

Discovering Yahuah's Covenant Calendar

A "2 part" teaching from
a new Calendar Student
(Beth Holtwick ~ Feb 2019)
along with an introduction
by Charlene Fortsch



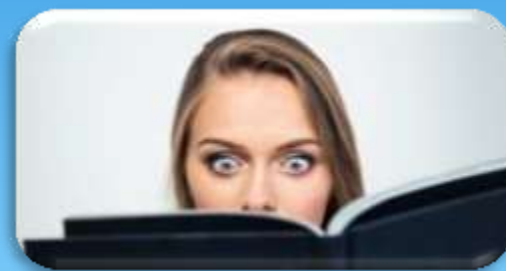
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1. Recently retired elementary school secretary.
2. Loves Bible study & learning.
3. Enjoys teaching others; has a weekly Torah study group.
4. Feast keeping for about 8 years with sunset; has tried several moon calendars and barley; but the 13th moon month was always a problem.
5. Friend [David] challenged her on the “moon” not being “chodesh” aligning with her theory there is no 13th month anyway.
6. David shared: maybe the stars were “chodesh” [in charge of the month] and actually the lesser light ... not the moon! (Beth went through many calendar changes since Dec 2018!)

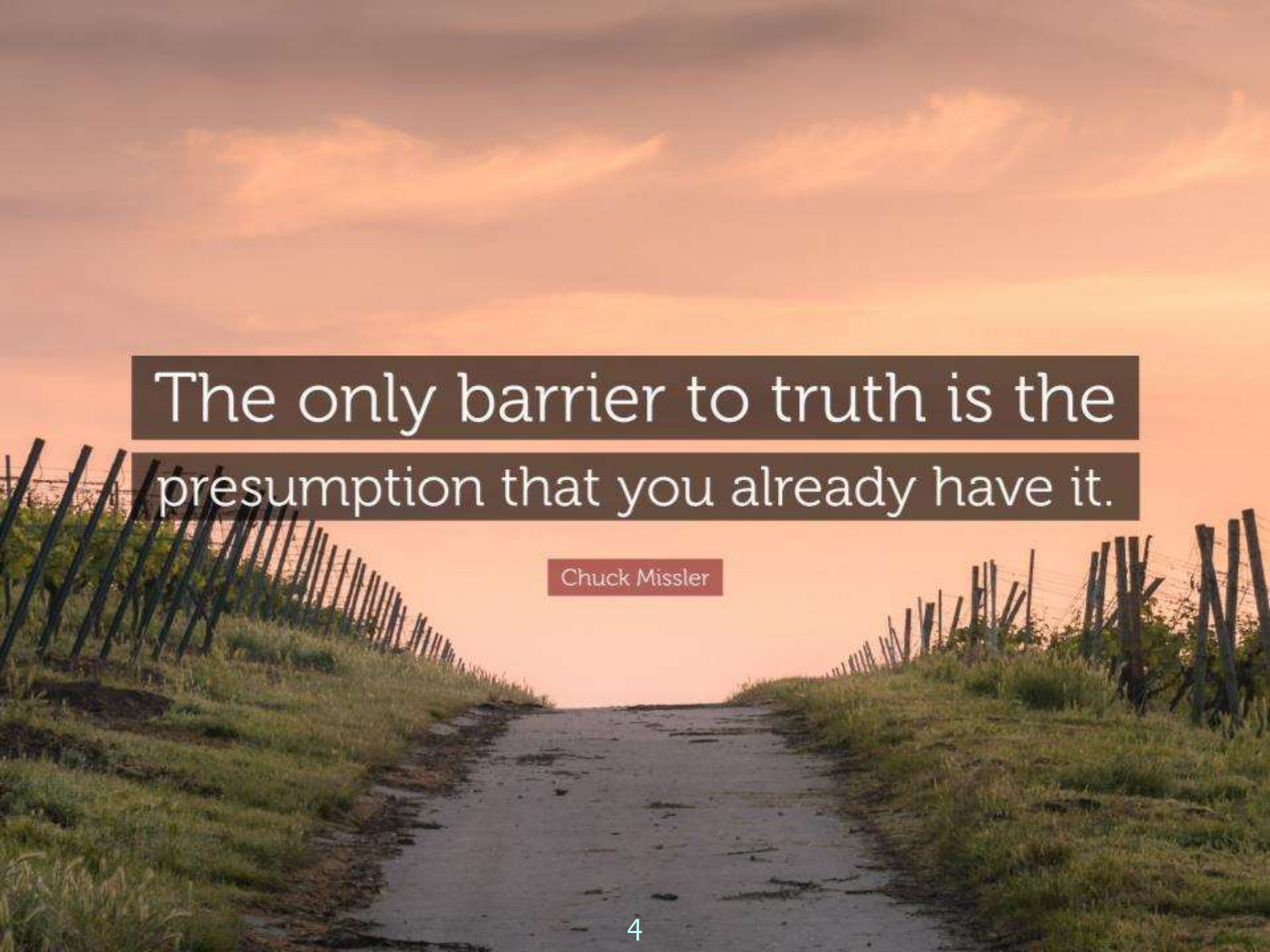


Who is Beth Holtwick?

6. David also shared the value & importance of the equinox.
7. Beth tried desperately to figure out the chodesh month using the sun's entrance into each constellation – this resulted in a miserable failure!
8. So now “chodesh” is not connected to barley, the moon or the stars. What is left?
9. In desperation Beth prays for Yahuah to open the next door.
11. In 30 minutes ... her story changes!
12. Becky-Facebook; discussions; & finally answers (on Feb 11/19) that made sense and led Beth into a full blown study on the moon through Covenant Calendar in the Torah. In just 20 days she presented this PPT on Mar 2/19 and learned about the Dawn day at the same time.



Journey to Remember

A photograph of a dirt road stretching into the distance, flanked by grassy fields and fences. The sky is a warm, orange-hued sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

The only barrier to truth is the
presumption that you already have it.

Chuck Missler

Introduction

1. This study addresses only the Feast Calendar, not the Civil or Jubilee Calendars.
2. This study is mostly Beth's steps as she studies a new Calendar.
3. Note the slide numbers for any questions.
4. Questions/Comments: *at the end of the presentation.*

Introduction by Charlene

1. This presentation is what has been found for Yahuah's Covenant Calendar "up to this point in time" since Feb 2010.
2. **Covenant Calendar means:** The complete foundation of this calendar is found between the pages of **Gen 1:1 to Exo 24:11** exactly where the Blood-ratified Everlasting Covenant is found.
3. **The First Covenant:** Given on Day 1 of creation – the Covenant of the Day, and the Covenant of the Night. [Jer 33:20-25]
4. **Yahusha's Covenant:** As Creator, He gave and abided by His Covenant Calendar in His life, death, burial, resurrection, and two ascensions.



Covenant Calendar Mandate

Is this topic a
“Salvational Issue?”

1. **Mark out Yahuah’s worship statutes:** both weekly and annually – as well as defining the timing of the festivals.
2. **Vertical Relationship:** Restoration of our relationship with Yahuah in honoring His worship statutes, and festivals.
3. **Horizontal Relationships:** Restoration of our relationships with family and friends in all areas of our lives.
(Bonus component: fasting/prayer.)
(Examples of restored relationships through Covenant Calendar.)
4. **Prophecy & Prophetic Timelines** of Dan 12 and Rev. timelines will be fully understood through Covenant Calendar of 360 days – a full return to “the beginning” (Isa 46:9-10).

Calendar Explosions

- * Calendar studies have been explosive and controversial for decades even with a very few calendars that were known.
- * **New Calendar Explosion: 2018 the year of many new calendars.**
(2013: 26 popular calendars [Eric Bissell]; 2018: 666?? “so called” Biblical Calendars!)
- * “They’re not all right, and
they could be all wrong!”
 - ❖ How can the true Calendar of Yahuah be found?
 - ❖ Will the true Calendar be a minority, or a majority?
 - ❖ Are there any Scriptural examples to give us a clue?



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Gideon's Army of 300: Judges 7:1-7



~~32,000~~
~~10,000~~
300 ✓

** Math Corner:*

$$300 / 32,000 = 0.009375\%$$

** in other words...*

99.990625%
turned away!

$$= 0.009375\%$$

“You” and “Calendar Studies”

in other words...

* **Calendar Studies aren't for everyone!**

Each individual needs to assess their own situation.

- ❖ Are they happy with the calendar that they observe?
- ❖ Do they have the time and energy to invest in a new calendar study?
- ❖ Is the “calendar confusion” of great, or little, concern?
- ❖ **Again** - Is understanding the true calendar really a salvational issue?

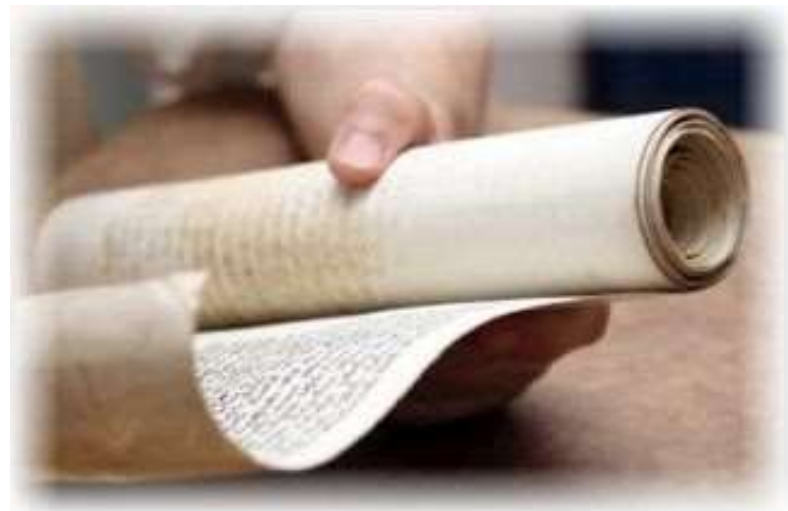
Remember:

0.009375%

- ✓ 8 came out of the ark.
- ✓ 4 came out of Sodom.
- ✓ 2 came out of the wilderness.

Qualifications for Calendar Study According to Beth!

- * **Be a Child of YHWH.**
- * **Have a mind to understand.**
- * **Know how to read, write & count!**
- * **Pray... a lot!**
- * **Read Yahuah's Word on a regular basis!**
(Divine University)
- * **Trust Yahuah's Word.**
- * **Trust Yahuah's guidance.**
- * **Keep an open mind.**



Beth Gives Special Thanks To ...

