

Does the Moon have any Part in defining the Biblical Month?

Just for clarification: In my presentations I am using YHVH (Yahuwah, some people pronounce the 4 Hebrew letters as YeHoVaH and others as Yahweh) instead of LORD, which is a title and not a name. I am also using Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration and really has no meaning, neither in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH (Yahuwah) and Yahusha are the actual original names and the true nature and character of our Elohim.



Introduction: True or False? Truth does not fight to have a place in the heart of man. It simply presents itself – take it or leave it. On the other hand, error – especially pagan errors that specifically counter Yahuwah’s truths, resist at all costs of being replaced by truth. What is the truth about the moon? Is it really in charge of determining when Yahuwah’s Biblical month begins?

This is a short version of a much longer presentation proving that the moon has absolutely nothing to do with the start of Yahuwah’s Biblical month. If this is all new to you, please ask for the mountain of information supporting this study.



So, when does the Biblical month begin? It depends on who you ask!

Some claim that the Biblical month begins with the first sliver of the moon, some at the full moon, some at the combination of the first sliver of the moon and the ripening of the barley; others claim it starts at the spring equinox. **Would you be surprised that the moon has absolutely nothing to do with the start of the Biblical month?**

If you are following the lunar cycles to mark appointed times of worship, perhaps this study will challenge your beliefs to see **if they really are based in the Torah**. Blessings as you study and contemplate.

There is zero scriptural evidence for sighting new moons to determine the beginning of new months. It is based 100% on teachings within the Talmud.

I have been reading several warnings in the Bible saying “**NOT TO WORSHIP OR SERVE THE MOON AMONG OTHERS.**” There are two commands **in the Torah** stating this with clarity!

The first one is in Deuteronomy 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 Yahuwah thy Elohim hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.**”

The second text is in Deuteronomy 17:3 “**And hath gone and served other Elohims, and worshipped them, either the sun, or MOON, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded.**”

Before Moses died, he specifically gave these two commands as a safeguard from the pagan ways of worship.

Then we have a couple Non-Torah texts, the first one in *2 Kings 23:5* “**And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the MOON, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.**”

And another one in *Job 31:26-28* “**If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the MOON walking in brightness; 27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed ... 28 This also were [would be] an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the Elohim that is above.**”

(Note: These verses are talking about giving more regard to the sun and moon than what was ever allowed by Yahuwah. There are several other Scriptures that give the same warning.)

Jeremiah’s Wisdom in Chapter 8:1 & 2

“At that time,” declares יהוה (YHVH), “they shall bring the bones of the sovereigns of Yehudah (Judah), and the bones of its heads, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, out of their graves, 2 and shall spread them **before the sun and the moon and all the host of the heavens, which they have loved and**

which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought, and to which they have bowed themselves. They shall not be gathered nor buried, they shall be for dung on the face of the earth.” *The Scriptures*

Yahweh tells us unequivocally that the moon is **NOT** TO BE FOLLOWED! He destroyed **Jericho** and placed a curse on the one who rebuilds it. The Hebrew language reveals a deeper understanding that the curse is placed upon the one who **REBUILDS THE WORSHIP PRACTICES OF THE MOON!** That is why the moon of Revelation 12 is placed **UNDER** the feet of the Bride! What does this mean?

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Jericho, the city of the Moon!

Here is Revelation 12:1 “**And a great sign was seen in the heaven: a woman clad with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**”

The Bride is illuminated by the LIGHT of the sun! The LIGHT of the sun provides the glory. The moon has been trampled under foot and is no longer of value because the Bride of Yahusha has **RISEN ABOVE AND TRAMPLED THE FALSE DECEPTION OF THE MOON DETERMINED FEASTS AND FESTIVALS - BELOW HER FEET!**

Why is the moon, which has been deemed by man as the identity for determining time, located **under the feet** of the woman of Revelation 12? For the answer of what that means, we need to look at some Bible verses: *Genesis 24:2* “**And Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh."**” *The Scriptures*

Or Genesis 47:29 “And the time for Yisra’ël (*Israel*) to die drew near, and he called his son Yosëph (*Joseph*) and said to him, "Now if I have found favour in your eyes, please put your hand under my thigh, and show kindness and truth to me. Please do not bury me in Mitzrayim (*Egypt*).” *The Scriptures*

These “under” positions are not of power and strength. They are but positions of submission to superior authority.

