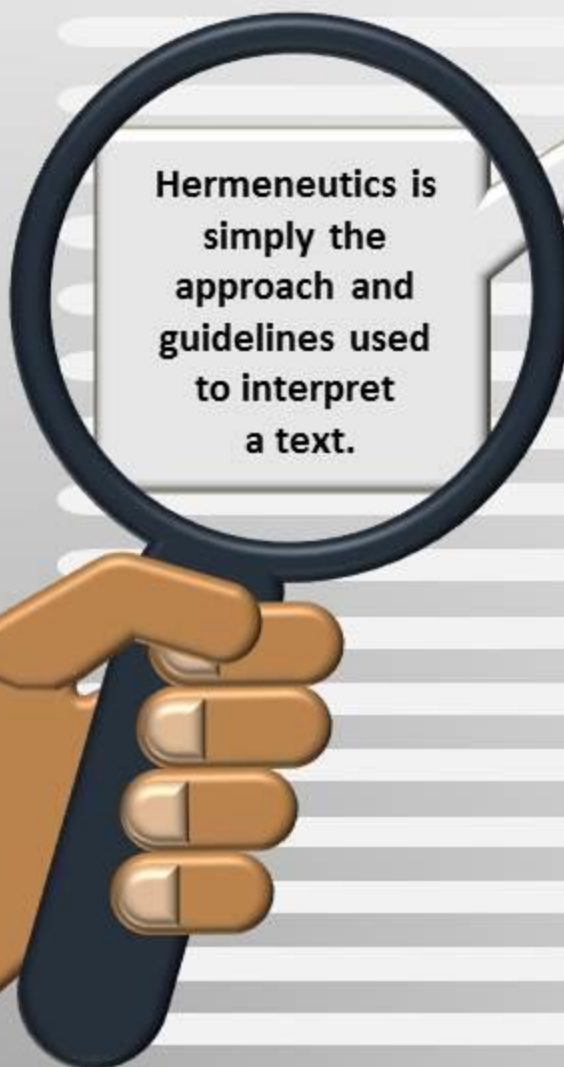
[a] Introduction to
Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

[b] Introduction to the
Egypt's Locust Plague of Exo 10



SCRIPTURAL HERMENEUTICS

Let's examine our
“hermeneutical hygiene”
to ensure we are using
the correct lens to
understand Scripture.



Hermeneutics is
simply the
approach and
guidelines used
to interpret
a text.



**TRADITIONS
OF MEN**



Two or Three Scriptural Witnesses





SCRIPTURAL HERMENEUTICS

1. First Mention Principle

- The first occurrence is like a backbone establishing the inherent meaning in a pattern throughout the rest of Scripture.



SCRIPTURAL HERMENEUTICS

2. Grammatical Interpretation

- Meaning the use of Grammatical **Context/Content**, Etymology, Usage, the function of words (Parts of Speech), the form of words (morphology), and the relationships of words (syntax/rules).




SCRIPTURAL HERMENEUTICS

3. Historical and Cultural Context

- Make sure all definitions are based first in the Hebrew – choosing the correct definition for the content/context.

Then compare other lexicons, study aids and commentators carefully.



Lexicons
Dictionaries
Bible Maps
History
Grammar
Commentaries
Encyclopedias
Concordances



The WORD
#1
of TRUTH



SCRIPTURAL HERMENEUTICS

4. Forward Progressive Movement

- Especially for any calendar studies, the events have to stay in order always moving forward.



SCRIPTURAL HERMENEUTICS

5. Layers of Scripture for Calendar Study: <Acronym: PaRaDiSe>

- i. **P'shat**: The actual literal meaning to be understood first. A "day" is one Light Season or one literal 24 hour cycle depending on the content & context. *A day is not understood as "one year" (or 2 Pet 3:8).*
- ii. **Remez**: In calendar studies, where there is prophetic "symbolic" time, the "day" must be interpreted into the hermeneutic of "one literal day = one literal year" to understand the timeline on the secular historical level of the past timeframe.
eg: Dan 7:25 has a timeline relating to 1260 days. In history this relates to the 1260 years from 538 – 1798 AD.
- iii. **Drash**: Scriptural patterns abound and repeat often. *eg: This means the prophecies of Daniel that relate to the prophetic meaning and have explanation in the past, help us to understand how the prophecies unfold. However, the patterns in those prophecies repeat in the endtime generation. In that case the timelines must be understood as "one literal day equals one literal day," and not "one literal year."*
- iv. **Sod**: A study on Gematria – based on the Hebrew meanings of "numbers." *eg: the 8th day can have linkage to "new beginnings."*

PaRaDiSe ↓

P'shat

1

Remez

2

Drash

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Promises of the Word

I love
them that
love me;
and those
that seek
me early
shall find
me.

Prov 8:17



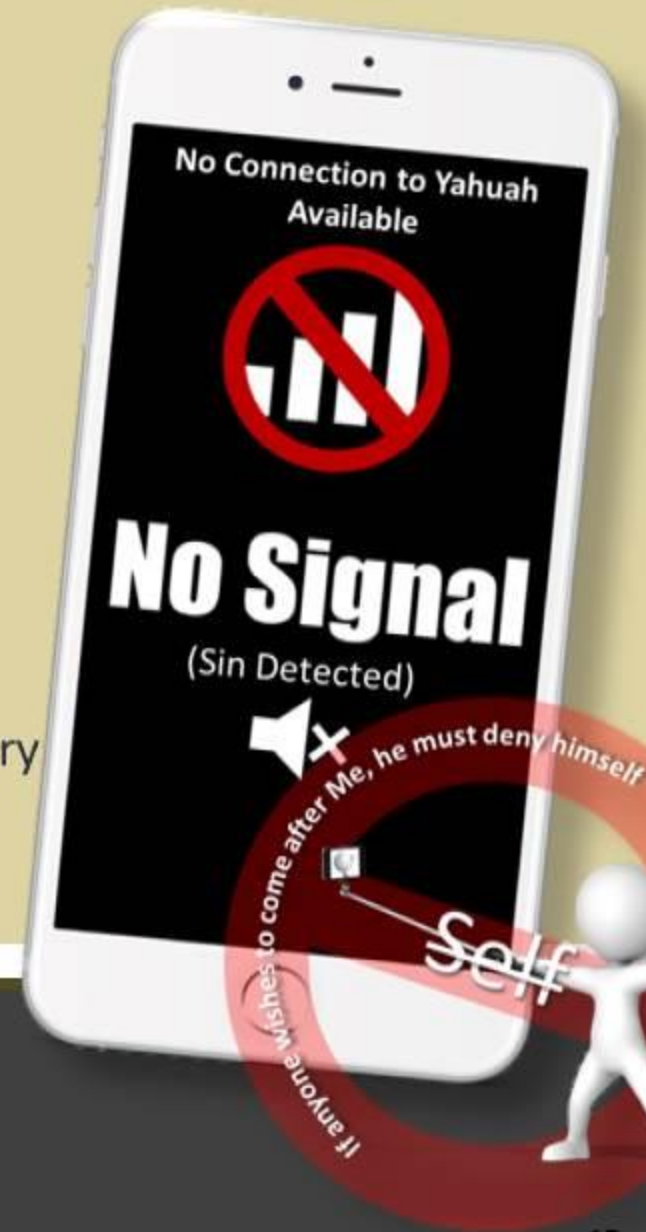
The fear of YAHUAH is the beginning
of wisdom: and the knowledge of
the holy is understanding. Prov 9:10