- * **Yahusha**
- * **The precious Scriptures**
- * **Every single person who has:**
 - **Asked questions**
 - **Made comments**
 - **Studied**
 - **Proof read**



Covenant Calendar Journey

Flint for The Rock

1. Feb 2010: Questions on “When A Day Begins.”
2. Spring 2013: Questions on the moon month (Deut 4 & 17).
3. Winter 2015: Year start can’t be married to the moon month.
4. Spring 2016: Year start connected to tequfah/equinox, not moon.
5. Summer 2016: The moon is not tied to the festal month.
6. Fall 2017: Yahuah has 2 types of months; [festal month is counted from Day 1 of creation; the moon month is counted from the 4th day and follows phase changes; the moon is never “chodesh.”]
7. 2018: Not possible for any phase of the moon to determine the month or year; Tanach history of the 2 main ‘no gods.’
8. 2018: Tanach history bears out the ‘no god’ that takes priority is the moon goddess in the Old Testament through to today.
9. **Mar 20/19:** More fine-tuning on the year-start – to track not only the shadow, but use more information from the Mazzaroth.
10. **What’s next after all this?**

Beth's Calendar Journey

1st Theory on Chodesh

Around Dec 2018 this is Beth's understanding:

- * 12 chodesh <months> shown in Scripture.
- * Could the 12 chodesh be connected to the 12 constellations?
- * That would mean: beginning each chodesh with the sun's entry into each individual constellation.
- * Key problem - each Chodesh month would vary in length because the sun's path through each constellation is not exactly 30 days each.
- * Gathered results from Stellarium – based in Jerusalem, facing east, calculating sunrise, numbering of the main stars in each constellation, etc. (This 12 hr. assignment failed miserably.)

Beth Encounters BREAK DOWN #1...

Beth felt her 12 hrs. of research turned out with ridiculous results and that Yahuah would not use such a “wishy-washy” system for counting the festal calendar months through the Mazzaroth! (Starting over with prayer!)



Beth's 2nd Theory on Chodesh

- * **Answered Prayer within 30 minutes!**
- * **Connecting with Becky C on Facebook.**
- * **Found out Becky has been studying the same exact concern about “is the moon chodesh or not” just 2 weeks before.**

Finding Out What Yahuah's Calendar **ISN'T!**

Before Yahuah allowed
Beth to go any further
on studying His
calendar, He insisted
that she knew and
understood what His
Calendar **WASN'T!**
This is her journey.



All references to Covenant
Calendar Studies are from
Series 1 in 2018.

#1 Festal Calendar Isn't Based on Abib Barley

- * **Exo 13:4** Today, in the **month of Abib**, you are going out.
- * **Exo 34:18** “You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the **month Abib**, for in the **month Abib** you came out from Egypt.
- * **Deut 16:1** Observe the **month of Abib** and keep the Passover to Yahuah your Elohim, for in the **month of Abib** Yahuah your Elohim brought you out of Egypt by night.

Festal Calendar Isn't Abib Barley

(con't)

Clearly, Abib is a **sign** regarding Yahuah's calendar. However, it is a **second witness** to the month in which Yah's Calendar starts. It is not an indicator that kicks off Yahuah's calendar. Why?

- * Abib is defined in Scripture as “**green in the ear.**” When studying this outside the Bible, there are descriptions of “green, light green, white, ripe enough to crush, etc.” These are man's definitions, not YHWH's.
- * Barley matures at different times based on location. If this was important, Yah would have given detailed instructions on where to select the barley. Nowhere in Scripture does it tell us to go by the barley in Jerusalem.
- * Basing Yahuah's calendar on Abib barley requires a man-made report, from someone we don't know, living in another country.
Beth's final decision: Yahusha is our only Mediator!
- * **Dan 9:27** ... all sacrifices & oblations ceased at the cross – including all grain offerings. (Challenge: Was barley ever a grain offering?)

Establishing Yah's Calendar using Abib is basing it off of man, not Scripture.

When Scripture mentions Abib, consider reading it as “the month in which Abib [greening] occurs.” (By the way, Abib occurs after the vernal equinox!)

#2 Festal Calendar Is **NOT** Moon Based in Torah



- * **Gen 37:9** And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the **moon** and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.
- * **Deut 4:19** And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the **moon**, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which Yahuah thy Elohim hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.
- * **Deut 33:14** And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the **moon**.
- * **Deut 17:3** And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or **moon**, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded ...

#2 Festal Calendar Is **NOT** Moon Based (con't)

When the moon came under suspicion, it seemed obvious that Yahuah's Calendar could not be moon based. Why? Some logic & questions follow (but no answers yet) ...

1. The Hebrew terms for moon are “yareach” (H3394) and “yerach” (H3391). **These are not family words with “chodesh” (H2320)** Most concordances will lead you to believe that “chodesh” means “moon or new moon.”
Scholars admit they are not positive of what the word “chodesh” means; however it is best translated as month. (More on this research later.) **Moon #5: Slides 6-59**
2. There are no instructions in the Bible regarding the use of two (2) witnesses for the sighting of the new moon. **That is a tradition of man.**
3. The moon (as one of the heavenly bodies), was also placed in the firmament on the 4th day of creation. **If this event on the 4th day determines the beginning of the 1st chodesh [month], what happens to days 1, 2, and 3 of creation?**
Are they considered dead days? **Moon #3: Slides 55-73**

#3 What Is The Purpose of the Moon?

Yahuah created the moon... He does all things for a purpose.

Question: Did Yahuah appoint the moon for worship statutes in:

* **Psa 104:19** *He appointed the moon for seasons ...*

The word “seasons” here is “mo`edim” [H4150].

Traditional teaching:

ALL “mo`edim” refer **only** to Yahuah’s Feasts.

However, Beth recently discovered [H4150] means any appointed time, place or sign pre-arranged by Yahuah.

Moon #2:
Slides 51-58



So, did Yahuah appoint the moon for worship statutes as most of us have been taught?

#3 What Is The Purpose of the Moon?



(a) agricultural seasons!

* **Psa 104:19** *He appointed the moon for seasons ...*

Moon #1:
Slides 59-71
Moon #2:
Slides 64-65

Definitions for mo`edim: 1) agricultural season
2) worship statute 3) appointed signs and/or
times for animal migration/reproduction.

For the moon “seasons” (Psa 104:19)

- * Used for agricultural purposes (Deut 33:14)
- * Used as an appointed sign/time
(Gen 37:9; Josh 10:13; Isa 60:19-20; Joel 2:10)
(i.e. Rev. blood moons and solar eclipses)

#3 What Is The Purpose of the Moon?

(b) ordinances!

Jer 31:35

Thus saith Yahuah, which giveth ...

*the ordinances of the moon ...
which divideth the sea
when the waves thereof roar.*

Other Purposes of the H4150 Mo`edim

Defs. for mo`edim: 1) **agricultural season** 2) **worship statute**
3) **appointed signs and/or times for animal migration/reproduction.**

For the sun “seasons” (Gen 1:14)

- ✓ **agricultural seasons**
- ✓ **tequfah appointed sign**

Moon #2: Slides 70-79

For animal “seasons” (Jer 8:7)

- ✓ **migration**
- ✓ **reproduction**

Moon #2: Slides 66-69



Purpose of the Moon? (con't)

Beth didn't find any Scriptures proving the moon's involvement with setting Yah's Calendar month. As discussed earlier, moon in Hebrew is yareach (H3394) and yerach (H3391). Month is chodesh (H2320).

Although scholars admit they are not sure of the definition of "chodesh," we do know that Scripture speaks of **only** 12 Chodesh in a year!

- * **1 Kings 4:7** Solomon had **twelve officers** over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household. Each man had to **make provision for one month in the year.**
- * **1 Chron 27:1-15** ...served the king in every matter of the military divisions ... month by month throughout all the months of the year, each division having twenty-four thousand.
(**Verses 2-15 show 12 divisions/yr – 1 division for each month...**)
Moon #6: Slides 32-43
- * **Rev 22:2** ... the tree of life, which bore **twelve fruits**, each tree **yielding its fruit every month.**
Moon #8: Slides 99-103

#4 What About a 13th Month?

EZEKIEL

Many argue there is proof of a 13th month in
Beth took the time to study this out. Here are her concerns:

- * Several assumptions have to be made to get the math to work.
- * Why would Yah **wait** until Ezekiel (593-570BC [3600 yrs from creation]) to teach us this key point in His Calendar? Shouldn't this information be given to us in Torah...not to mention Genesis?
- * No second witness has been found for a 13th month anywhere.

The Bible never mentions a 13th Chodesh...ever. Based on this alone, **the term Chodesh cannot refer to the moon or new moon since the moon cycle requires a 13th month about every 3 years to stay aligned with the 365+ day year.** If there was a 13th chodesh Yahuah's Word would have mentioned it and given us detailed instructions on how to handle & count a year with a 13th month.

#5 Oh no! ... Moon Worship!

As Beth continued to dig into the words “chodesh” [for month] and “yareach/yerach” [for moon], she began to learn more and more about moon worship. She goes on to say:

➤ “Of course, the typical reaction I get from folks (that follow the moon month) when I’d mention this is” ...

“Well, I would never worship the moon or sun!”

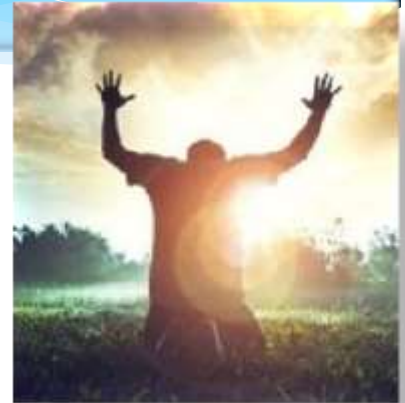
That’s what she thought too...

Time to do a Double-Take...

Beth determines it is time ...

To ask two good questions at this point:

1. If **sacred regard** is given to the **sun** and/or **moon** for any reason, **is this classed as worship?**
2. If the **sighting** of the **sun** and/or **moon** are part of **setting your worship calendar**, **is that action regarded as worship or serving?**



Beth personally did a double-take after pondering these two questions and then asks ...

+ “**Is that not exactly what we have been doing for years?**”



Double-Take #1 on Homage

- * Sunday Christians honor their day of worship on **Sunday** – giving homage to the sun god.
- * Sabbath Keepers honor their day of worship beginning with **the sighting of the sunset** the night before Sabbath – giving homage to the sun god.

Double-Take #2 on Homage



- * **Sabbath Feast Keepers:**
 - 1) honor the sunset (sun god) for their Sabbath commencement and
 - 2) they lift up their eyes to sight the new moon (linked to the moon goddess) for their festal month start.



Moon #10: Slides 71-86

Double-Take #3 on Homage

Moon #8 & 9 for OT History



Unwittingly, most Feast-Keepers rely on the leadership of the moon for timing their lunar based worship calendar. This is based on mistranslated verses found outside the first five books of Torah. The Old Testament shows the foundation of this lunar based worship is extracted from Babylonian paganism.