Some more Scriptures about being under the feet: *2 Kings 9:33* “And he said, ‘Throw her down.’ And they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses, and he trampled her under foot.” *The Scriptures*

Lamentations 1:15 “YHVH hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: YHVH hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a winepress.” *KJV*

Matthew 5:13 “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” *KJV*



These are some very clear indications of the authority of being - under the feet. Under the feet is **NOT** a position of power and authority as man has taught pertaining to the moon being located under the feet of the Bride of Y'shua in Revelation 12. Quite the contrary! Being under the feet is a sign of non volunteered relinquishment of power and authority.

Again, the moon in Revelation 12:1 has no authority whatsoever.

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It is interesting that the Word of YHVH never mentions “crescent” or “sliver” in regard to sighting the Moon in the sky. There is not one place in the original Hebrew Scriptures where Yahuwah points directly to the moon as an authority

over Biblical Time. If a teaching is not found in Scripture, why should it be practiced as if it were there?

One source claims that certain sects developed a procedure that involved the sighting by two witnesses, and this is believed to be correct by many today. **Today this sect is called the “Karaites.”**

The source of this practice is from the Mishna, NOT THE TORAH!

THE KARAITE CONNECTION

- Anan Ben Daud is widely believed to be the founder of the Karaite Sect.
- **In the mid-8th century CE under Islamic rule**, he started a movement which broke away from Rabbinical Judaism.
- It was Anan's hope to become the head Rabbi, but he was passed-over by his younger brother who held more closely to the Torah and "oral law," the traditions of the fathers.
- Still, Anan's followers installed him in the position of "exilarch."
- The Caliph Al-Mansur viewed this argument as rebellion, and arrested Anan in 767, and set his execution date.
- While in prison, Anan met an Islamic teacher who gave him advice that saved his life. Anan was to establish a new religious sect.

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Islam's most prominent symbol is the crescent moon, Shiva's symbol.

The pre-Islamic moon deity called Allah is symbolized by a crescent moon and star. The origin comes from the Hindu culture and the worship on Shiva. The crescent moon was also venerated in the Egyptian culture with the moon below a solar disc. Because Christianity sprang from Alexandria Egypt, these objects in the sky were also adopted for veneration. (*Emphasis supplied.*)

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The pre-Islamic Arabs worshipped 360 sky-deities, one of which was the "greatest" called "Allah." **Allah is represented by the crescent moon, and was the most favored of all deities by Muhammad's clan.** The 360 deities means the Kaaba was originally a Hindu shrine dedicated to the worship of the host of heaven.

YHVH, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is not represented by any kind of symbol, and certainly He is not using the objects seen in the sky to determine His appointed times!

We are Yahuwah's body. Tradition is like an infection in the body. Once established and untreated, it spreads to infect the whole body. **Rather than following tradition, we need Truth!**



Rightly Dividing the Truth! By the Scriptures

1. By Secular History (Why?)

- Pagan errors recorded in history are found to wrestle for prominence above Torah truth.
- It's easier to make a good decision with an abundance of evidence.
- (Scriptures will be provided as the study progresses.)

2 Tim 2:15 Study/research to show thyself

approved.

1. There is no indication in any Old Testament Scriptures for a lunar month of 28-29.5 days, or 13 months in a year approximately every 3rd year, or seven times in a 19 year cycle.
2. At creation, the 12 months had 30 days each. The year had 360 days.
3. There are no Torah instructions for beginning any month with any phase of the moon. The Torah books date to approximately 1450 BC. This is 2550 years **after creation**. The covenant calendar in Exodus documents the 30 day month very well.
4. Yahuwah's divine calendar was compromised by His people when, in Canaan, they began to mix pagan worship practices with divine commands.
5. Yahuwah's people were commanded many times not to look to the sun, moon, stars, planets or any heavenly host lest they worship them as the pagans do.
6. Of all the heavenly hosts, the lunar cycle is closest to the Biblical 30 day month. The pagans were moon worshippers with their own feasts and festivals.