**And ye shall seek me, and find me,
when ye shall search for me
with all your heart. Jer 29:13**

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of
YAH, that gives to all men liberally,
and upbraids [to defame/chide/taunt] not;
and it shall be given him.
James 1:5

Recognizing Barriers to Understanding Yahuah's Word

1. **Stress** from the death of a spouse, parent or child (Stress of death and mourning closely connected.)
2. **Stress** of strained marital relationship or dating relationship. (divorce/break-up/etc.)
3. **Stress** of financial issues.
4. **Stress** of injury (pain), chronic illness or poor health.
5. **Stress** from dismissal from work (unemployment).
6. **Stress** of being too busy with the cares of this world.
7. **Stress** of unhealthy addictions.
8. **Stress** of imprisonment/legal issues/victim of crime.
9. **Stress** of retirement.
10. **Stress** of persistent Relationship Problems, non-primary (difficulties with other family members, conflict and loss of friends, difficulties with coworkers).

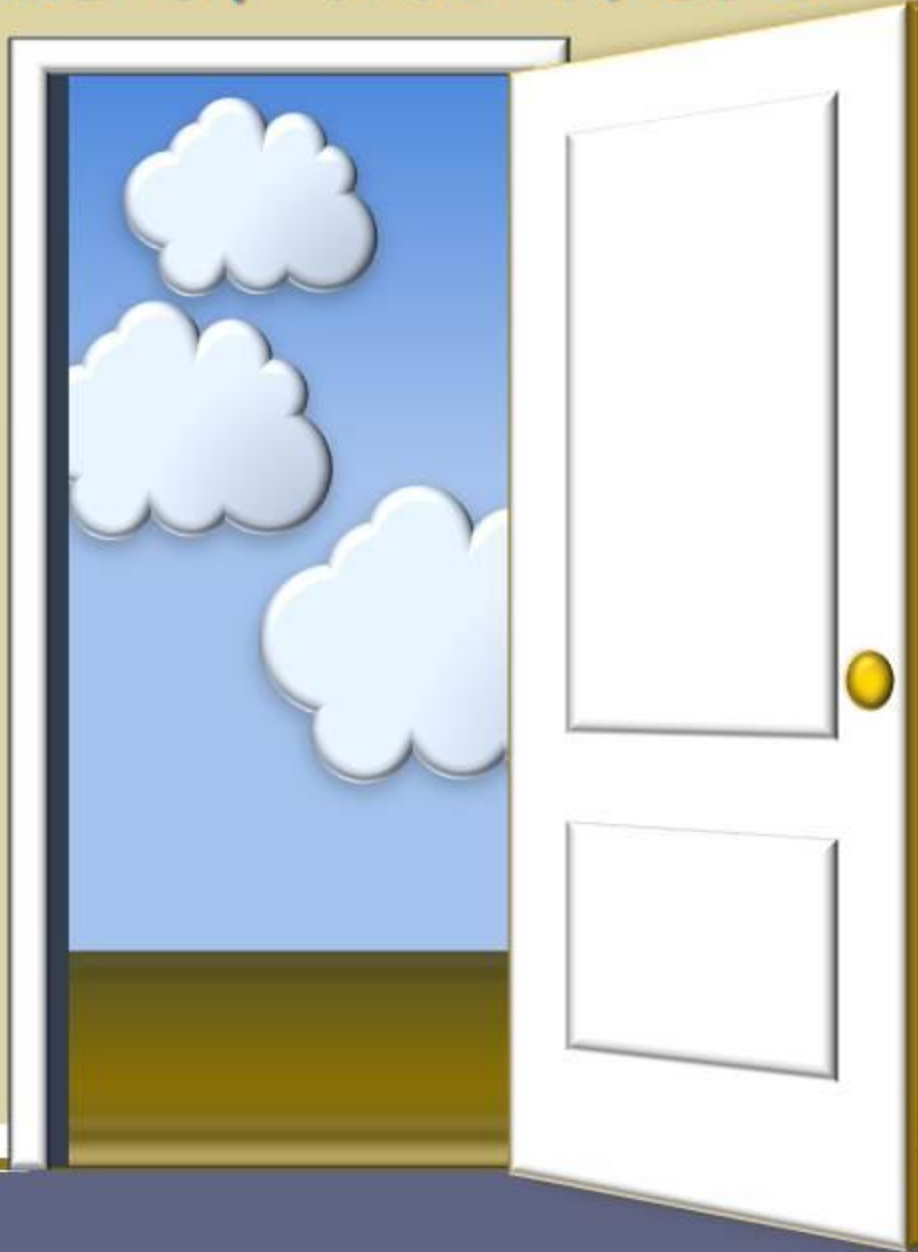


Another Barrier: Even a good stress like winning the Lottery!

Promises of the Word

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for everyone that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.

Matt 7:7-8



Study to show yourself approved unto YAH, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. **2 Timothy 2:15**

Yea, if you cry after knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures; Then shall you understand the fear of YAHUAH, and find the knowledge of ELOHIM. For YAHUAH gives wisdom: out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding. **Prov 2:3-6**



Cognitive **Dissonance**:

psychological **conflict** resulting from incompatible beliefs and attitudes held simultaneously [double-mindedness]



- When something simply doesn't fit into your existing worldview or belief system, this may cause mental and/or physical pain.
- **So, some choices must be made.**
- One must either reject the new conflicting information or modify the existing belief system to align with the new information.



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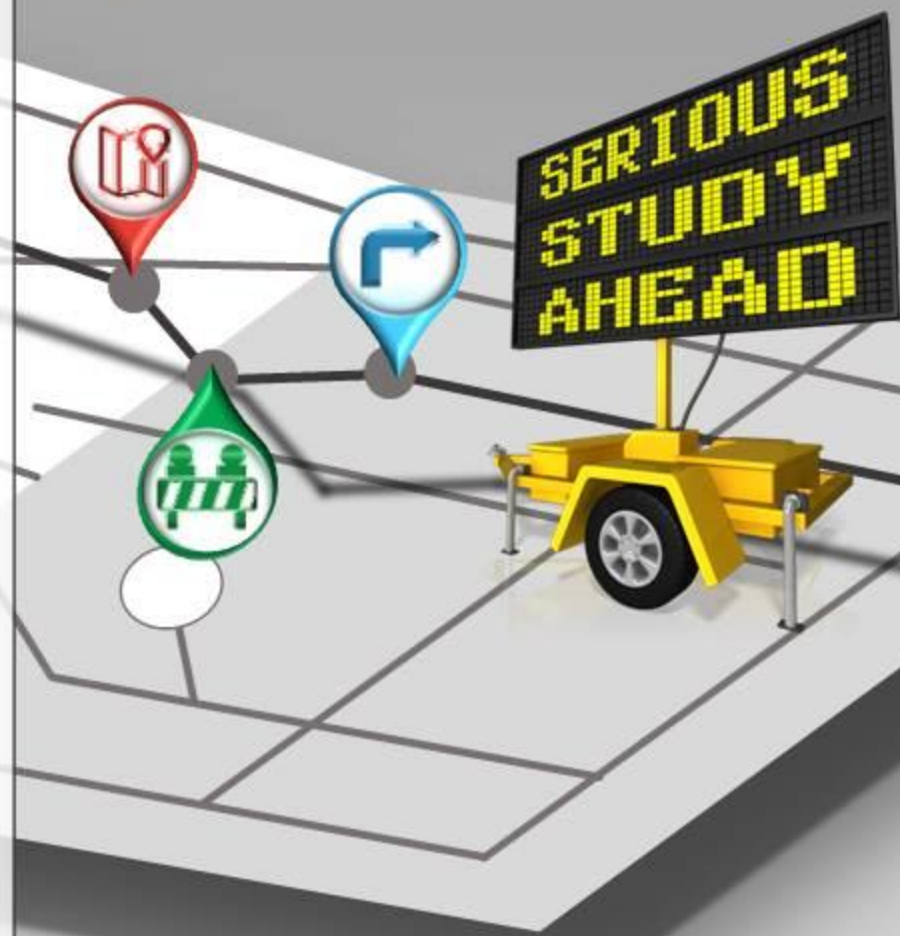
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- Maintaining resistance to facts that expose the fallacies of beliefs may cause discomfort.
- It may even feel like a betrayal (as felt in a dating/marriage relationship).
- **Remember:** "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Eph 6:12