Beth asks: “Don’t believe me?”

- * **Deut 4:19** And take heed, lest you **lift** your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to **worship them and serve them**, which Yahuah your Elohim has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage ...

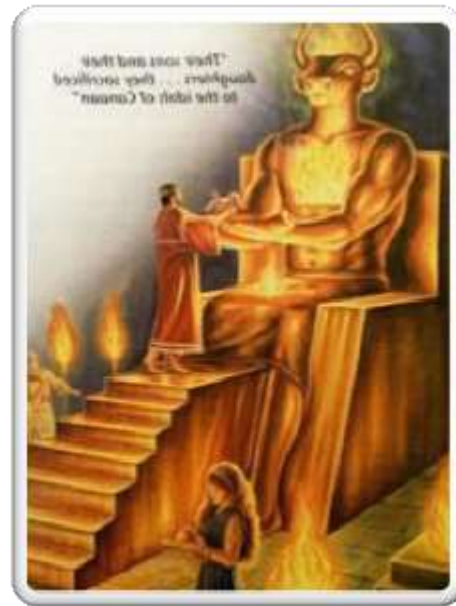
The word “**Lift**” is H5375 Nasa...it means **to exalt**, hold up, **magnify**, **respect**. Are we lifting the moon up to a position of leadership?

- * **Job 31:26-28** **Have I looked** at the sun shining in the skies, or the moon walking down its silver pathway, ²⁷ and **been secretly enticed in my heart to throw kisses at them in worship?** ²⁸ If so, I should be punished by the judges, for **it would mean I had denied the Elohim of heaven.**

Apostasy Among Yahuah's People (630 BC)

Zeph 1:4-6

*I will stretch out My hand against Judah,
And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
I will cut off every trace of Baal from this place,
The names of the idolatrous priests with the pagan priests,
5 Those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops;
Those who worship and swear
oaths by Yahuah,
But who also swear by Milcom;
6 Those who have turned back
from following Yahuah,
And have not sought Yahuah,
nor inquired of Him.”*



**Moon #9:
Slides 38-42**

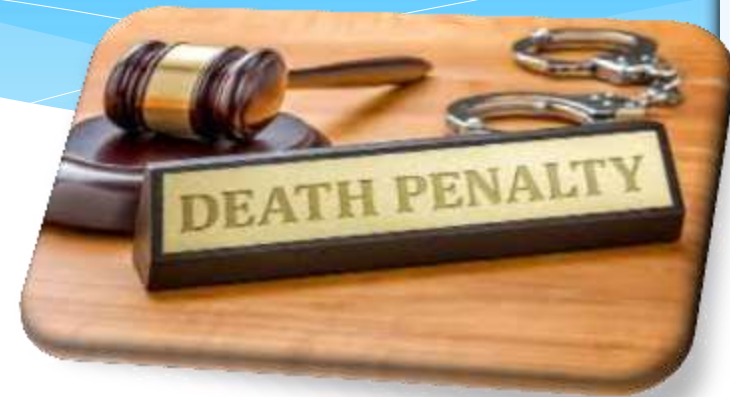
What About a Conspiracy Theory Against Moses' Commands in Deut 4 & 17?

**TWO similar commands of Moses have
been left out of the 613 commandments?
They are very important ...**

* **Deut 17:2-5** “If there is found among you, within any of your towns that Yahuah your Elohim is giving you ... who does what is evil in the sight of Yahuah ... in transgressing his covenant, ³ and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, **or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven**, which I have forbidden, ⁴ and it is told you and you hear of it ... and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel, ⁵ then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil thing, and **you shall stone that man or woman to death** with stones.”

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Moon #2: Slides 4-20

**Many Jews don't read their
Bibles. They rely on the
613 commandments and the
Talmud. Is it possible the
key to Yahuah's calendar is
being strategically hidden
from us, and them?**



Who Would Hide These Two Commands?

Isa 14:12-14 How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!

¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim; I will also sit on the **mount of the congregation** on the farthest sides of the north;

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

The word
“congregation”
in verse 13 is the word
Mo`edim (H4150)!

**This means s.a.tan
plans to sit on:**

- 1) Yahuah's **Feasts**,
- 2) Yahuah's **Calendar**
(timing) and
- 3) Yahuah's **Place of
Worship**

Who Would Hide This? (con't)

Remember: Mo`edim can mean:

Moon #2: Slides 51-63

- 1) Yahuah's Feasts,
- 2) any appointed time (including His calendar),
- 3) an appointed place (such as His temple) or
- 4) any appointed sign ... Anything that Yahuah has pre-arranged.

Dan 7:25 *He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to **change times*** and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.*

*Note: “**times**” is **Aramaic** <H2166, zeman; an appointed occasion>
for the **Hebrew** <H4150, mo`ed>.

Moon #5: Slides 60-73

When Did Moon Worship Start? Was Moon Worship a “change” of Yahuah’s “times”?

The answer to these questions goes all the way back to Babylon, after the flood.

- When **Nimrod** died, he was the first human that became deified as the sun god, eventually named Baal.
- His wife, **Semiramis**, became the moon goddess while she was alive (also named Ashtoreth).
- **Tammuz**, the illegitimate son, became the false messiah.



Moon #8: Slides 77-90

These are the 3 main false gods of s.a.tan.

**Moon #8:
Slides 38-43**

Where did this information lead Beth to next?

False 'gods' In Abraham's Time?

("new" OT History?)

The word <images> is H8655 teraphim; a family idol.

[TERAphim = Great grandfather TERAh.]

Laban's name (H3837) is related to lebanah (H3842) meaning whiteness (color of the moon).

Note: The spelling, pronunciation and word numbers connect Laban's name to the moon.

Terah's business of manufacturing idols would have been passed down through several generations, thus creating a line of precious family idols that Rachel stole.

Joshua referred to these family idols as the "gods of their fathers" which were directly related to the moon worship of Babylon (as also noted in the names of Terah & Laban [lebanah]).

- * Abraham's father, Terah, served other gods (Josh 24:2).
- * They moved to Haran, where a temple was dedicated to moon worship.
- * Abraham left Haran; Laban didn't.
- * Rachel stole Laban's images (Gen 31:19).

Names of these 'no gods' Have Changed Over Time

Culture	Nimrod (lord of heaven)	Semiramis (queen of heaven)	Tammuz – Son (false messiah)
Israel	Baal	Ashtoreth	Tammuz
Phoenicia	El	Astarte	Bacchus
Babylon	Belus	Rhea, Ishtar	Tammuz
Assyria	Ninus	Beltis	Hercules
Greece	Zeus	Aphrodite	Dionysius
Rome	Jupiter	Cybele, Diana	Attis
Egypt	Ra	Isis, Hathor	Osiris, Horus

Moses Dies; Apostasy Grows

Apostasy magnifies after Joshua dies. Judges 2 records the 1st mention of where Baal and Ashtoreth are given together.

Judges 2:11-14 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of Yahuah, and served the Baals;

¹² and they forsook Yahuah their Elohim, of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked Yahuah to anger.

¹³ **They forsook Yahuah and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.**

¹⁴ And the anger of Yahuah was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

Beth now begins to wonder?

**If we are pledging allegiance to a pagan tradition
of following the moon's timing for our Feasts,
are we bowing to the Baals and Ashtoreths in this world today?**

Apostasy Continues to Grow with Judah! (710-605 BC)

By Jeremiah's time, the Jews were baking cakes for the queen of heaven and sacrificing their sons and daughters (as human sacrifices) to Baal.



Jer 7:18 [710 BC] The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to **make cakes for the queen of heaven**; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger.

Moon #8: Slides 107-111

Jer 19:5 [605 BC] They have also built the high places of Baal, to burn **their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal**, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind.

Moon #9: Slides 37-60

(710 BC) Apostasy Infiltrates Government and Temple

2 Chron 33:3-6 (Manasseh's Abomination)

For he **rebuilt the high places** which Hezekiah his father had broken down; he raised up altars for the Baals, and made wooden images; and he **worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.**

⁴ He also built altars **in the house of Yahuah**, of which Yahuah had said, "In Jerusalem shall My name be forever."

⁵ And he **built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Yahuah.**

⁶ Also he **caused his sons to pass through the fire** in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of Yahuah, to provoke Him to anger.

Moon #8: Slides 102-108

(624 BC) Apostasy Infiltrates Government and Temple (con't)

2 Kings 23:4-5 (Reforms under King Josiah)

And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to **bring out of the temple of Yahuah all the articles that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven;** and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

⁵ Then he removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and those who burned incense to Baal, **to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven.**

Moon #9: Slides 37-43

(600 BC) Apostasy Infiltrates Government and Temple (con't)

Jer 8:1-5 “At that time,” says Yahuah, “they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves.

² They shall **spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven**, which they have **loved** and which they have **served** and after which they have **walked**, which they have **sought** and which they have **worshiped**. They shall not be gathered nor buried; they shall be like refuse on the face of the earth.

³ Then death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of those who remain of this evil family, who remain in all the places where I have driven them,” says Yahuah the Elohim of hosts.

⁴ “Moreover you shall say to them, ‘Thus says Yahuah: “Will they fall and not rise? Will one turn away and not return?’

⁵ Why has this people slidden back, Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding? **They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to return.**

Judgment is Sure to Come

Moses commanded “don’t lift up your eyes
to the **sun or moon ...**”

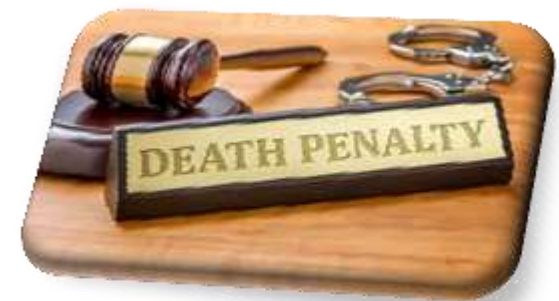
Deut 17:2-7 If there is found among you...

³ one who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them,
either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven...

⁵ then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who
has committed that wicked thing, and **shall stone to death that
man or woman** with stones.

⁶ Whoever is deserving of death shall
be put to death on the testimony
of two or three witnesses...

So you shall put away
the evil from among you.



How can this command
be misunderstood?

Things that must be considered ... Today!

One last point before moving on.

There are **FIVE** major religions in the world today.

- 1) Christianity
- 2) Judaism
- 3) Islam
- 4) Hindu
- 5) Buddhist

As you are probably aware,
Christianity is centered in
sun worship.

Moon #1: Slides 23-34

But did you know...the other **FOUR** establish
their worship calendar on the **moon?**

Beth wants to know from Moses...