The pivotal point in this puzzle is Hezekiah's sundial around 701 BC.

7. Hezekiah's **sundial miracle** happened about **3300 years AFTER creation**. It's seems as though Yahuah used the sundial event to change the lunar cycle significantly to draw the attention of His people away **from the moon** taking them back to the creation order for the annual count of the Festival Sabbaths according to His "month."
8. In a study of the Scriptural facts, with their dates, we will see: the sundial event was intended to permanently separate Yahuah's feast worship times from the pagan lunar cycle calculations. However, **one event did not change** when the yearly cycle changed from 360 to 365¼ days/year.

THAT EVENT IS THE EQUINOX!

9. The flood account ushered in the earth's agricultural seasons. The moon is agriculturally involved with these seasons.
10. The **equinox is the "one day" focal point each year that marks the last day of Yahuwah's Biblical year** (or the last day of winter in the northern hemisphere).

His New Year begins the day after the equinox – being the first day of the first month of the New Year. The moon has absolutely no involvement in the equinox event the way the earth, sun and stars do. **Light is also involved in the equinox, of which the moon has nothing to offer.**

3300 Years: Creation to Hezekiah

- The moon's cycle for 3300 years was disrupted by the sundial miracle (701 BC).
- This was a **permanent heavenly demarcation** (or a SIGN to Yahuwah's people) that **the moon is not associated with the commencement of His months.**
- Unfortunately the **apostasy** of Yahuwah's people, with regards to worship, was **so deep and severe that:**
 - a. The **northern 10 tribes were completely scattered by Assyria** (721 BC just 5 years after Hezekiah's reformation);
 - b. About **100 years later** (606 BC) the **southern kingdom** tribes were **exiled to Babylon** for 70 years.

Yahuwah's People & Pagan Worship

Upon return to Jerusalem (536 BC), Judah was to leave the pagan ways behind. **Did they? The "so called Jews" of today** (Orthodox/Messianic, etc.) **are still gazing at the moon just as Babylon, Egypt and other pagan nations have been practicing for eons of time.**

Rabbi's attempting to sight the moon through an astronomical telescope.

Again, if a person researches into **THE HEBREW TEXT**, the words – **"new moon,"** as found in our present "received text" Scriptures, **CANNOT BE FOUND.** The words **"new moon," promoting allegiance given to the moon, simply do not exist in the ORIGINAL Hebrew script.**

The words “**NEW MOON**” have been infused into our modern Scriptures. The Masoretic Rabbis saturated their belief patterns into their version of the Scriptures which is where we have received many editions of the Scriptures today.

Main Point of This Study

- Pagan **moon worship crept in early** amongst Yahuwah’s people after Moses died.
- Yahuwah gave them a sign. **Would they recognize the sign** was for them?
- Question: **Will we follow** their moon apostasy, or will we heed the Torah worship guidelines for the Biblical month?
- Challenge: If you are following the lunar cycles to mark “any type of worship” perhaps this study will test your belief system.

**If the moon is not ordained to commence Yahuwah’s worship statutes,
what is the moon’s purpose in the sky?**

Jeremiah 31:35 gives declaration for the two LIGHT-givers: “**Thus saith Yahuwah, which giveth the sun for a light by day and of the stars for a light by night ... Yahuwah of hosts is his name.**”

Jeremiah 31:35 also declares the mandate for the Moon! Yahuwah declares the moon is given for ordinances! Note: **The “tides of the sea” are only one of the moon’s ordinances.**

What are the job descriptions of the moon? Has “mankind” added job descriptions to the moon outside of what the Creator has given? Does the moon have a prominent position which it does not deserve when it comes to observance of holy feasts and festivals?

Does an “Ordinance” of the Moon determine the commencement of appointed Feasts & Festivals (mo`eds)? Let’s examine Ps 104:19.

