

Discovering YHWH's Covenant Calendar

“The greatest barrier to the truth is the presumption that we already have it.”

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In studying the calendar this year, I have discovered many things! This presentation will discuss the steps I have gone thru to determine the calendar. I will be happy to email this information to anyone for further research. Since I have many slides to get thru, please hold off on major questions/discussions until the end!

This is my understanding at this point. I am not forcing anyone to accept this calendar...nor am I saying I have all the answers. However, I do feel strongly about what Yah has been showing me over the last 2 months. I pray all of us will take a look at this with an open mind to what His Scripture shows us.

Qualifications

Below is my long list of qualifications that I have in order to do this study:

- I am a Child of YHWH.
- I have a brain.
- I know how to read and write.
- I pray...a lot!
- I read YHWH's Word! (Divine University)
- I trust YHWH's Word.
- I trust YHWH to guide me.
- And I try to keep an open mind.

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Steps Leading To Discovery

- Questions and presentation on “When A Day Starts”
- David Varner realizing that chodesh is not tied to the moon.
- Finding out the new moon doesn't determine the month or year.

- Wondering about possible moon worship.

First Theory on Chodesh

- 12 chodesh shown in Scripture
- Thinking that the 12 chodesh could be the 12 constellations
- Beginning each chodesh on the sun's entry into the constellations
- Key problem - each Chodesh would vary in length
- Results from Stellarium – based in Jerusalem, facing east, sunrise, number of stars in each constellation, etc.

BREAK DOWN #1

Starting over with prayer

Second Theory on Chodesh

- Answered Prayer! Connecting with Becky on Facebook
- Finding out Becky has been studying the same things

Finding Out What God's Calendar ISN'T!

Before Yah would allow me to go any further on studying His calendar, He insisted that I knew and understood what His Calendar WASN'T.

It Isn't Based on Abib Barley

Exodus 13:4 Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out.

Exodus 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.

Deuteronomy 16:1 Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

Clearly, Abib is a **sign** regarding Yah'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 Yah's calendar. Why?

- Abib is defined in Scripture as "green in the ear". When studying this outside the Bible, you find descriptions of "green, light green, white, ripe enough to crush, etc". This is man's definition, 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 Yah's calendar on Abib barley requires a man-made report, from someone we don't know, living in another country. Yahshua is our only mediator!

As you can see, establishing Yah's Calendar off Abib is basing it off of man, not Scripture.

When Scripture mentions Abib, consider reading it as "the month in which Abib occurs". (By the way, Abib occurs after the vernal equinox!)

It Isn't Moon Based

As I had mentioned, I was pretty convinced that Yah's Calendar wasn't moon based. Why?

1. The Hebrew term for moon is yerach (H3394) and yereach (H3391). This is not the same word as month (Chodesh H2320)...although concordances will lead you to believe that chodesh is “moon or new moon”. Scholars admit they are not positive of what the word “chodesh” means. I will touch on more of this research later.
2. There are no instructions in the Bible regarding the use of 2 witnesses for the sighting of the new moon. That is a tradition of man.
3. The moon was placed in the firmament on the 4th day of creation. If this event determines the 1st chodesh, what happens to days 1, 2, and 3 of creation? Are they considered dead days?

What Is The Purpose of the Moon?

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

*Ps. 104:19 He appointed the moon **for seasons**; The sun knows its going down.*

The word “seasons” here is “moedim”. I had been taught that “moedim” referred only to God’s Feasts, but recently discovered it means any appointed time, place or sign pre-arranged by Yah. So regarding time, the moon is:

- Used in agricultural purposes
- Used as an appointed sign (i.e. blood moons and solar eclipses)

I haven’t found any Scripture proving the moon’s involvement with setting Yah’s Calendar. As discussed earlier, moon in Hebrew is yerach (H3394) and yereach (H3391). Month is chodesh (H2320). Although scholars admit they are not sure of the definition of “chodesh”, we do know that Scripture speaks only of 12 Chodesh in a year!

- *Rev. 22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore **twelve fruits**, each tree **yielding its fruit every month**. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*
- *1st Chron. 27:1-15 ...served the king in every matter of the military divisions. These divisions came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, each division having twenty-four thousand. (**Verses 2-15 show 12 divisions for each month...**)*
- *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**.*

13th Month?