- Critically evaluating new information requires that the person be able to exercise their sense of **reason** and **logic**.
- Critical thinking is often synonymous to active learning.
- **Active learning** is in contrast to **passive learning** in that it requires the person to exercise their sense of skepticism and doubt, rather than taking in any theory or idea with unquestionable acceptance!
- It also requires one to invest time in study.

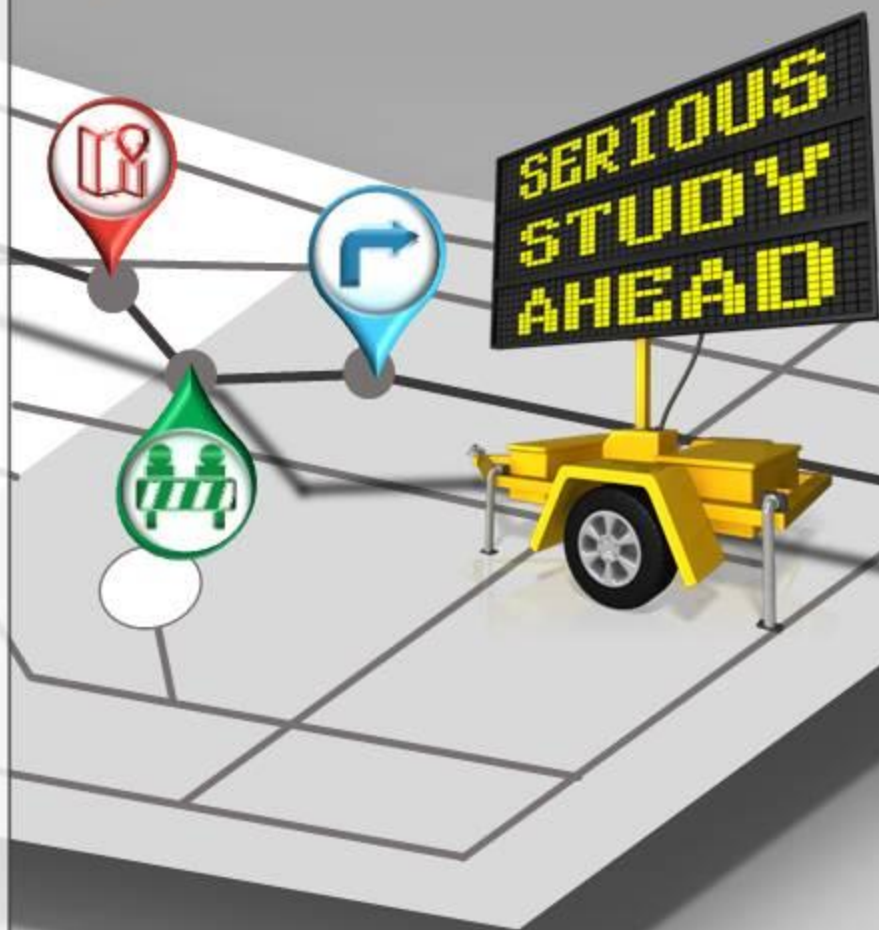
NAVIGATING CALENDAR THEORIES
The Word of Truth should be the guide,
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Question everything!

- Through critical evaluation, each person must test the various facets of the topic or idea to see that it makes logical sense.
- Find the courage to face that much of what you believe may be incorrect.
- Conduct your own research.
- **“Study to shew thyself approved unto Yahuah, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Tim 2:15)**

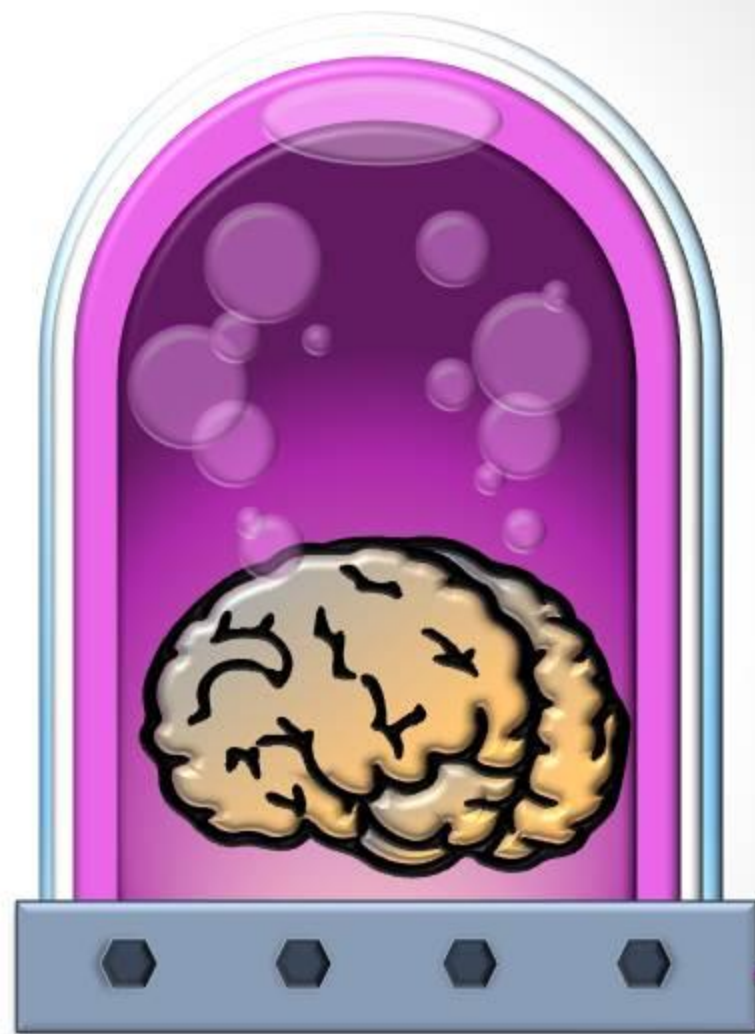
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Five Questions for thought:

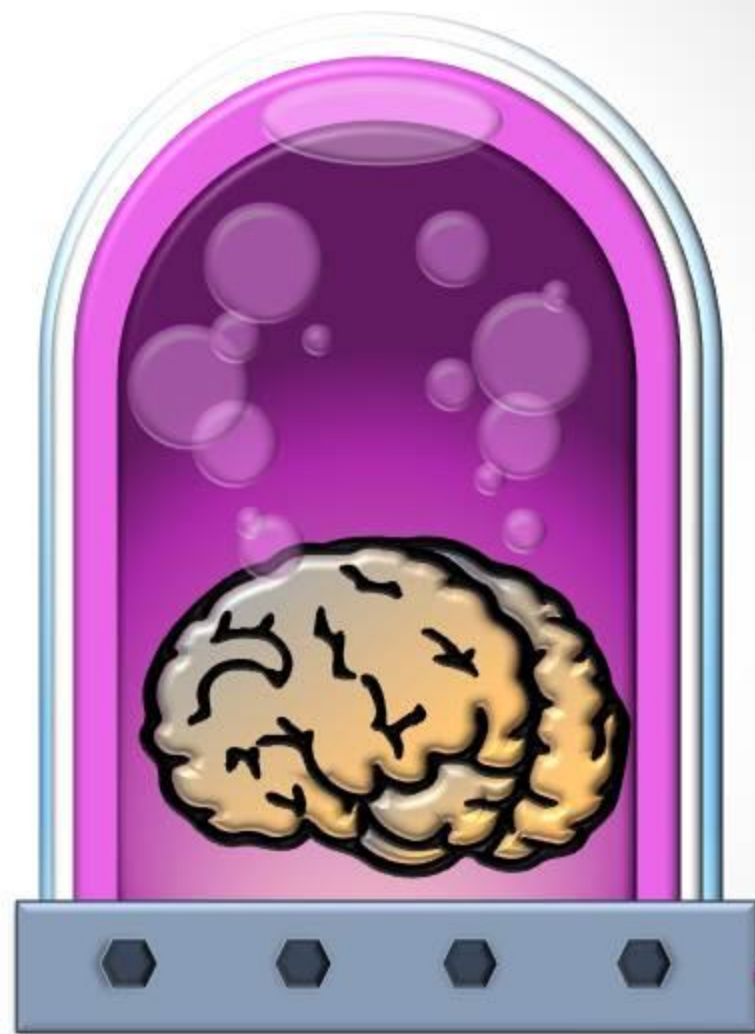
1. Are there any idle words in Scripture that have no meaning, or importance, except to simply fill space? (eg: genealogies?)



Think Tank

Questions for thought:

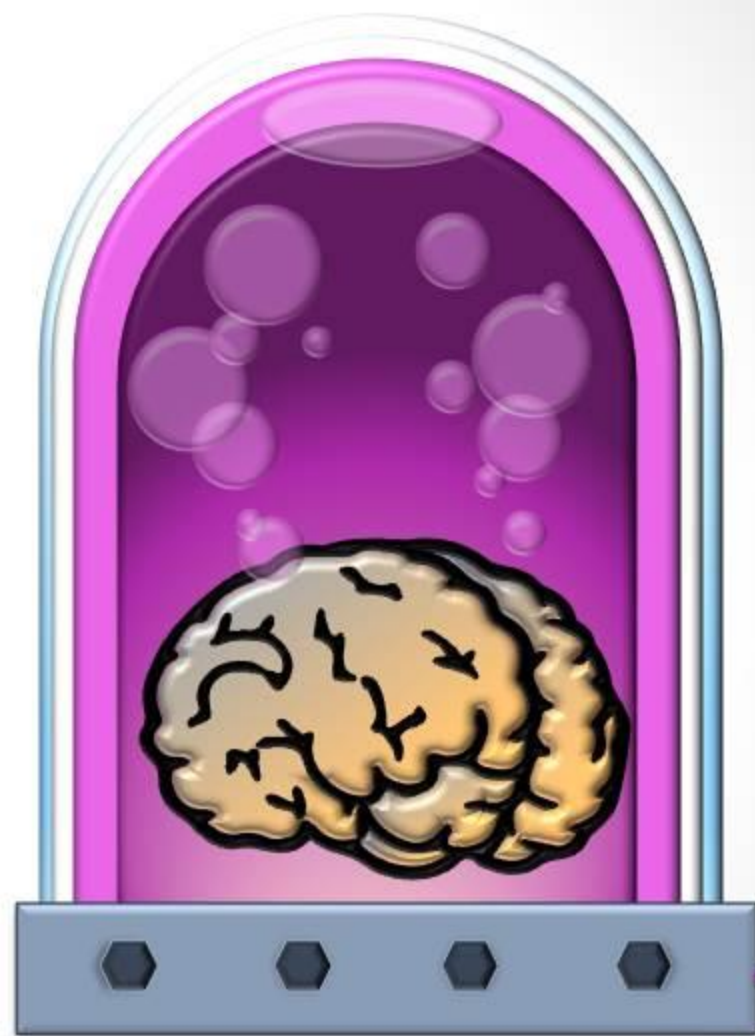
2. Through the testimony of the "locust infestation," what PATTERN will Scripture unfold to document the accurate timing of this event? (Sunset Theory or Dawn?)



Think Tank

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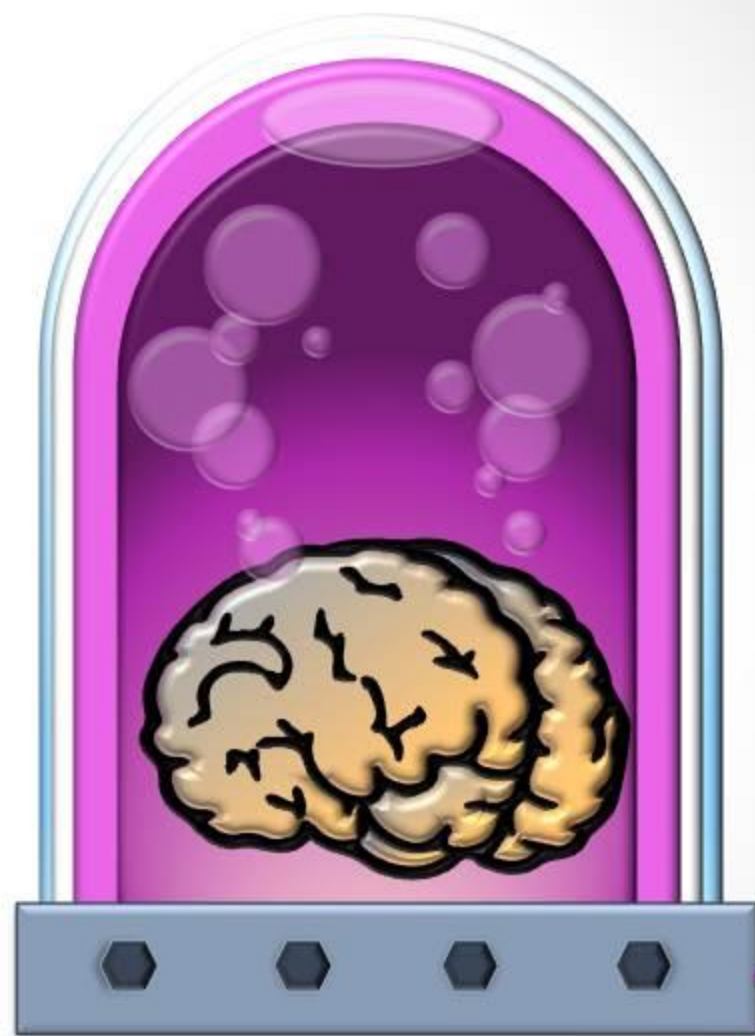
3. Why doesn't
Scripture leave out
the Exodus 10 timing
details and just say:
"Moses brought the
locusts to Egypt?"