“Does this mean
we can’t admire the
sunset or the moon
anymore???”

Not Really!



It's Time to be Moving Forward

Now that we know what Yah's Calendar **ISN'T,
we can move forward to discover
what Yahuah's Calendar **IS**!**

Beth will go over a quick summary of the calendar that she believes is not only based solely on Scripture... but more importantly, based on the **CREATION ACCOUNT!**

Moon #1: Slides 7-20

This Calendar is Torah Compliant!
(Gen 1:1 – Exo 24:11)

As we have shown, nowhere in Torah is any phase of the moon declared by Moses as the beginning of the month.

Beth continues: “We will address some immediate questions that came to my mind as I studied. Then we will go into more detail of how Yahuah's Covenant Calendar truly works!”

1st Creation Covenant!

“I am proposing that Yahuah gave us His calendar in Genesis 1... before man was created.”

The very 1st day of Creation begins Yahuah's Covenant Calendar when He said “In the beginning.” From that point on, He teaches us what a “day” and a “week” look like. He also tells us how a year will be determined.

He further clarifies the: i) 1st day of the week,
ii) the 1st day of the 1st month; iii) the 1st day of the year!!

1. Would Yah create a calendar that operates on a year format that must be continuously re-calculated, re-adjusted **and** manipulated according to man's belief systems?
2. Or would Yahuah operate on an **established year** with a **set pattern** that **duplicates itself** automatically (year after year)?

CC #1.30 & 1.31 Year/Shaneh Pt 1 & 2

#2 is correct!! Yah's Covenant Calendar follows the pattern established at creation where plants, animals and humans procreated “according to its kind” setting replicating patterns, not random installations!

Proposed Calendar Count

1. 1st Day after the Vernal (Spring Equinox) is the 1st day of the year.
2. That's where we **“Start Counting...”**
3. Every 30 days is a Chodesh starting with day 1. Start over on the 31st day as day 1 of the 2nd month...and **keep counting.**
4. From day 1 in the First Chodesh [Month], **count** 14 days to Passover and the 15th day to begin Unleavened Bread.
5. From Wave Sheaf (day after the weekly Sabbath during the Passover Festival), we **count** 50 days to Shavuot.
6. **Continue counting** the months to Yom Teruah (Feast of Trumpets) – 1st Day of the 7th Chodesh. **Then count ...**
7. Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) - 10th day of the 7th Chodesh.
8. **Count** Sukkot - 15th day of the 7th Chodesh...lasts for 8 days.

Keep counting the Chodesh till the end of the year at 360.



Question #1:

Could Yah's Calendar Be That Easy?

Yes!

- ✓ The common person should be able to figure out, understand and keep Yahuah's calendar without having to depend on someone else.
- ✓ You shouldn't have to be a math whiz...
- ✓ Nor should you have to depend on someone you don't know in another country to tell you what His Calendar is (in other words...a mediator).
- ✓ Yahusha is our one and only mediator.

Beth reasons:

And, after seeing the hoops that the Jews & Hebrew Roots people go through to get their moon calendar to work, that was further proof that Yahuah's Calendar should be easy!

Question #2: What about the Extra 5 Days?



Moon #9: Slides 28-33

“Five extra days at the end of the year just didn’t make sense to me and didn’t seem to fit the character of YHWH.”

“I was going to need a really good answer to this question...!”

Question #2 (con't): What about the Extra 5 Days?

Our answer lies with Hezekiah's shadow miracle/sign.
By YHWH moving the shadow back 10 "steps," the length of the year changed from a 360 day count to 365+ days.
The term "steps" is sometimes referred to as degrees on a sun dial...however, the word "degree" is most likely a translation error.

The things we do know at this point include:

- * Hezekiah's shadow miracle/sign happened around **701 BC.**
- * This sign is recorded 3 times in the Bible (VERY significant!)
 - **2 Chron 32:24**
 - **2 Kings 20:9-11**
 - **Isa 38:7-8****
- * **30 ancient civilizations** changed the length of their year from a 360 day year to a 365 day year around the same time!

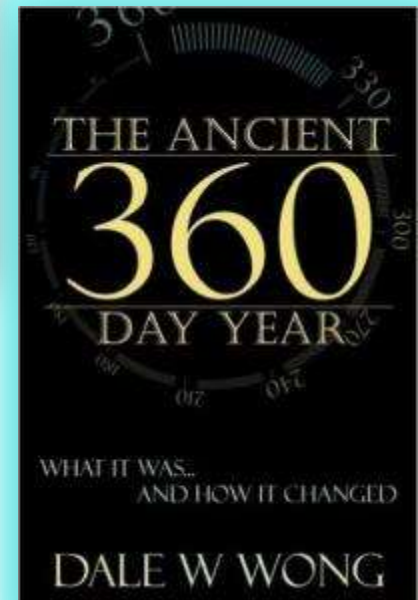
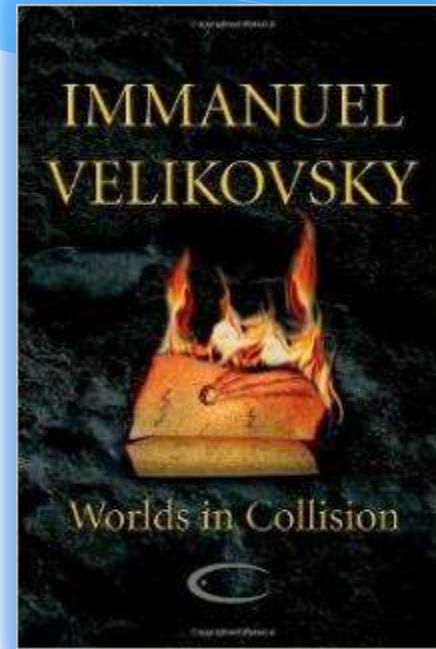
Moon #9: Slides 19-36



What Civilizations Changed Their Calendar Year?

Two books document the calendar history of 30 ancient civilizations:

- * *Worlds in Collision* by Immanuel Velikovsky
- * *The Ancient 360 Day Year* by Dale W. Wong



What Civilizations Changed?

(con't)

30 cultures around the world used a 360 day year and a 30 day month calendar before 713 BC including:

Moon #9: Slides 28-33

- 1) Vedas of India
- 2) Ancient Persia
- 3) Sumerians
- 4) Babylonians
- 5) Assyria
- 6) Ancient Egypt

- 7) Rome
- 8) Mayans of Mexico
- 9) Incas of Peru
- 10) China
- 11) Polynesia

Many religions based their religious beliefs on the number 360; one for each day of the year. The 360 degree circle and 360 degree compass is a remnant of the year length prior to the change.

Truly A Miracle!

The **addition** of 5.25+ days to the yearly calendar is almost unfathomable! In order for something of this magnitude to happen, YHWH would have had to:

- * **Flat Earth perspective** – slowed down the progress of the sun through the constellations each day... ultimately adding 5+ days per year to return to the original starting point.
- * **Global perspective** – decreased the orbit of the earth around the sun permanently [taking longer to travel the same distance].

Before Moving On:

Fun Tidbit: Hezekiah's sun/shadow [miracle/sign] also affected the lunar cycle by **reducing** it from 30 days to 27.3 [for the sidereal cycle] or 29.5 days [for the synodic cycle].

1) Sidereal Month: (aligns with the stars)

- The time it takes for the moon to complete one orbit of Earth; an average of 27.3 days.

Moon #3:
Slides 61-73

2) Synodic Month: (aligns with the sun)

- The time it takes for the moon to reach the same visual phase; an average of 29.5 days or 29 phases.

Moon #3:
Slides 61-73

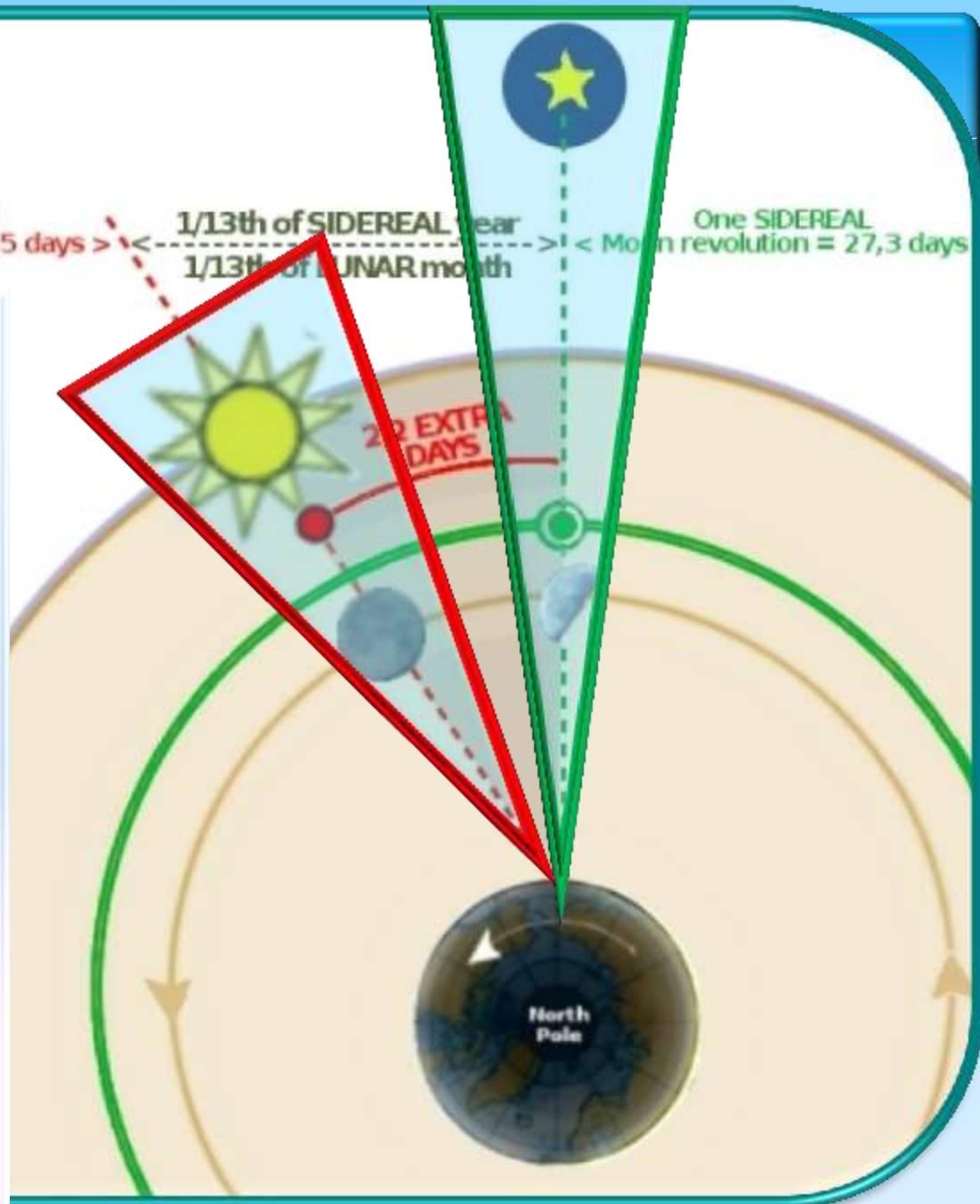
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- The time it takes for the moon to reach the same visual phase; an average of 29.5 days or 29 **phases**.