Many argue that proof of a 13th month is in Ezekiel. I took the time to study this out. Here are my concerns:

- Several assumptions have to be made to get the math to work.
- Why would Yah **wait** until Ezekiel (593-570BC) 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.

The Bible never mentions a 13th Chodesh...ever. Based on this alone, the term Chodesh cannot be the moon or new moon since the moon cycle requires a 13th month to work every 2-3 years. If there was a 13th chodesh...Yah’s Word would have mentioned it and given us detailed instructions on how to handle a year with 13th months.

Uh Oh...

As I continued to dig into the words chodesh and moon, I began to learn more and more about moon worship. Of course, the typical reaction I get from folks when I'd mention this is "Well, I would never worship the moon or sun".

That's what I thought too...

Double-Take...

Two good questions to ask yourself 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 the **setting your worship calendar**, is that action regarded as worship or serving?

I personally did a double-take after reading these 2 questions! Is that not exactly what we have been doing?

- Sunday Christians honor their day of worship on **Sunday** – giving homage to sun god
- Sabbath Keepers honor their day of worship beginning with **the sighting of the sunset** the night before Sabbath – giving homage to sun god
- Sabbath & Feast Keepers **honor the sunset** (sun god) for their Sabbath and the **sighting of the new moon** (moon goddess) for each Biblical month start

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 5 books of Torah. The foundation of this lunar based worship is extracted from Babylonian paganism.

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 the LORD your God 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? ²⁸If so, I should be punished by the judges, for it would **mean I had denied the God of heaven**.*

Coming Soon...The Day of the Lord

*Zeph. 1:4-7 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—⁵Those **who worship the host of heaven** on the housetops; Those who worship and swear oaths by the LORD, But who also swear by Milcom; ⁶Those who have turned back from following the LORD, And **have not sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him**."*

⁷Be silent in the presence of the Lord God; **For the day of the LORD is at hand**, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.

Conspiracy Theory

These TWO similar verses have been left out of the 613 commandments? They seem pretty important...

- *Deut. 4:19 And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be **drawn away and bow down to them and serve them**, things that the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.*
- *Deut. 17:2-5 “If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, 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, then you shall inquire diligently, 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.*

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

Who Would Hide This?

*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 God**; 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 word “congregation” in verse 13 is the word Moedim (H4150)! This means...Satan plans to sit on Yah's **Feasts**, Yah's **Calendar** (timing) and Yah's **Place of Worship**.

Remember we discussed that Moedim can mean God's Feasts, any appointed time (including His calendar), an appointed place (such as His temple) or any appointed sign. Anything that Yah 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.*

When Did Moon Worship Start?

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 (also named Ashtoreth). Tammuz, the illegitimate son, became the false messiah. These are the 3 main false gods of Scripture.

False Gods In Abraham's Time?

Abraham's father, Terah, served other gods. (Joshua 24:2)

They moved to Haran, where temple is dedicated to moon worship.

Abraham left Haran, but Laban didn't.

Rachel stole Laban's images (Gen. 31:19).

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

Terah's business of making idols would have been passed down through the generations, thus creating a line of precious family idols that Rachel stole. Everything points these family idols to moon worship in Babylon (Laban/Labanah).

Names Have Changed Over Time

Culture	Nimrod (lord of heaven)	Semiramis (queen of heaven)	Tammuz - Son (false messiah)
Israel	Baal	Ashtoreth	Tammuz
Phoenicians	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

Apostasy Grows

Apostasy magnifies after Moses dies. Judges is where the first mention of both Baal and Ashtoreth are given together.

*Judges 2:11-14 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals;¹² and they forsook the LORD God 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 the LORD to anger.¹³ **They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.**¹⁴ And the anger of the LORD 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.***

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?

And Grows...

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

*Jer. 7:18 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.*

*Jer. 19:5 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),*

Apostasy Infiltrates Government and Temple

*2 Chron. 33:3-6 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 the LORD,** of which the LORD 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 the LORD.**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 the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.*

2 Kings 23:4-5 *And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to **bring out of the temple** of the LORD 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**.*

Jer. 8:1-5 *“At that time,” says the LORD, “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 the LORD of hosts.*

⁴ *“Moreover you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: “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

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

Deut. 17:2-7 *If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing His covenant, ³ who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, **either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven**, which I have not commanded, ⁴ and it is told you, and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, 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; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness. ⁷ The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. **So you shall put away the evil from among you.***

Today...

One last point before moving on. There are **FIVE** major religions in the world today.