Ps 104:19 “**He appointed the moon for seasons** [H4150] ...” This verse is often used to place the moon in a position to commence the months and related appointed worship times. Why? Let’s examine the definition of “**seasons.**”

Let's look at *Strong's* H4150 (seasons): 1st Def. of Gen 1 **Seasons** – *Strong's* H4150; **moed`**; ... properly, an [1st def.] **appointment**, i.e. [1st def.] **a fixed time or [2nd def.] season**; specifically, [1st defs.] **a festival**; conventionally a year; by implication, **an assembly** (as convened for a definite purpose); **technically the congregation**; by extension, **the place of meeting**; **also a signal** (as appointed beforehand). **The term moed`**, [1st defined as] **appointment, a festival; an assembly, technically the congregation; the place of meeting**, are rightly understood in the context of appointed festivals in Gen 1:14. **However, the moon does not appoint these festival seasons.**

Another Definition for H4150 (season): 2nd Def. of Psalm 104:19

- **The 2nd definition for H4150 is a season**; rightly understood in the context of the **four seasons of the year**. These seasons are **fixed**; they do not vary.
- One of the **ordinances** of the **moon** is to **maintain these fixed seasons for agricultural purposes** that happen to coincide with the harvests of the appointed festivals.



The Two Definitions of H4150 are NOT Interchangeable!

- When the moon is used to appoint the Biblical month commencement, the festivals are NEVER fixed, as they vary between 1-5 weeks dependent on the arrival of the crescent moon after the equinox.
- **Let's remember Ps 104:19 is not a Torah verse.** Yahuwah appointed the moon for H4150 **agricultural seasons** from spring to winter.
- These seasons are only one ordinance of the moon.

Ordinance of the Harvest Moon:

Deuteronomy 33:14 ... and for the precious things [H4022] put forth by the moon [H3391]. [H4022] – Something valuable; precious fruit [H3391] – Lunation of the moon

Ordinance of the Tides:

The gravitational pull of the moon influences the rise and fall of the tides.

- It also affects soil moisture, plant sap and the water table.

Job's Illustration:

Job 38:8, 10, 11: 8 “or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? 10 ... and set bars and doors, 11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?”

*This word “**season**” must not be defined as pertaining to only festival seasons. Here’s one example:*

Jeremiah 8:7 “Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her **appointed times** [H4150]; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming...”

The Ordinances of the Moon! This word “seasons” can mean:

- 1) festival appointments
- 2) agricultural seasons and
- 3) the stork’s “appointed times.”

- The moon is not allotted to define the timing of the appointed mo-ed` festivals through Moses in the Torah.
- However, remember: the “appointed seasons” do align with the agricultural harvests appointed by the moon.

Ordinances of the **Moon** [H3394] is to **bless the Earth**

Some Ordinances are:

- The Moon Stabilizes the Tidal Activity and Sustains Life in the Ocean:** The gravitational pull causes the tidal flow in the ocean waters establishing a fresh supply of oxygen to the ocean plants and animals.
- The Moon Stabilizes the Earth’s Seasons:** For the advancement of life to plants, animals and mankind, regular stable seasons are absolutely necessary.

Ordinances of the **Moon** [H3394] is also to **Bless Mankind**

Some Ordinances are:

1. **The Moon is for Agricultural Seasons:** This gives mankind yearly harvests of precious produce at the agricultural appointed time.
2. **The Moon is given for Prophetic Utterances:** Eclipses, for instance, are like mileposts in human history, marking off certain dates. We can study events in ancient history because the eclipses have been recorded. The moon is involved in signs for great miracles and prophecy. (Note: the first use of “moon” in the Torah was Joseph’s dream – the moon being part of prophecy, not month-start.)
3. **The Moon is given for Warnings Against “moon” worship:** See Deuteronomy 4:19; 17:3; 2 Kings 23:5; Jereremiah 8:2.
4. **The Moon is given as a Reminder of Creation and our Creator:** See Ps 8:3; Ps 136:9; Ps 148:3.



Because we have been taught that the moon is in charge of the commencement of the Biblical month! We must challenge this concept to see if it is true. There are five (5) different Hebrew words that have been translated as moon or moons! Will any of them appoint the moon for month-start?