One SYNODIC Moon revolution = 29,5 days > $\frac{1}{13\text{th}}$ of SIDEREAL year > $\frac{1}{13\text{th}}$ of LUNAR month > One SIDEREAL Moon revolution = 27,3 days



Hezekiah's BEST Decision

- ✓ Asking for the sun's shadow to move backwards about 10 degrees [or 5.25 days], was King Hezekiah's best decision!
- ✓ If he had asked for the shadow to move forwards, the year length [keeping all things relevant] would have been shortened to approx. 354.75 days ... almost exactly identical to 12 moon cycles in 12 months or 354 days [29.5 x 12].
- ✓ This would have just confirmed & added to even more moon worship as it would **APPEAR** the moon really was in charge of the festal month. The pagans had been practicing this for a long time, with Yahuah's people eagerly following in apostasy!



Moon #9: Slides 19-27

Question #3:

Yahusha's Calendar vs the Jews'

As Beth was studying, she mentioned the proposed calendar to her friend John who reminded her that Yahusha was on the same calendar as the Jews.

Ugh! At first it seemed he was right...

Fact?! Yahusha had to have died on Yahuah's Feast Days to fulfill His prophecy. Didn't the Jews have to be on the same Feast days to see how He fulfilled them?

Thus, the same calendar...right?

Beth's BREAK DOWN #2

She decided it was time to start over with this study since obviously the calendar didn't change until after Yahusha ...

Or did it?

Right before bed that evening, a thought popped into her mind. Yes, a very CRAZY thought...

Could Yahusha possibly be on His own Covenant Calendar, but in the year He was crucified, His calendar and the Jews' "moon calculated" calendar somehow closely matched up???

CC #14 Yahusha's Contempt
of the Lunar Based Calendar

No way...?!

So, now it is “Time to Dig In”!

Beth continues:

“I got so excited, I could hardly sleep that night! I began researching New Moon and Vernal Equinox dates from the years 25AD to 38AD. From what I found, the years that the New Moon and Vernal Equinox were close to each other were 25AD, 30AD, 33AD, and 36AD.”

“Yahusha’s calendar and the Jews’ calendar would have to be very close to each other for Yahusha’s death to be a sign to the Jews and prophetically fulfill Yahuah’s FEASTS.”

Another Bunny Trail?

Beth spent a good week trying to lay out the timeline for Yahusha's crucifixion.

(It's a huge project that is not finished yet for both Beth & Charlene!)

However, she did find something very interesting because of this study... **Scriptural proof** that Yahusha very likely was on a different calendar than the Jews' "moon month" calendar!

(To be continued in Part 2.)

CC #15 The Crucifixion
According to John

Discovering Yahuah's Covenant Calendar

Part 2



Proof of Yahusha's Calendar

Have you ever noticed the term “Feast of the Jews” in the book of **John**? Beth argued with a Pastor about whether the Feasts were “Jewish” or not. He pointed out this terminology. But of course, Beth argued that the translators were throwing in their biases against the Jews.

Now, just 5 years later she is taking a second look at this terminology. It's used 4 times in the Book of John.

- * **John 2:13** The **Passover of the Jews** was at hand...
- * **John 5:1** After this there was a **feast of the Jews** ...
- * ~~**John 6:4** Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.~~ (Invalid entry.)
- * **John 7:2** Now the **Jews' Feast of Booths** was at hand.

Beth begins to realize that it was quite possible for the Jewish Feasts **NOT to be on the same calendar as Yahuah's**.
Let's take a closer look at this concept.

Proof #1: John 7:2-9...

Yahusha at the Feast of Sukkot

John 7:2-16 **Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand.** ³ So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing..." ⁶ Yahusha said to them, "**My time has not yet come, but your time is always here.** ⁷ **The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.** ⁸ **You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.**" ⁹ After saying this, **he remained in Galilee.**

- * The term "at hand" can mean "here" or "very close."
But we see that Yahusha stayed in Galilee. For how long, we do not know. It sounds as if it was longer than a few hours....
- * When Yahusha told His brothers "**my time has not yet fully come...**" is it possible He was alluding to an imposter calendar issue?
- * Yahusha said "**I testify of it (the world) that its works are evil.**"
How is staying away from the feast "testifying" that the world is evil?
Is He testifying that the timing of the world is off? **Most certainly!**

Proof #1: John 7:10-14... (con't)

¹⁰ But **after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up**, not publicly but in private. ¹¹ The **Jews were looking for him** at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?” ¹² And there was much muttering about **him among the people**. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.” ¹³ Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him. ¹⁴ **Now about the middle of the feast Yahusha went up into the temple and taught.**

- * Yahusha did not go to the temple until the middle of the Jews' Sukkot.
- * Did He fail to present Himself to YHWH during the first day of Sukkot in accordance to **Exo 23:15-17** and **Lev 23:34-35**?
Again, failure to observe Yah's statutes is a sin.
- * We have no indication that Yahusha was at the temple on the 1st day of Sukkot. Rather, the Jews were all looking for Him...including all the people, not just the Pharisees.
The Jews knew He should have been at the Feast... but He wasn't... yet!!
- * Remember: Yahusha shows up in the middle of the Jews' Sukkot.
He would have been on time for something? But, for what day?

Proof #1: John 7:15-19... (final)

¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, “How is it that this man **has learning, when he has never studied?**”

¹⁶ So Yahusha answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do Yahuah's will, he will know whether the teaching is from Elohim or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.

¹⁹ **Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law [Torah]. Why do you seek to kill me?**”

- * Yahusha Himself says **“Yet not one of you keeps the Torah!”** The Jews are celebrating Sukkot, yet Yahusha tells them they are not keeping Torah? **How is this?** If we understand the Jews are not on Yahuah's true calendar, we can see why He says they are not keeping Torah.

Proof #2: Luke 2:41-43...

The Boy Yahusha at the Temple

Luke 2:41-43 Now his parents **went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.** ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem **according to the custom of the feast.** ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Yahusha **stayed behind in Jerusalem.**

- * Notice the wording "**according to the custom of the feast**"!
One would think the wording would say "**according to Torah**"... instead of "according to the custom."
- * Where else do we see this teaching? **Matt 15:3, 6-9** He (Yahusha) answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of Yahuah for the **sake of your tradition?**... ⁶... So for the **sake of your tradition** you have **made void the word of Yahuah.** ⁷ You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: ⁸ "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁹ in vain do they worship me, **teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**"
- * Would Yahusha, honoring a different calendar, explain why He stayed in Jerusalem after His parents left?
- * Even as a boy, it is possible that Yahusha was following a different calendar?

Proof #2: Luke 2:43-51... (con't)

⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Yahusha **stayed behind in Jerusalem.** His parents did not know it, ... ⁴⁵... they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ **After three days they found him** in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions... ⁴⁸ ... And his mother said to him, “... Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹ And he said to them, “... **Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?**” ⁵⁰ And **they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.** ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and **was submissive to them...**

- * Did Yahusha's parent's forgetfulness allow for Him to fulfill Torah?
- * **Why did He say** “Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”
- * Yahusha was found “**after 3 days**” witnessing and fulfilling His Father's will in the Temple.
- * 3 days!! This is PROPHETIC of what is to come!!!

Proof #2: Conclusion for Luke 2

Before leaving this section, here is an interesting verse:

Lam 2:6 *And He (YHWH) has violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: **he has destroyed His Moed**: YHWH has **caused His Moed and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion**, and has despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.*

The term “Mo`ed” includes the **timing** of His Feasts and the **places** His people were to meet. YHWH has caused Zion to forget these things!

- * They have forgotten where the temple used to sit...
- * Have they forgotten how the timing of the Feasts are calculated?
Very possible!

Understanding that Yahuah has caused His people to forget, recall what was written in **Luke 2:43-51**.

- * Is it coincidence that Yahusha's parent's forgetfulness allowed Him to fulfill Torah?
- * Is it surprising they didn't understand what Yahusha meant when He said **“Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”**

Proof #3: Revisiting YHWH's Words

Understanding that the Jews were on a different calendar, let's re-examine the words in Isaiah, Amos and Malachi.

Isa 1:12-17 [760 BC] “When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? ¹³ Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. **New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations**—I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. ¹⁴ **Your new moons** and **your** appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; **remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil,** ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Moon #6: Slides 53-56

Proof #3: Revisiting YHWH's Words

Amos 5:21 [785 BC] I hate, I despise **your** feasts, and I take no delight in **your** solemn assemblies.

Amos 8:9-10 [785 BC] “And on that day,” declares Yahuah our Elohim, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn **your** feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation...”

Moon #8: Slide 104

Malachi 2:1-4 [397 BC] And now this commandment is for you, O priests. ² If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name,” says Yahuah of hosts, “then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them already, because you are not taking it to heart. ³ Behold, I am going to rebuke your offspring, and I will spread dung on your faces, the dung of **your** feasts; and you will be taken away with it.

Proof #4: Revisiting Yahusha's Words

Understanding that the Jews were on a different calendar, let's revisit some of the Words that Yahusha spoke.

Matt 16:1-4 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.
² He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' ³ And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret **the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.** ⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.

- * The term "**sign**" in verse 3 means mark or unusual sign (like the equinox shadow). The term "times" mean a fixed or definite time, a season. **Were the Jews not recognizing what was important... the equinox during the Spring of the year?**

Proof #4: Yahusha's Words (con't)

Matt 23:1-3 Then Yahusha spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, ² saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees **sit in Moses' seat**.
³ Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, **that observe and do**, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.

- * Only the Torah is preached from Moses' seat. **Nowhere in Torah is the New Moon suggested as determining the month!**

Matt 23:13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you **shut up the kingdom of heaven** against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

- * The term kingdom means “dominion/rule.” And the word heaven can mean “the vaulted expanse of the sky with all things visible in it.” The Pharisee's were **shutting up the rule of the heavenly bodies**. **Yahusha is referring to Yahuah's Calendar here!**

Back to the Calendar

Now that we have addressed what Yahuah's Calendar **isn't** ... & we see that He would not have been honoring the Jews' pagan moon calendar, it is now time to ... go back to the Yahuah's Covenant Calendar to get more details!