- Christianity
- Judaism
- Islam
- Hindu
- Buddhist

As you are probably aware, Christianity is centered in **Sun** worship. But did you know...the other **FOUR** **establish** their worship calendar on the moon?

Moving Forward

Now that we know what God’s Calendar ISN’T, we can move forward in discovering what God’s Calendar IS!

I will go over a quick summary of the calendar that I believe is not only based solely on Scripture...but more importantly, base on the CREATION ACCOUNT! This Calendar is Torah Compliant! As we have shown, nowhere in Torah are new moons declared as the beginning of the month.

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

Proposed Calendar

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

The very 1st day of Creation begins Yah's Calendar when He said "Let there be light". From that point on, He teaches us what a "day" and a "week" looks like. He also tells us how a year will be determined.

He further clarifies the 1st day of the week, 1st day of the 1st month, and 1st day of the year!!

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

#2 is correct!! Yah's Covenant Calendar follows the pattern established at creation where plants, animals and humans procreated "according to its kind, whose seed is in itself"!

Proposed Calendar

*Psalm 90:12 So teach us to **number our days**, that we may **apply our hearts unto wisdom**.*

- 1st Day after the Vernal (Spring Equinox) is the 1st day of the year
- Start counting...
- 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.
- From day 1, count 14 days to Passover and 15 days to Unleavened Bread
- From First Fruits (day after the weekly Sabbath during ULB), we count 50 days to Shavuot.
- Continue counting the months to Yom Teruah (Feast of Trumpets) – 1st Day of the 7th Chodesh
- Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) - 10th day of the 7th Chodesh
- Sukkot - 15th day of the 7th Chodesh...lasts for 8 days
- Keep counting the Chodesh till the end of the year.

Following were my immediate questions...

Question 1: Could Yah's Calendar Be That Easy?

Yes!

The common person should be able to figure out, understand and keep Yah'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). Yahshua is our one and only mediator.

With that said, difficulty was one of the main arguments from my husband Dave regarding the theory of the sun entering the constellations. He and several others felt this would be a hard task. After trying to figure out the sun/constellations on Stellarium, I agreed that this is pretty much impossible.

And, after seeing the hoops that the Jews go thru to get their moon calendar to work, that was further proof that God's Calendar should be easy!

Question #2: What about the Extra 5 Days?

Five extra days at the end of the year just seems sloppy to me and doesn't fit the character of YHWH. I was going to need a really good answer to this question...

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 calendar 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 701BC.
- 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 countries** changed the length of their year from a 360 day year to a 365 day year around the same time!

What Countries Changed Their Year Length?

Two books document the calendar history of ancient civilizations:

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

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

- Vedas of India
- Ancient Persia
- Sumerians
- Babylonians
- Assyria
- Ancient Egypt
- Rome
- Mayans of Mexico
- Incas of Peru
- China
- Polynesia

More information is available on Series 9 of "Oh the Moon", slide 28, www.studythecalendar.com.

Many religions based their beliefs on the number 360...one for each day of the year. The 360 degree circle and 360 degree compass is 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:

- Global perspective – increased the orbit of the earth around the sun permanently
- Flat Earth perspective – slowed down the progress of the sun through the constellations each day...ultimately adding 5 days per year.

Before Moving On:

Fun Tidbit: Hezekiah's shadow miracle/sign did affect the lunar cycle by reducing it from 30 days to 27.3 or 29.5 days per cycle.

Moving the sun's shadow backwards 5.25 days was a smart thing to do! If Hezekiah had asked to move the shadow forwards, the year would have been shortened to 354.75 days...almost exactly like the moon's cycle. This would have just encouraged even more moon worship.

Question 3: Yahshua Was On The Same Calendar...Right?

As I was studying, I mentioned the proposed calendar to Big John. John reminded me that Yahshua was on the same calendar as the Jews. Ugh! He was right...

Fact: Yahshua had to have died on God's Feast Days to fulfill prophecy. And the Jews had to be on the same Feast days to see how He fulfilled them.

Thus, the same calendar...right?

BREAK DOWN #2

I decided I was going to have to start over since obviously the calendar didn't change until after Yahshua... Or did it?

However...Right before bed that evening, a thought popped in my mind. Yes, a very CRAZY thought...

Could Yahshua possibly be on a different calendar, but in the year He was crucified, His calendar and the Jews calendar matched up???

No way...