Think Tank

Questions for thought:

4. Will the timing details of this event begin to diminish the controversy as to when the day begins, according to Scripture?



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Again:
Will
Exodus
10
support
Sunset or
Dawn?

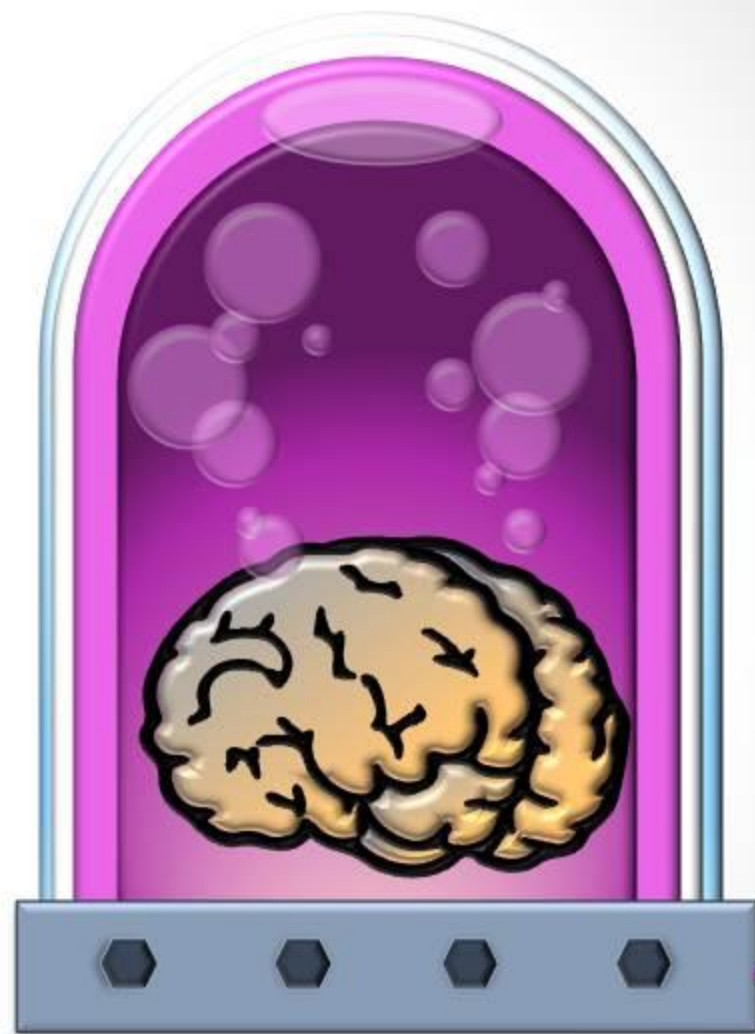
Questions for thought:

5. There is PLENTY of EVIDENCE exposing the counterfeit change of when the day begins

(from Jewish rabbinical history; non-secular recorded history;

Catholic history).

Can Exodus 10 expose the truth of the matter and stand as another witness?



(Please see the study that offers the historical evidence.)

Think Tank

NAVIGATING CALENDAR THEORIES

The Word of Truth should be the guide,
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- We are now ready to put everything together!



How to STUDY Infographic

Grammar Police:
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Guilty of
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These are HINTS.

Renew
Your Mind

Torah First.
Covenant Torah
for calendar
study.

1

Scriptural
Witnesses

Need at least
2-3 witnesses:
more is always
better.

2

Dig Deeper. It is the
glory of Yah to
conceal a thing:
but the honour of
kings is to search
out a matter.
Prov 25:2

CAUTION:
Examine your
Hermeneutical
Hygiene

Examine your
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that are available!

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7

Do not be conformed to this
world; but be transformed by
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Then you will be able to test
and approve what is the good,
pleasing, and perfect will of
Yahuah (Rom 12:2).

5

Traditions of Men
Word of Yahuah

CAUTION:
Itching ears,
traditions of
men, and snares.
Get discernment
and **DO NOT BE**
DECIEVED.

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2 Tim 4:3, Col 2:8, Deut 12:30,
Rom 16:17-18, 2 Thess 2:10-11

These general rules & principles are important for any Scriptural study, especially calendar!

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Remez

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See

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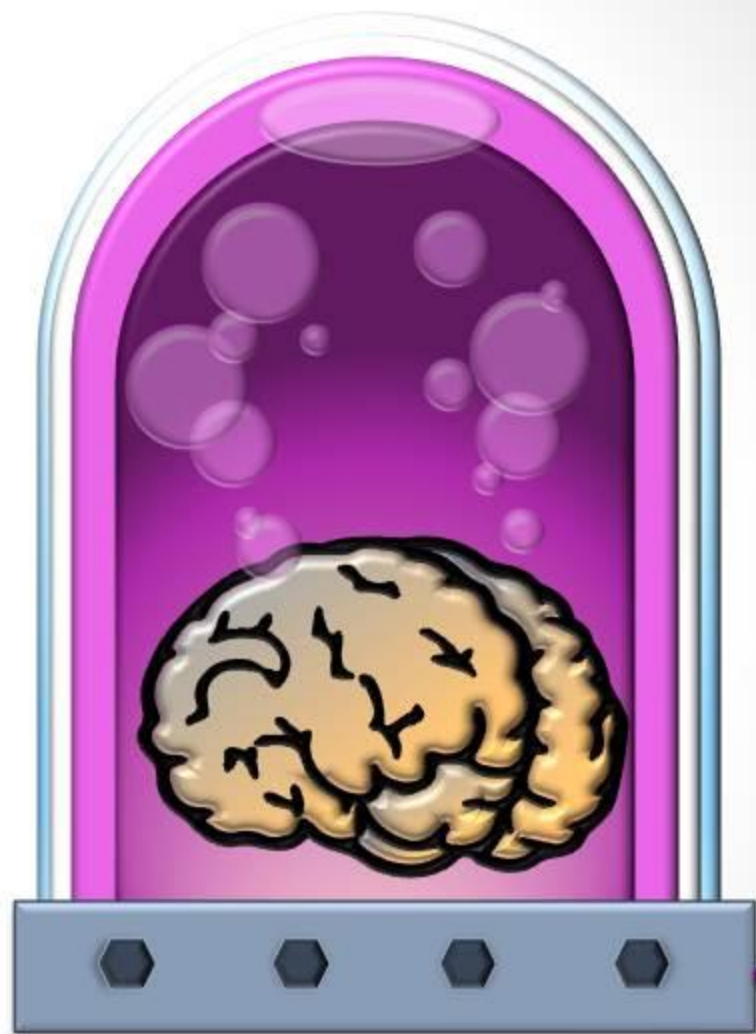
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Thought to Ponder:

Exodus 10 is a study focusing on Yahuah's calendar day-start.