What is the Mazzaroth?

Psalm 19:2

**Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.**

Night reveals knowledge!

The Mazzaroth is “**one great unit**” of 12 constellations (as mentioned in Job 9:9/ 38:31-33/41:1). These constellations contain the full outline in detail of infinite knowledge; in other words... **the complete Plan of Salvation** from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22:21! This knowledge is written in the sky every 24 hours!

YHWH's Master Time Clock

Let's look at **Job 38:31-33**. This is Yahuah speaking...

Job 38:31-33 Can you tie up the stars of the Pleiades or loosen the ropes of the stars in Orion? ³² Can you bring out the stars on time or lead out the stars of the Bear with its cubs? ³³ Do you know **the laws of the sky** and consider **their rule over the earth**?

Yahuah is referencing the Mazzaroth!
With a question, He clearly shows their commission for dominion over the earth! What dominion?? **The Mazzaroth governs YHWH's time clock... these stars are the master time clock of Yahuah.**



The moon is never used in this divine time clock.

The Ultimate 2nd Witness!

The Mazzaroth is
the ultimate 2nd witness to the Scriptures...
which s.a.tan cannot touch nor tamper with.

But s.a.tan will still try...

- Isa 14:12-15** How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,
son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground,
you who weakened the nations!
- ¹³ For **you have said in your heart:** ‘I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne **above the stars of Yahuah**; I will also sit on
the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;
- ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.’
- ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths
of the Pit.

The “stars of Yahuah” in this verse are the Mazzaroth!

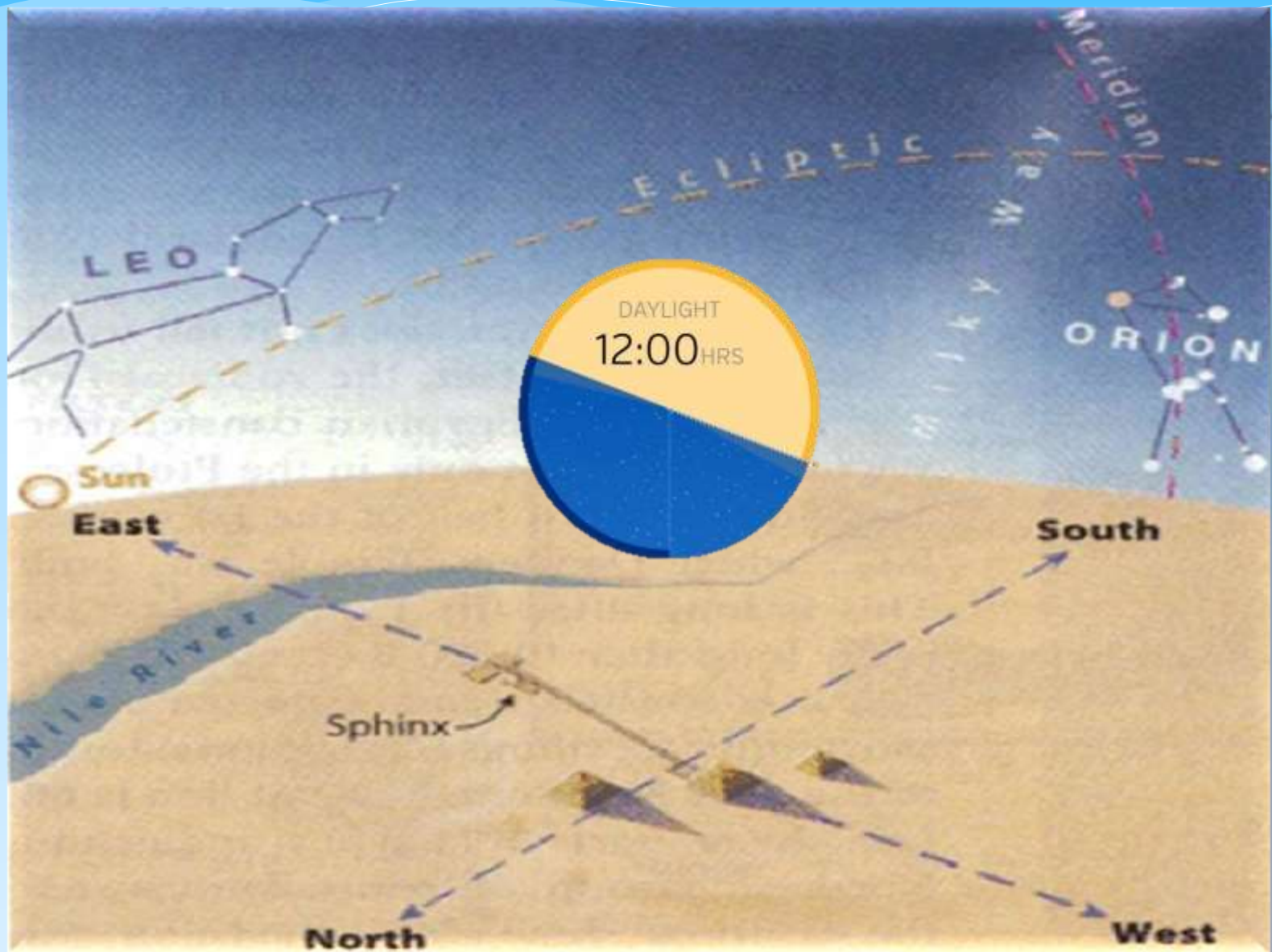
Precedence Over the Sun?

Psa 19:1-4 The heavens [*includes the Mazzaroth*] declare the glory of Elohim; and the firmament shows His handiwork. ² Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge [*through the Mazzaroth constellations*]. ³ There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them [*the Mazzaroth*] He has set a tabernacle for the sun.

**** NB:** Although the sun is highly respected, it is subordinate to the Mazzaroth. Rather, the sun has been given a dwelling place (a tabernacle/tent) within the Master Time Clock (the Mazzaroth). This dwelling place is the start and ending point of its circuit in the heavens... the equinox (Tequfah)!

Psa 19:4b-6 ... In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, ⁵ Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. ⁶ Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The Faithful Equinox



Great Pyramid of Giza

**Spring & Autumn
Equinox**

Mar 21 & Sep 23





Knowledge & Timing!

- * **The Mazzaroth Light** = “**Knowledge**”
(from the constellations)
- * **The position of the Sun’s Light** = “**Timing**”
(from within the Mazzaroth)
- ✓ These are the 2 **GREAT** Lights found in **Gen 1:16**!
- ✓ It is from earth that we are to observe the **LIGHT** of the sun recording its location **within** the **LIGHT** of the Mazzaroth constellations.

Beth Hits the Brakes!

Wait A Minute! Let's take a look at **Genesis 1:14-16** again...

Gen 1:14-16 Then Yahuah said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; ¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. ¹⁶ Then Yahuah made **two great lights**: the **greater light** to rule the day, and the **lesser light** to rule the night, *He made the stars also.*

- * **What are the 2 great lights in verse 16?** When the Hebrew is examined, the words "*He made*" and "*also*" **are not there!**
So, the verse actually says:

¹⁶ Then Yahuah made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and **the lesser light to rule the night, the stars.**

- * *I don't know about you, but I've always assumed the lesser light was the moon...! (Beth says.)* 85

A 2nd Confirmation

Beth had to learn there are only TWO great "lights" ... not THREE! We all know the sun is truly a "great light" but how many of us have visualized the Mazzaroth (that covers the whole sky every night) as the "other GREAT light"?

YES! Beth always assumed the lesser light was the moon...!

That was until she discovered Jer 31:35.

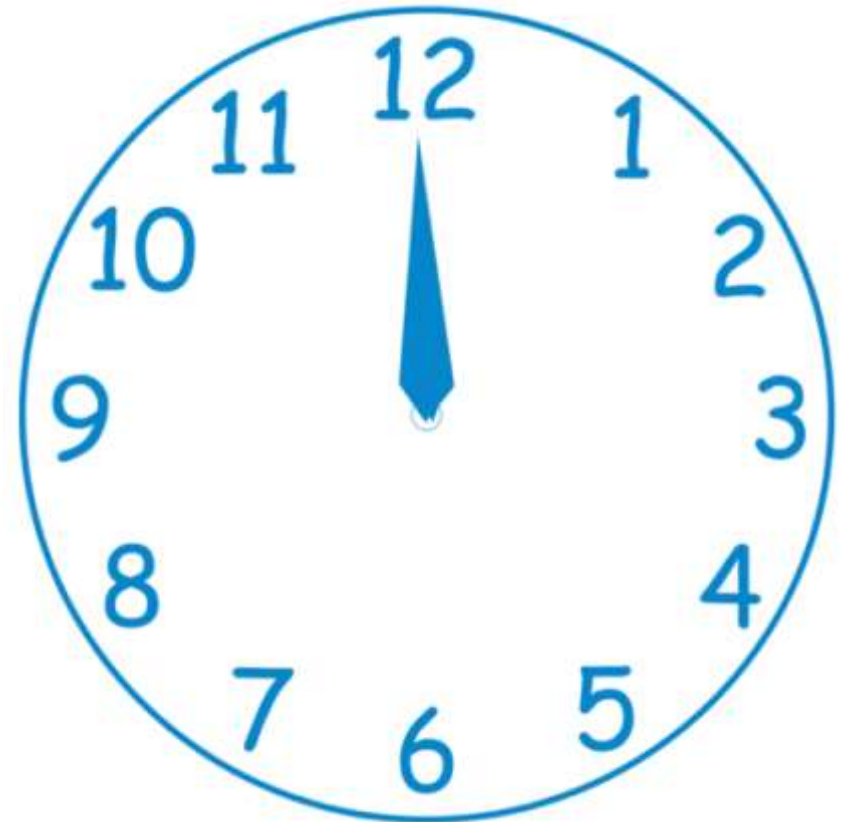
Thus saith Yahuah, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar.

Back to YHWH's Time Clock

So let's go back to YHWH's Time Clock. Visualize it as an actual clock.

Numbers around a clock – Instead of numbers, Yahuah has placed a series of 12 constellations in a circle around the earth.

The Hands on a clock – On a normal clock, the hands show you the time. Yahuah's clock works the same way! **The "hand" is the sun as it is moving through the constellations!** Not only does the sun's movement through the sky every day tell us the time of day... **the sun's location within the Mazzaroth tell us the timing of the year as well!**



What's Missing?

One more look at this equation (YHWH's Time Clock) ...

- * The Mazzaroth Light = “Knowledge”
(from the constellations)
- * The position of the Sun's Light = “Timing”
(from within the Mazzaroth)



**Did you notice the moon
is not mentioned as part
of this equation?**

What does Yahuah's Moon do?