Time to Dig In!

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.

Yahshua's calendar and the Jews calendar would have to coincide perfectly for Yahshua's death to be **a sign to the Jews** and **prophetically fulfill YAH's FEASTS**.

Rabbit Trail

I spent a good week trying to lay out the timeline for Yahshua's crucifixion. I won't go into it since it is still a work in progress. Look for this in Part 2!!

However, I did find something very interesting because of this study...**Scriptural proof** that Yahshua could have been on a different calendar than the Jews!

4 Verses Proving Yahshua Was On A Different Calendar?

Have you ever noticed the term “Feast of the Jews” mentioned in the book of John? I have actually argued with Pastor Hines about whether the Feasts were “Jewish” or not. He pointed out this terminology. But of course, I blew it off by arguing that the translators were throwing in their biases against the Jews.

But here I am...five years later taking a second look at this terminology. We find it used 4 times in the Book of John.

- *John 2:13 The **Passover of the Jews** was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.*
- *John 5:1 After this there was a **feast of the Jews**; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.*
- *John 6:4 Now the Passover, the **feast of the Jews**, was at hand.*
- *John 7:2 Now the **Jews' Feast of Booths** was at hand.*

After seeing this, I realized that it was quite possible that the Jewish Feasts were NOT on the same calendar as Yah's calendar.

Let's take a closer look at 3 of these verses for more insight...

Proof #1: John 6:1-4... Yahshua Feeds the Five Thousand

*John 6:1-4 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the **Sea of Galilee**, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And **a large crowd was following him**, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down **with his disciples**. 4 **Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand**. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”*

- Verse 1 tells us that Yahshua was at the Sea of Galilee with a large crowd and His disciples.
- Verse 4 notes this is the time of the Jewish Passover. Neither Yahshua or the people were in Jerusalem!
- Tiberias is approximately 110 miles from Jerusalem...about a 6 day journey on foot.
- Yahshua would be breaking Torah if He didn't go to Jerusalem during Passover.
Exodus 23:17 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord God.
Deut. 16:2 And you shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the LORD your God, from the flock or the herd, at the place that the LORD will choose, to make his name dwell there.

Was Yahshua Calendar based on the sighting of the new moon like the Jews were doing?

Proof #2: John 7:1-16... Yahshua at the Feast of Sukkot

*John 7:1-16 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. 2 **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. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” 5 For not even his brothers believed in him. 6 Jesus 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 Yahshua stayed in Galilee (vs. 9). For how long, we do not know. But it sounds as if it was longer than a few hours...
- When Yahshua told His brothers “my time has not yet fully come...” is it possible He was alluding to an imposter calendar issue?

- Further, He says “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 it possible He is testifying that the timing of the world is off? Most certainly!

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 Jesus went up into the temple and taught**. ¹⁵ And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?”

- We see that Yahshua did not go to the temple until the middle of Sukkot. Did Yahshua fail to present Himself to YHWH during the first day of Sukkot in accordance to Ex. 23:15-17 and Lev. 23:34-35? Failure to observe Yah’s statutes is a sin.
 - Ex. 23:17 *Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD.*
 - Lev. 23:34-35 *Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation...*
- We are given no indication that Yahshua was at the temple on the 1st day of Sukkot. Rather, the Jews were all looking for Him...and not just the Pharisees, but all the people. The Jews knew He should have been at the Feast...but He wasn’t...yet.
- Scripture says He shows up in the middle of Sukkot. Could this possibly be the “true” first day of Sukkot??

¹⁵ The Jews therefore marveled, saying, “How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?” ¹⁶ So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone’s will is to do God’s will, he will know whether the teaching is from God 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**. Why do you seek to kill me?”

- Lastly, Yahshua Himself says “Yet not one of you does the Torah!” (vs. 19) The Jews are celebrating Sukkot, yet Yahshua tells them they are not doing Torah? [How is this?](#) If we understand they are not on Yah’s true calendar, we can see why He says they are not doing Torah.

Proof #3: Luke 2:41-50... The Boy Yahshua at the Temple

Luke 2:41-51 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 Jesus **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 (Yahshua) answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the **sake of your tradition**?... ⁶...So for the **sake of your tradition** you have made void the word of God. 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 Yahshua honoring a different calendar explain why He stayed in Jerusalem after His parents left?

- Even as a boy, it is possible that Yahshua was following a different calendar.

⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus **stayed behind in Jerusalem**. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, 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. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? **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**. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

- Is it coincidence that Yahshua's parent's forgetfulness allowed for Him to fulfill Torah?
- Yahshua specifically says "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" **Why would He say this?**
- Further, Yahshua was found "after 3 days" witnessing His Father's will in the Temple. 3 days!! This is PROPHETIC of what is to come!!!

Before leaving this section, I wanted to touch on a verse that I found very interesting:

LAMENTATIONS 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 "Moed" 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 Yah has caused His people to forget, let's going back to Luke 2:42-50.

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

Proof #4 – Revisiting YHWH's Words in the OT

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

Isa. 1:12-17 "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.

Amos 5:21-22 I hate, I despise **your** feasts, and I take no delight in **your** solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me **your** burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of **your** fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

Amos 8:9-10 And on that day," declares the Lord God, "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; I will bring sackcloth on every waist and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.

Malachi 2:1-4 "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 the LORD 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. ⁴ Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, that My covenant may continue with Levi," says the LORD of hosts.

Proof #5 – Revisiting Yahshua's Words in the NT

Understanding that the Jews were on a different calendar, let revisit some of the Words that Yahshua 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 (possibly the equinox?). The term "times" mean a fixed or definite time, a season. Were they not recognizing what was important...the equinox during the Spring?

Matt. 23:1-3 Then Jesus 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 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. Yahshua is referring to Yah's Calendar here!

Back to the Calendar

Now that we have addressed what Yah's Calendar isn't...

And we have address key questions...

Let's go back to the Yah's Covenant Calendar to get more details!

What is the Mazzaroth?

Ps. 19:2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto **night reveals knowledge.**

Night reveals knowledge? Yes!

The Mazzaroth is “one 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! And 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 God 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?***

God is referencing the Mazzaroth! Then, within a question, clearly shows their commission for dominion over the earth! What dominion?? The Mazzaroth governs YHWH's time clock...they are the master time clock of God.

The Ultimate 2nd Witness!

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

But Satan 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 God**; 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 God” in this verse is the Mazzaroth!

Precedence Over the Sun?

Ps. 19:1-4 The heavens (includes the Mazzaroth) declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. ² Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. (through the Mazzaroth constellation) 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,

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)!

*Ps. 19:4-6 Their (Mazzaroth) line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. 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.*

Knowledge & Timing!

The Mazzaroth Light = Knowledge = from the constellations

The position of the Sun's Light = Timing = within the Mazzaroth.

These are the 2 Lights 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.

Hit the Brakes!

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

*Gen. 1:14-16 Then God 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 God 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? You might be surprised...

If we examine the Hebrew wording, the words "He made" and "also" are not there. So, the verse actually says:

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

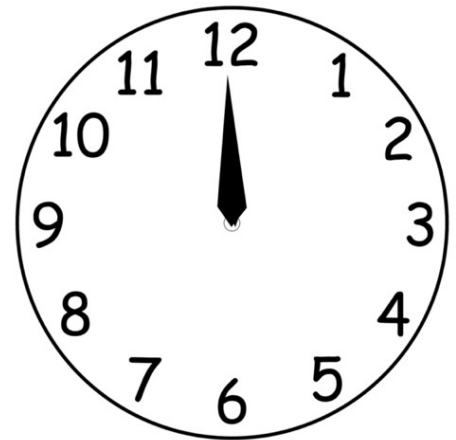
Don't know about you, but I've always assumed the lesser light was the moon...

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, Yah has place 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. Yah'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 thru the sky every day tell us the time of day...the sun's location within the constellations tell us the timing of the year as well!



What's Missing?

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

The Mazzaroth Light = Knowledge = from the constellations

The position of the Sun's Light = Timing = within the Mazzaroth.

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

What does the Moon do?

As I mentioned before, YHWH definitely has a purpose for the moon. It's just doesn't play a part in His Calendar. Don't believe me? Where the moon ends 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!

Ps. 47:2-3 For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. ³ He 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

Through the Revelation 12 sign, Yah 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 doesn't lift up the moon!

Stars and Sun...Now What?

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

What is the Equinox (Tequfah)?