Before we launch into the introduction for the locust details, let's take note of some counsel from Job, Isaiah, King Solomon and Jeremiah.



Think Tank



UPSIDE DOWN



The book of Job is considered one of the earliest writings in the Scriptures. Let's read Job 17:8-12 to find out if Job had an opinion on this topic. Is there any hint in Job's words that he would mix Yahuah's instructions with the traditions of men?



UPSIDE DOWN



Job 17

8 Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that has clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

10 But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise man among you.

11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

Verse 12 They change the night into day:
the light is short because of darkness.



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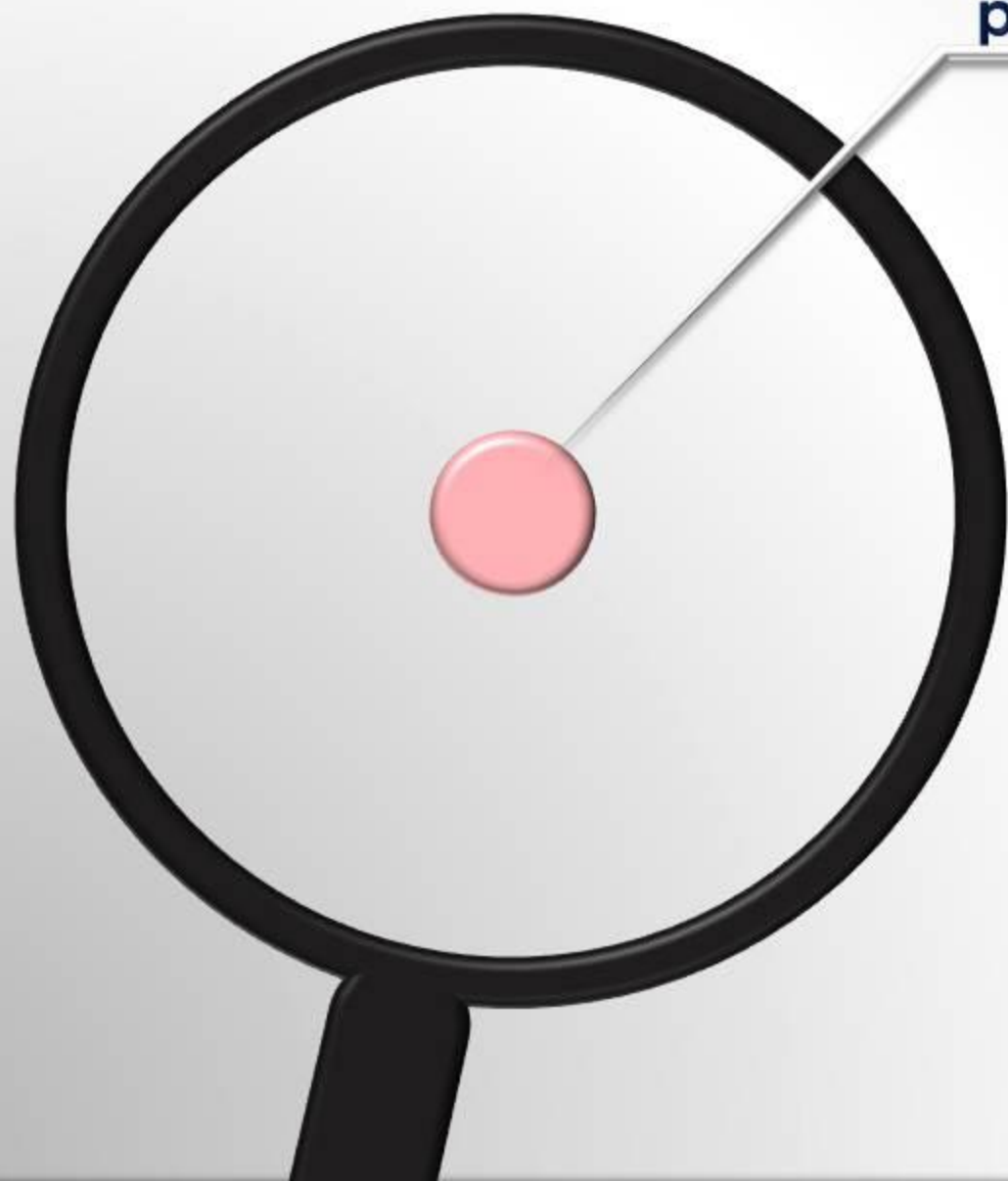


Isaiah 5

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;
that put darkness for light,
and light for darkness;
that put bitter for sweet,
and sweet for bitter!

A Closer Look: Did you notice:

1. Job & Isaiah speak of hypocritical people changing the night into day.





UPSIDE DOWN



Ecclesiastes 1

9 The thing that has been, it is that which shall be;
and that which is done is that which shall be done:
and there is no new thing under the sun.

(What is Solomon talking about in Eccl 1:9?)

A Closer Look: Did you notice:

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3. No man can physically manipulate the length of a day; only Yahusha can do this. (Note: every detail about His worship days are part of His everlasting covenant.)

What will Jeremiah have to tell us?



Jeremiah 33

Yahuah guarantees the surety of His “covenant” by referring to the surety of natural law as proof of the surety of His promises.

Did we ever stop to think about how important “day” and “night” are in comparison to Yahuah’s promises?

And have you noticed, the “day” is mentioned before the “night” in these passages?

20 Thus says YAHUAH; If ye can break my **covenant of the day**, and my **covenant of the night**, and that there should not be **day** and **night** in their season;

21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites, the priests, my ministers.

25 Thus says YAHUAH; If my covenant be not with **day** and **night**, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.



Question: What are Job and Jeremiah referring to?

A Closer Look: Did you notice:



1. Job & Isaiah speak of hypocritical people changing the night into day.

2. In Ecclesiastes, Solomon declares that all things under the sun have already been. (Truth & error?)

3. We know that a man cannot physically manipulate the length of a day; only Yahusha can do this.
(Note: every detail about His worship days are part of His everlasting covenant.
See the verses from Jeremiah on the next slide.)

4. Can man manipulate the borders that determine when day cycles begin and end?



More Counsel from Jeremiah

Jer 31:35-36 Thus saith Yahuah, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar ...

36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith Yahuah, then the **seed of Israel** also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. (KJV)

- Again, Yahuah refers to the surety and permanence of natural law and order as a guarantee of the surety and permanence of the “everlasting covenant.”



Question:

What are Job and Jeremiah referring to?



When Preparation **NIGHT** Season (or Friday **NIGHT** in pagan terms) is declared as **qodesh** [Holy] **7th Day Sabbath** hours (because Sunset Theory begins the Sabbath on the Preparation **NIGHT** Season at **SUNSET**) ...



Does that mean ... that

Friday **NIGHT** is also considered PART of the **DAY** hours of the Sabbath?



More Questions to consider:



Is it possible Job was shown a compromise with paganism?



Is there *anywhere* in Scripture where we are reminded, admonished, commanded, urged or compelled to contemplate upon the 7th Day Sabbath NIGHT Season, before the Day Season?



How does this connect with Locusts?