As I mentioned before, YHWH definitely has a purpose for the moon.
It's just doesn't play a part in His **Worship Calendar**.

Don't believe me?

Where does the moon end up in the final days?

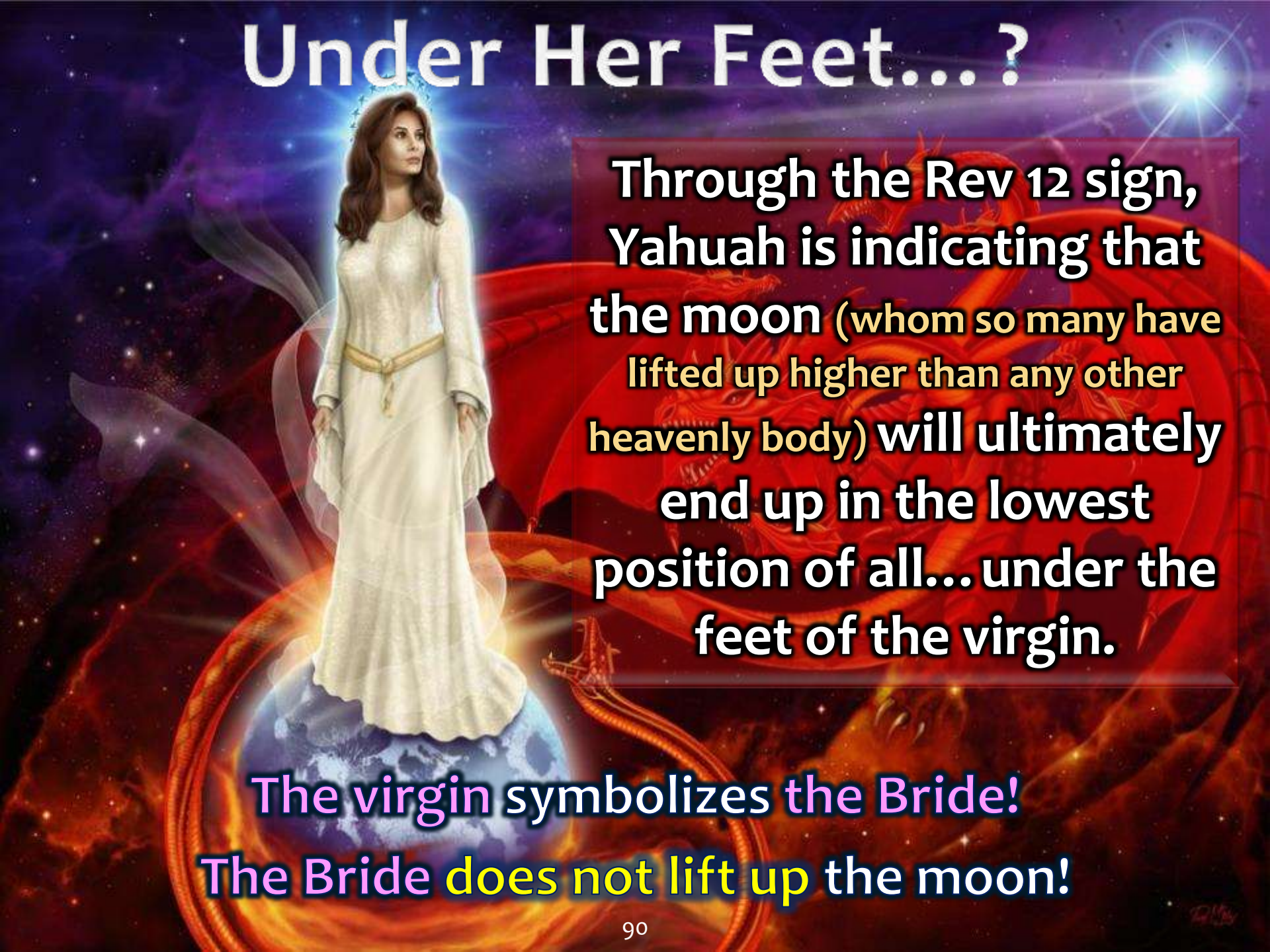
Rev 12:1 And then a great wonder appeared in heaven: A woman was clothed with the sun, and **the moon was under her feet**, and a crown of twelve stars was on her head.

Is this a position of authority? Nope!

Psa 47:2-3 For Yahuah the Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. ³He will subdue the peoples under us, And the **nations under our feet**.

Eph 1:22 And **He put all things under His feet**, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church.

Under Her Feet...?

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a long white dress with a gold belt, stands on a globe of the Earth. She has a halo of light around her head. In the background, a large red dragon is visible, breathing fire. The scene is set against a dark, starry space background with a bright star in the upper right corner.

Through the Rev 12 sign,
Yahuah is indicating that
the moon (whom so many have
lifted up higher than any other
heavenly body) will ultimately
end up in the lowest
position of all...under the
feet of the virgin.

The virgin symbolizes the Bride!
The Bride does not lift up the moon!

Stars and Sun... Now What?

A person's hands are shown holding a glowing, colorful nebula or galaxy core. The hands are positioned on the left and right sides of the central light source. The background is a dark, starry space with a faint, larger-scale nebula visible behind the hands. The overall image has a cosmic and ethereal feel.

Now that we
know the
stars and sun
play a part in
Yahuah's
Covenant
Calendar,
where do we
go from here?

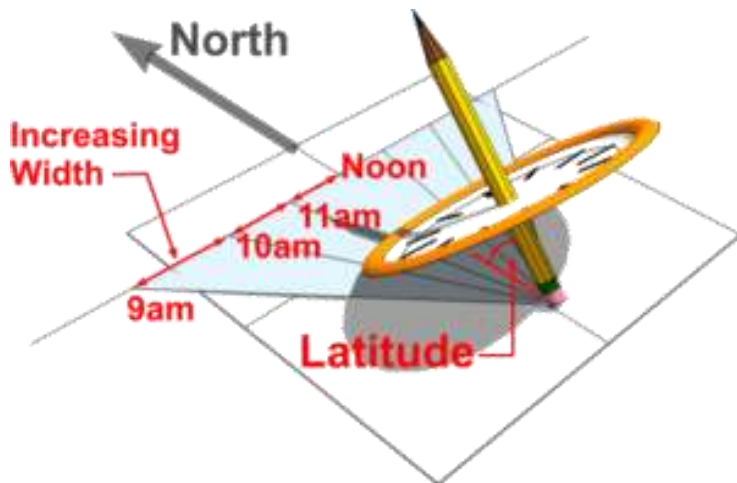
What is the Equinox (Tequfah)?



- * The Equinox occurs when the center of the sun crosses over the earth's equator... from one hemisphere to another indicating the change in seasons.
- * Only on the Equinox day the sun rises due east and sets due west.
- * There are 2 equinoxes in a year: **Spring (Vernal) and Fall (Autumnal).**

In the Northern Hemisphere:

1. The Spring Equinox occurs on March 19, 20 or 21.
The most common dates are Mar 20, then Mar 21, rarely Mar 19.
2. Fall Equinox occurs on/or around Sept 23.



What is the Equinox (con't)?

- * It is a “Celestial Event” designed as a **sign** for determining time.
- * It is a combination of multiple identities in the heavens. They are:

1. Mazzaroth
(constellations/stars)

2. Sun

(This orb declares
accurate positioning.)

3. Light

(Must be seen from
the sun or there is
no shadow.)

4. Earth

(The vantage point
to receive light & shadows
for measuring purposes.)

Equinox/Tequfah (con't)?

1. Mazzaroth
2. Sun
3. Light
4. Earth

Note: The moon has no involvement in the tequfah!

- * The **combination** of these 4 celestial identities permits a visible sign necessary to determine time as designated in the Scriptures. Take out one component – the “sign will be eliminated!
- * This combination **prevents man from identifying one celestial creation for worship purposes above another.** *YHWH purposely designed this combination to prevent sun or star worship!*

The Perfect Tequfah

1. Mazzaroth
2. Sun
3. Light
4. Earth

**Never includes
a moon!**

**This is Yahuah's
Divine
Preventative
Maintenance Plan
which
systematically
prevents those
who follow His
Word from
worshipping the
celestial identities.
What a merciful
Creator!**

Always Verify the Equinox!

The equinox moves very slowly over time,
so it should always be verified.

Important Notice #1: If the Tequfah event occurs in the night (darkness) when the shadow cannot be observed, the following day (dawn to dawn) is then considered the day for observing the Tequfah sign and is the final day of the year. The following day will be day 1.

Important Notice #2: The Gregorian midnight change of the 24 hour cycle may require an adjustment for Covenant Calendar. Yahuah's day starts at dawn. If looking at NASA, examine your personal time zone and adjust.

➤ **For example:** If the equinox occurs near midnight or dawn, this could require an adjustment for the calendar "date."
(This is only understood by Yahuah's DAWN day commencement.)

Equinox Proof in the Bible #1 & 2

YHWH's definition of a 360 degree circuit in the heavens is found in **Eccl 1:5** and **Psa 19:6**.

- * **Eccl 1:5** *The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens **to the place where it arose**.*
- * **Psa 19:6** *Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and **its circuit to the other end of them**; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

Note: The completion of a circuit in the heavens is the original place of departure. When the sun has achieved a full circuit – 365+ cycles within the Mazzaroth, the Tequfah once again occurs, resetting Yahuah's Covenant Calendar.

Equinox Proof in the Bible #3

Exo 34:22 *You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering **at the turn of the year.***

This verse is referring to the second Tequfah (autumnal equinox), which occurs around Sept 22/23 depending on your location.

The Fall Festivals are centered around (**but not calculated by**) the autumn Tequfah (in the Northern Hemisphere). This signals the end of the agricultural season... hence the Feast of Harvest.

On Sept 17, 2019, the Feast of Trumpet occurs... HERALDING (Trumpeting) the arrival of the autumnal equinox (on Sept 22nd).

Fun tidbit! Teshuva refers to a person turning their life around and returning to Yahusha! The Feast of Trumpets is heralding the autumnal equinox (a turning of the year)!

The autumnal equinox is a sign for the time of turning... which corresponds nicely with the Day of Atonement!

Equinox Proof in the Bible #4

James 1:16-17 *Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning [G5157].*

What is a shadow of turning? The purpose of a sun dial is to show a “shadow of turning”! On a correctly installed sun dial, there will be no shadow when the Tequfah (equinox) occurs!

So the perfect gift of Yahuah is the point of
“no” shadow of turning.
It is the point of the equinox!!

Equinox Proof with G5157 - trope

The word “**turning**” is **G5157 - Trope**.

It means “a turning of the heavenly bodies.”