- The Equinox is a "Celestial Event" designed as a sign for determining time.
- It does not rely solely on a single orb, but is a combination of multiple identities in the heavens. These are the:

1. Mazzaroth constellations – the stars
2. Sun – the orb itself declares accurate positioning
3. Light – emitted from the sun which facilitates a shadow
4. Earth – a vantage point for measuring purposes

The combination of these 4 celestial identities permits a visible sign necessary for us to determine time as designated in the Scripture. Take out one and it doesn't work. This combination prevents man from identifying one celestial creation for worship purposes. *YHWH purposely made it a combination to prevent sun or star worship!*

- It is when the center of the sun crosses over the earth's equator...from one hemisphere to another indicating the change in seasons...from winter to summer.
- It is when the sun rises due east, follows a perfect arc, and sets due west.
- There are 2 in a year – Spring (Vernal) and Fall (Autumnal)
- Spring Equinox can occur on March 19, 20 or 21. Most common is the 20th, then 21st, rarely the 19th.
- Fall Equinox occurs on or around Sept. 23rd

Always Verify!

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

Important Notice: 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.

The Gregorian midnight change of the 24 hour cycle may require adjustment. Yah's day starts at dawn. If looking at NASA, examine your personal time zone and adjust. For example: If equinox occurs near midnight or dawn, this could require an adjustment.

Day Start Study can be provided upon request!

Equinox Proof in the Bible #1 & 2

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

Ecc. 1:5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose.

Ps. 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.

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 Yah's Covenant Calendar.

Equinox Proof in the Bible #3

Ex. 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 2nd Tequfah (autumnal equinox), which lands around Sept. 22/23 depending on your location. The Fall Festivals are centered around (**but not calculated by**) the autumn Tequfah. This signals the end of the agricultural season...hence the Feast of the Harvest.

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

Fun tidbit! Teshuva is when a person turns their life around and returns to Yahshua! The Feast of Trumpets is heralding in 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.

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 Yah is the point of "no" shadow of turning. It is the point of the equinox!!

The word "turning" is G5157 Trope. It means "a turning of the heavenly bodies". The heavenly bodies James identifies is the Mazzaroth stars, the sun and the earth. James is warning us of the change from the Mazzaroth based calendar to the lunar/solar calendar. He also reminds us to be aware the YHWH does not change. Yah's Tequfah based calendar exposes a perfectly straight line or disappearing shadow...it is our SIGN in Genesis 1:14!

Gen. 1:14 Then God 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 Yah's vernal equinox, we can:

- Know when it happens with a staff in our hand while standing in the middle of the wilderness.
- We don't have to depend on the Sanhedrin to give their "stamp of approval".
- We don't have to wait for a Jerusalem report on whether the barley is abib.

- Our only mediator between us and YHWH is Yahshua...not to mention He is perfect!

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!*"

Matt. 6:13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Year Starts When?

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

- *Ex. 12:1-2 Now the LORD 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.*
- *Ex. 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.

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).

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

Ecclesiastes 1:15 What is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered.

When I saw this verse, I thought of the moon's cycle being "lacking"...and not being able to get an accurate "count" for Yah's Calendar. But the crooked vs. straight concept caught my eye as well! I immediately thought of the straight line signaling the equinox verses the curved line. (i.e. believing Yah's starting point starts at a "curved point" on the dial). The whole verse was just perfect!!

Don't Be Deceived!

As with everything else, Satan has created a deception...the equilux.

The equilux is very similar to the equinox...but is a counterfeit schedule. For more information, see teaching on this at studythecalendar.com, "The EquiLUX Deception".

Furthermore, the moon is at its fullest when it is in OPPOSITION of the sun.

Ultimately, when man chooses to...

- Replace the Light of the sun and instead reference the light of the moon
- Remove the Mazzaroth's equinox (tequfah)

...he is, in effect, removing the two lights of Genesis 1:16 from having any importance whatsoever!

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...and thus they could not enter into Covenant with YHWH! They **rejected the divine institution from Creation that initiated God's Covenant Calendar**...and decided to follow the moon.

Don't fall for this trap!

What is a Month (Chodesh)?

A month/chodesh is a set amount of time. It does not come in a variety of lengths like the constellations theory would have been.

Proof of a set amount:

- *Leviticus 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.
- *Numbers 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 month (Chodesh).

- *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, and the windows of heaven were opened.
- *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 continually: and 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.

If we assume each month is 30 days, 150 days starting from the 17th day of the 2nd month puts us 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.

Anything less than 30 days wouldn't have been long enough. Assuming the month was 31 days long, then a 12 month year would be a 372 day year...which does not exist.