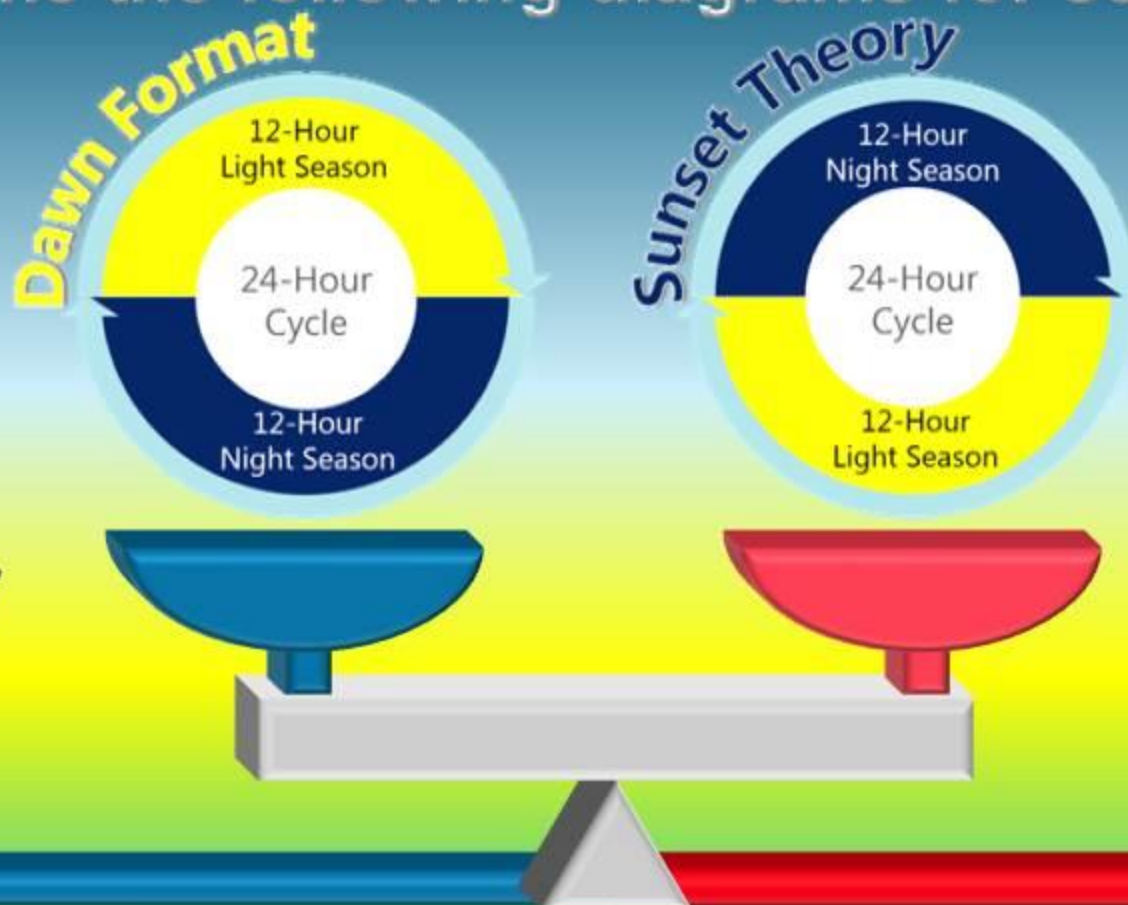


If the account of the “locust infestation” found in Exodus 10 supports DAWN as the beginning of each Scriptural day... thus eliminating the Sunset Theory application from Exodus 10; then this “rambling on” about Job’s declaration will be justified!



It is time to examine the following diagrams for serious consideration.

Hermeneutic principles can help us understand the concepts of Covenant Calendar in an organized manner - especially for every single day-start.



This illustration presents two options for the "beginning" of a 24 Hour cycle of time:

- a) Dawn Format
- b) Sunset Theory (locusts or no locusts)!

Which one is correct?

By the end of a complete search in Exodus 10, (including many more calendar studies for the Scriptural Day-start), only **ONE** of the two options will align with Scripture.

Important clarification of terms you will encounter in
this and other studies on this topic are ...

#1: <`owr> **Light** H216 (*Strong's*)

Illumination, bright, clear, day, light, morning.

12 Hour Light Season

'OWR

#2: <layil> Night H3915 (*Strong's*)

A twist away of light.

12 Hour Night Season

LAYIL

One Cycle = the two time segments in one **24 Hour Dual Season**

Day Season: **12 Hour Time Segment**

Strong's H216

Light

'Owr:

Illumination or (concretely) luminary (in every sense, including lightning, happiness, etc.): KJV - bright, clear, + day, light (-ning), morning, sun.