James is referencing the heavenly bodies as the Mazzaroth stars, the sun and the earth.

James also warns us of the change from the Mazzaroth based calendar to the lunar/solar calendar.

**This is also a reminder to be aware that
YHWH does not change.**

Yahuah’s Tequfah based calendar exposes a perfectly straight line or disappearing shadow [on tequfah]...it is our **SIGN** grounded in Genesis 1:14!

Gen 1:14 Then Yahuah said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be **for signs and seasons, and for days and years.**”

Benefits of the Equinox!

By utilizing Yahuah's vernal equinox, we can:

1. Know when it happens with a staff in our hand while standing in the middle of the wilderness.
2. We don't have to depend on the Sanhedrin to give their "stamp of approval."
3. We don't have to wait for a Jerusalem report on whether the barley is abib/greening.
4. The only mediator between us and YHWH is Yahusha...not to mention He's perfect!
5. Finally... we don't have to be enticed by "looking up to the heavens" for His Timing. Rather, we look down to His shadow...

"a shadow of good things to come!"



The Year Starts When?

How do we know which equinox starts Yah's Calendar year?

- * **Exo 12:1-2** Now Yahuah spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ² “**This month** shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.
- * **Exo 13:4** On this day you are going out, **in the month Abib**.

As we discussed before, Abib means “**green in the ear**,” referring to the greening of the agricultural produce in the Spring (of the Northern Hemisphere).

Note: Exodus has definite reference to “the” equinox that will provide the “date & timing” of Yahusha's Passover (for those that live in the Southern Hemisphere).

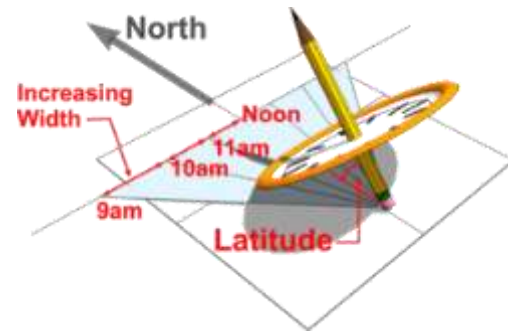
Introducing the Sun Dial!

So how was time measured in ancient times? By a sun dial!

A sun dial will show an equinox in two possible ways (depending on the type of sun dial that you have).

1. There will be **no shadow** on the face of the sun dial during a few minutes while the sun is directly overhead. Or ...
2. There will be a **perfectly straight line** during the Tequfah. Otherwise, it will expose a curved shadow before and after the equinox.

Eccl 1:15 What is **crooked cannot be made straight**, and what is **lacking cannot be numbered**.



When Beth saw this verse, she thought of **the moon's cycle being "lacking" ...and not being able to get an accurate "count" for Yahuah's Calendar**. But the **crooked vs. straight concept** caught her eye as well! She immediately thought of the straight line signaling the equinox vs. the curved line. The whole verse was a perfect fit!!

Don't Be Deceived!

**As with everything else, s.a.tan has created
a deception ... the equilux!**

**The equilux may seem very similar to the equinox ...
but is a counterfeit schedule!**

For more information, see teaching on this at
www.studythecalendar.com/the-equilux-deception/

CC #12 The Equi-LUX Deception

**Did you know ... the moon is at its fullest
when it is OPPOSITE the sun!**

Don't Be Deceived!

1. It's a deception to begin the year with a sighted moon rather than with the sun's renewed circuit in the Mazzaroth!

Don't Be Deceived!

2. It's a deception to begin the year with a sighted moon rather than using the equinox "light" of the sun.

Deception!

3. When man places the moon in first priority and supplants the Mazzaroth and sunLIGHT ... he is, in effect, removing the two GREAT lights of Genesis 1:16 from having any importance whatsoever!



Don't Be Deceived! (con't)

Matt 23:13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the **dominion/rule** of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

- The Pharisees silenced the governing authority of the heavens (**the Tequfah/Mazzaroth**) ... and thus they could not enter into Covenant with YHWH!
- They **rejected the divine institution from Creation that initiated Yahuah's Covenant Calendar**... and decided to follow the moon.

Don't fall for this trap!

Don't Be Deceived!

Luke 11:52

Woe unto you, lawyers!
for ye have taken away
the key of knowledge:
ye entered not in yourselves,
and them that were entering in
ye hindered.



These men removed the
“keys of knowledge”
for Yahuah’s year-start
replacing it with the
moon month.

Moon #8 & #9 for OT & NT History

"Teshuva" to – Chodesh!

A month/chodesh is a **set amount** of time.
It does not come in a variety of lengths
like the **"constellation's theory"** creates.

Proof of a set amount:

- * **Lev 27:6** If the person is from **a month old** up to five years old, the valuation shall be for a male five shekels of silver, and for a female the valuation shall be three shekels of silver.
- * **Num 9:22** Whether it was two days, or a **month**, or a longer time that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, abiding there, the people of Israel remained in camp and did not set out, but when it lifted they set out.

How long is a Month/Chodesh?

The flood account **proves the length** of a chodesh month.

- * **Gen 7:11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, **in the second month**, the **seventeenth day** of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up...
- * **Gen 7:24** And the waters prevailed upon the earth an **hundred and fifty days**.
- * **Gen 8:3** And the waters returned from off the earth ... after the end of the **hundred and fifty days** the waters were abated.
- * **Gen 8:4** And the ark rested in the **seventh month**, on the **seventeenth day** of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

The flood accounts shows each month is 30 days. 150 days starting from the 17th day of the 2nd month ends at the 16th day of 7th month. This is when the waters were abated. It would have been the following day (the 17th day of the 7th month) that the ark rested. Since we know each month/chodesh is a “set amount of time,” 30 days each month works perfectly.

What about the Summer Solstice and Fall Equinox?

The Summer Solstice and Fall Equinox are **not extra** added days to any calendar 30 day months. This would not correspond to a 360 day calendar (proven by the 30 ancient civilizations following this year length before the Hezekiah sundial event).

- ❖ Passover, Unleavened Bread & Wave Sheaf are all based off of a **count**.
- ❖ Shavuot is based off of a **count**.
- ❖ If we start adding days to the calendar (from the 5+ extra days after the 360th day), this would throw off the timing for the Feast of Trumpets, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot due to the **counting of days**. **Remember Psa 90:12!**



What is the Festal Month's Cycle?

Yahuah's Feasts are based off the 1st day of the 1st Chodesh (i.e. the first day of Creation).

Each Chodesh is a 30 day cycle with its foundation in the 1st day of Creation ~ by simple counting.

It is important to note there is another cycle of 30 days. It was the cycle of the moon BEFORE the time of Hezekiah. **However, this cycle did not start until the 4th day of Creation.**

You will see the verb yerach (moon) used in the moon's 30 day cycle in the Torah.

It should never be confused with the Hebrew term Chodesh.

Chodesh Information:

Moon #5 Slides 22-63

Moon #6 (Whole study)

Moon #7 Slides 18-27

The 30 Day Lunar Month in the Torah

The Captive Maiden Counts her days of Mourning:

Deut 21:13 *And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother **a full month (yerach)**: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.*

Why is the moon month listed here? When Israel raided the pagan nations and took maidens captive, these pagan maidens most likely used the moon's cycle of counting. YHWH was very sympathetic towards these captured maidens.

Captive maidens were to receive every Torah benefit. In this way, she could count out her rightful days of mourning (through the moon phases) before being subject to her captor. Later, the maiden would learn of Yahuah's worship calendar.

Yahuah's Calendar Counting!

How did Yah's people keep count? Did they remind everyone?

Num 10:10 On the day of your gladness also, and at your appointed feasts and **at the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets** over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. **They shall be a reminder of you before your Elohim: I am Yahuah your Elohim."**

So now we count...

Psa 90:12 So teach us to **number our days**, that we may **APPLY our hearts unto WISDOM.**



Easy Counting Principle

Yahuah's original year has 360 days.

Once the 360 days have been counted out, then it is **time to watch** for His **“sign in Gen. 1:14”** (the equinox) around the 365 day mark.

This will occur within the same 24 hour period of when the equinox occurs in each individual time zone **the world over**
~ unlike the equi-LUX!

Just Keep Counting

Why count the days once we get past the Fall Feasts? Aren't they just extra days that don't mean anything?

I believe it is imperative for Yahusha to return this earth to a 360 day calendar before the events of this world are all said and done. But once this happens, how long will it take for people to figure it out?

We, however, will notice it at the end of the year **IF** we are numbering our days!

Here's a theory! Take a look at these verses:

Matt 24:15-22 Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" ... ¹⁶ "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And **if those days had not been cut short**, no human being would be saved. But **for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**

Beth always thought that meant Yahuah would shorten "each" day. What if it means **"the days of the year will be cut short"**? Would that be a "sign" for us to head out?

Living in the “shadow” of Yahuah is the best place to be.

His shadow is A REFUGE!!

Psa 57:1 Be merciful to me, O Yahuah, be merciful to me!
For my soul trusts in You; and **in the shadow of Your wings**
I will make my refuge, until these **calamities** have passed by.

Psa 63:7 Because You have **been my help**, therefore
in the **shadow of Your wings** I will rejoice.

Psa 17:8 **Guard** me as the apple of Your eye;
Hide me under the shadow of Your wings.

Psa 91:1-4 He who **dwells in the secret place** of the Most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
² I will say of Yahuah, “**He is my refuge and my fortress;**
My Elohim, in Him I will trust.”
³ Surely He shall deliver you from the **snare of the fowler**
and from the **perilous pestilence.**
⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers, and **under His wings**
you shall take refuge; His **truth** shall be your shield and buckler.



Walking in Yahusha's Footsteps is the best place to walk!

1. **“Follow me!”** This phrase is given 19 times in the New Testament – 18 are Yahusha's words. Does following Yahusha mean we don't follow His instructions as given by Moses?
2. **Yahusha said:** “What did Moses command you?” [Mark 10:3]
“If you believe Moses you would believe me.” [John 5:46]
“Did not Moses give you the law, yet **none of you** keep it?”
[John 7:19]
3. **Is ‘Calendar’ Part of the Law?** “Three times in a year thou shalt KEEP a feast unto me.” [Exo 23:14]

Keep Walking in Yahusha's Footsteps!

He said,
“Follow
me!”

4. **Yahusha's Covenant Calendar** is found between the pages of **Gen 1:1** to **Exo 24:11**; ratified by His own blood on His Passover festival.

5. **Yahusha's Covenant Calendar Commands are easy** for those who desire to follow them.

He Said: “**For my yoke is easy,**
and my burden is light.” [Matt 11:30]

The End

Thank you for listening!

And remember:

The only barrier to truth is the
presumption that you already have it.



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Shalom!