What about Solstices and Equinoxes?

Solstices or the Fall Equinox are not added days in the calendar. This would not correspond to a 360 day calendar (proven by the 30 countries following this year length before the Hezekiah miracle/sign event).

Passover, First Fruits and Unleavened Bread are all based off a count. Shavuot is based off a count. If we start adding days to the calendar (solstices and the autumnal equinox), this would throw off the timing for the Feast of Trumpets, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot due to the counting of days.

What is the Month's Cycle?

God'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 and is based off the 1st day of Creation.

It is important to note that there is another 30 days cycle. 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. It should not be confused with the term Chodesh.

*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 the moon here? When Israel raided the pagan nations and took maidens captive, the maidens usually were on the moon's cycle of counting. YHWH was very sympathetic towards captured maidens. They 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 Yah's worship calendar.

Let's Get Counting!

How did they keep count? Did they remind everyone?

*Numbers 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 God: I am the Lord your God."*

So now we count...

Psalms 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Counting Principle

Yah's original year has 360 days. Once we count out the 360 days, then we know it is time to watch for our "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.

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 very possible that God will return us to a 360 day calendar before it's all said and done. But how long will it take for people to figure it out? I don't know! We, however, will notice it at the end of the year if we were 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" (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 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.***

I've always thought that meant Yah 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?

Final Thoughts

Living in the "shadow" of Elohim is the best place to be.

His shadow is A REFUGE!!

Ps. 57:1 Be merciful to me, O God, 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.

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

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

Ps. 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 the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, 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.

Revisiting How the Calendar Works

1. Determine Vernal Equinox for the year.
2. Day 1 of Month 1 begins the morning of the day after the Vernal Equinox.
3. Each Month is 30 days long...start counting!
4. Day 14 of Month 1 is Preparation Day with Passover starting at evening.
5. The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the next morning. Day 15 at dawn thru Day 21 at evening.
6. First Fruits is the day after the weekly Sabbath during (or right after) the week of Unleavened Bread. It always occurs on a Sunday.
7. First Fruits is Day 1 of the Omer count. From this day, count 7 weekly Sabbaths (49 days). The following day (Day 50) is Shavuot. It always occurs on a Sunday.
8. Months - Starting from Day 1 of Month 1, count 30 days. This is Month 1. The following day is the beginning of Month 2. Continue your 30 day count thru all 12 Months. At the end of Month 12, you will have 5-6 extra days.
9. Yom Teruah (Feast of Trumpets) is Day 1 of Month 7.
10. Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) – "Affliction of your soul" starts on the evening of Day 9 of Month 7 and goes thru evening of the 10th (between the evenings). However, the Day of Atonement goes from dawn to dawn. First ½ is service and final cleansing. Second ½ is celebration (and eating)!
11. Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) starts on Day 15 of Month 7 and lasts 8 days (Day 22 of Month 7).

2019 Calendar (Morning to Morning Day)

- Vernal Equinox – March 20th
- 1st Day of the 1st Chodesh – March 21st
- Preparation Day – Starts morning of April 3rd
- Passover – Starts evening of April 3rd
- 1st Day of Feast of Unleavened Bread – Starts morning of April 4th and ends at evening on April 10th. First and last days are Holy Days.
- First Fruits – Starts morning of April 7th
- Omer Count – April 7th through May 26th
- 1st Day of the 2nd Chodesh – April 20th

- 1st Day of the 3rd Chodesh – May 20th
- Shavuot/Pentecost – Starts morning of May 26th
- 1st Day of the 4th Chodesh – June 19th
- 1st Day of the 5th Chodesh – July 19th
- 1st Day of the 6th Chodesh – August 18th
- 1st Day of the 7th Chodesh AND Yom Teruah (Feast of Trumpets) – Starts morning of September 17th
- Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) – Begins evening of September 25th and goes till evening of September 26th
- Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) - Starts morning of October 1st and goes thru October 8th.
- 1st Day of the 8th Chodesh – October 17th
- 1st Day of the 9th Chodesh – November 16th
- 1st Day of the 10th Chodesh – December 16th
- 1st Day of the 11th Chodesh – January 15th
- 1st Day of the 12th Chodesh – February 14th (30th day is the 14th of March.)
- Vernal Equinox 2020 is March 19th - this leaves 5 days extra at the end of the year.
- 1st Chodesh of the following year starts on March 20th, 2020.