Total KJV occurrences: 122

Night Season: **12 Hour Time Segment**

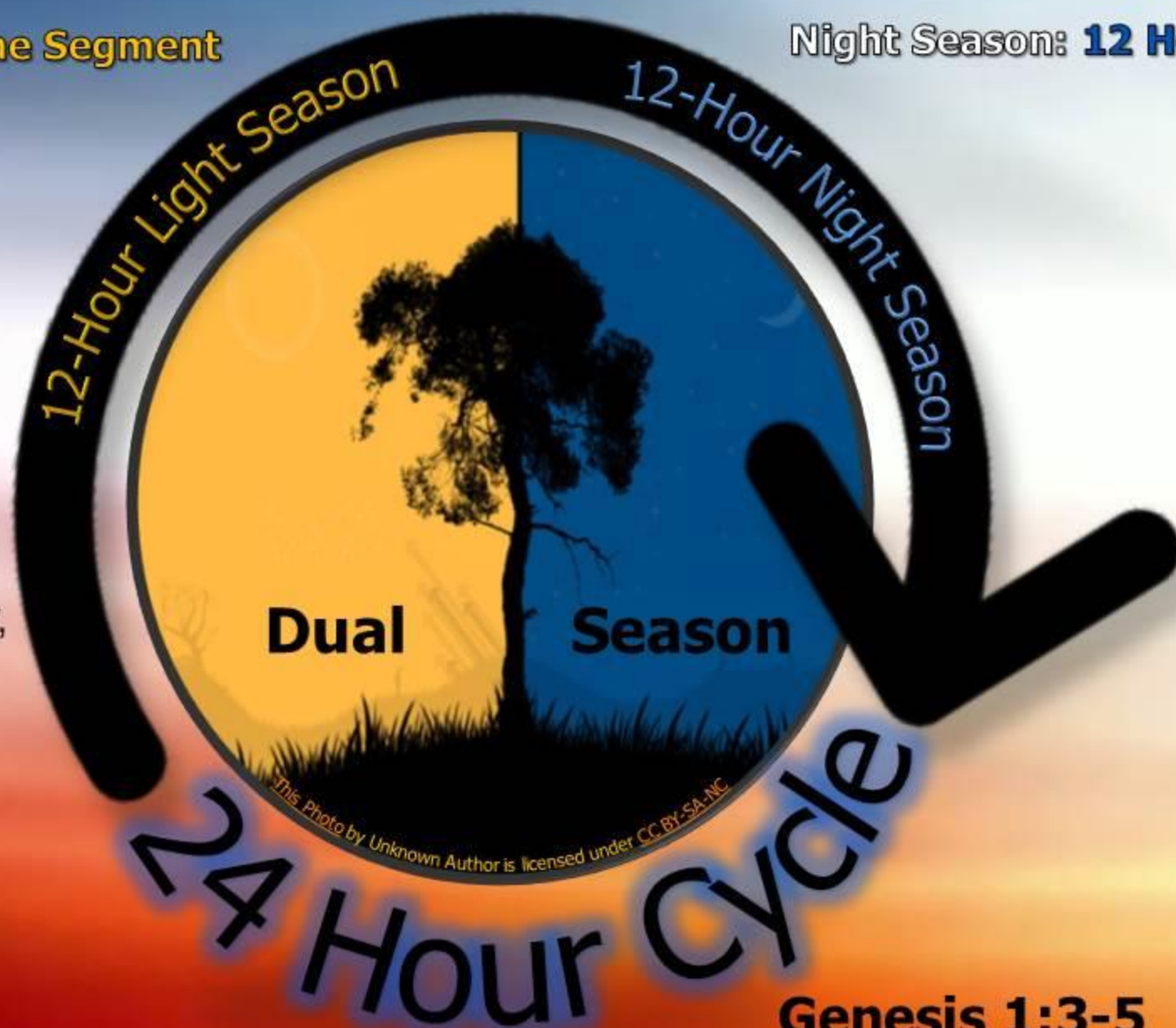
Strong's H3915

Night

Layil:

From the same as H3883; properly a twist (away of the light), that is, night; figuratively adversity: KJV - ([mid-]) night (season).

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Genesis 1:3-5

Before we look at the Sunset Theory Chart in the Locust study, examine the following simple diagrams.

1. Sunset Theory

12 Hour Night Season

12 Hour Light Season

12 Hour Night Season

Sunset to Sunset 24 Hour Cycle

Believed by most Mainstream Sabbath-keeping Christianity as well as Jewish Tradition.

Remember, they present two options for a 24 Hour Cycle of Time.

2. Dawn Format

12 Hour Light Season

12 Hour Night Season

12 Hour Light Season

Dawn to Dawn 24 Hour Cycle

Supported by the Locusts of Exodus 10???



**In preparation for Part 2
let's read Exodus 10:1-14
remembering the
words of the
prophets!**

Myriads of Ravaging Locusts

Exodus 10

1 And Yahuah said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:



Exodus 10

2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am Elohim.



Exodus 10

- 3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him,
Thus saith Yahuah Elohim of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me?
let my people go, that they may serve me.

An hourglass with sand falling into a glass bowl, with an open book in the background.

Exodus 10

4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:

Exodus 10

5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

Exodus 10

6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.



Exodus 10

7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve Yahuah their Elohim: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

Exodus 10

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve Yahuah your Elohim: but who are they that shall go?

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto Yahuah.

Exodus 10

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10 And he said unto them,
Let Yahuah be so with you,
as I will let you go, and your
little ones: look to it; for evil
is before you.



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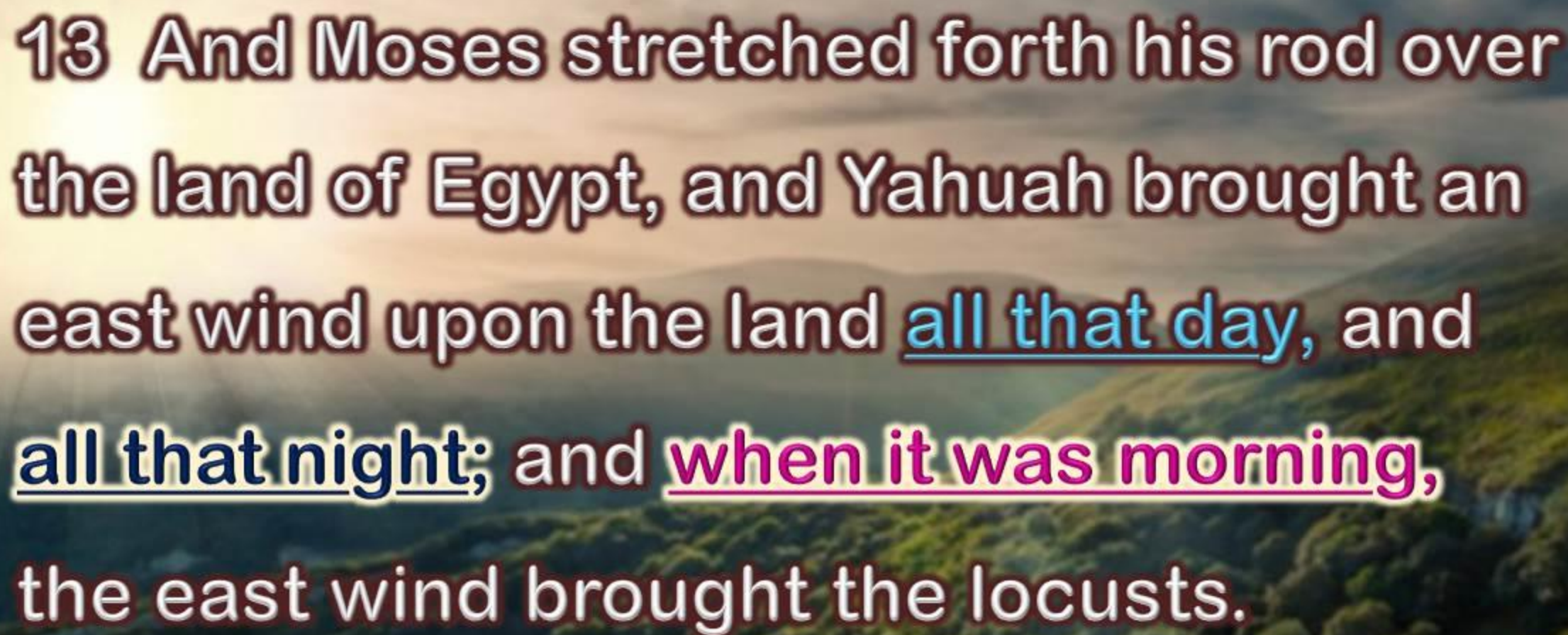


11 Not so: go now ye that are men,
and serve Yahuah; for that ye did desire.
And they were driven out from Pharaoh's
presence.

12 And Yahuah said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.

(Notice what happens next!)

Exodus 10



13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and Yahuah brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

Exodus 10

Exodus 10

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

With a simple reading of Exodus 10:1-14 can the day-start be discerned?
Question: In Part 2 will the Locust Plague of Egypt declare the answer?

Sunset Theory

12-Hour
Night Season

24-Hour
Cycle

12-Hour
Light Season

#1 Is Sunset day-start correct?

Dawn Format

12-Hour
Light Season

24-Hour
Cycle

12-Hour
Night Season

#2 Or ... is Dawn day-start correct? 62

Promises of the Word

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me, and
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mighty
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which you
know not.
Jer 33:3



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conceal a thing: but the honour
of kings is to search out a matter.
Prov 25:2

Now the secrets of YAHUAH our
ELOHIM, and the revealing to us and
our sons forever, is by the keeping
of all the words of this Torah.
Deut 29:29

In Part 2 there will be a thorough investigation of the 8th Plague. What do the Locusts know?



*The End
of Part 1*



Questions

If you need assistance with this information, please send your questions to Timothy Astleford or Charlene Fortsch.



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