Below are the five different Hebrew words with a total of 52 references in the *Strong's* that have been translated as moon or moons:

1. **H3394** = 26 listings <yareach>
This means the actual "**literal moon**" itself. **THIS IS A NOUN.**
2. **H3391** = 2 listings <yerach> This is the root of H3394.
This means the "**lunation cycle**" of the moon-month separate from the Biblical month for calculating the worship statutes. **THIS IS A VERB.**
3. **H3842** = 3 listings <lebanah>
This means the "**color**" of the moon. **THIS IS AN ADJECTIVE.**
4. **H7720** = 1 listing <saharon>
A "**comparison**" of "another object" to the moon.
THIS IS A SIMILE. e.g. [Something] round like the moon.
5. **H2320** = 20 listings <chodesh> **THIS IS AN ACTION WORD [Verb].**
A "**repetitive occurrence**" that can have similarities to H3391.

Total of **52** references.



In this presentation we will focus mainly on H2320 "chodesh" because it has been falsely translated as "**moon**" in 20 cases.

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The first Hebrew word we want to look at is **H3394 "Yareach,"** which means the literal moon. **H3394** is used 26 times in the Bible.

In each and every case "**yareach**" [**H3394**] is correctly translated into the English word "moon." It is never translated as "month" or a derivative of the word "month." It is **important to keep in mind** that the Hebrew word for "moon" is "yareach." It does **NOT** mean Yahuwah's month! Look up the 26 [**H3394**] verses in Scripture and you will find that each verse was properly translated as "moon!"

Taking a Closer Look At #1 H3394 MOON <yareach>

The actual literal moon in the sky. **26 identical** Scriptural references are found in both *Strong's* and *Englishman's*. This part of the study will separate the 26 verses into four different categories.

H3394 MOON <yareach> [**as a Noun**] [*Strong's*] **MOON - H3394** yareach (yaw-ray'-akh); from the same as **H3391**; the **MOON**: KJV – **MOON**. Yerechow [or Jericho]. See **H3405**. **H3391** is the primitive root. H3405 links to Jericho, a city that worshipped the moon.

Caution: Brown-Driver-Brigg's (BDB) does NOT take H3394 back to the original root!

H3394: 26 Verses; 4 Categories

26 references for [H3394](#) are exactly the same in both the *Strong's* and the *Englishman's Concordance*.

(Please read the 26 Scriptures listed so you can verify the claim yourself.)

1. **Prophecy 5 verses:** Has the 1st mention of “moon” in the **Torah** (*Gen 37:9; Psalms 72:5; 72:7; 121:6 and Isaiah 60:19*).
2. **Warning 5 verses:** The 2nd mention of “moon” in the **Torah** (*Deuteronomy 4:19; 17:3; 2 Kings 23:5; Job 26-28 and Jeremiah 8:2*).
3. **Sign 10 verses:** For the 3rd categorical mention of “moon” (now found) in the non-Torah Scriptures, it is used as a “sign” (*Joshua 10:12, 10:13; Job 25:5; Isaiah 13:10; Jeremiah 31:35-36; Ezekiel 32:7; Joel 2:10; 2:31; 3:15; Habakkuk 3:11*).
4. **Creation 6 verses:** The 4th and last categorical mention of “moon” found in the non-Torah Scriptures relates to creation (*Psalms 8:3, 89:37, 136:9, 104:19, 148:3 and Ecclesiastes 12:2*).

Are there any Torah Scriptures Using “moon/moons”?

There are, but **only 3** Scriptures between the *Strong's* and *Englishman's Concordances* that use the word H3394 as the literal “moon” or “moons” in the Torah.

(H3391 – lunation cycle/month is used only once.)

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| 1. Genesis 37:9 [H3394] | 2. Deuteronomy 4:19 [H3394] |
| 3. Deuteronomy 17:3 [H3394] | 4. Deuteronomy 33:14 [H3391] |

We'll begin our examination with H3394, the literal “Yareach” before proceeding to H3391 “Yarach” – the lunation cycle.

Does the first use of the word “Moon H3394” in the Torah have anything to do with the commencement of the month?

Torah Scriptures:

First usage in 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** [H3394] and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

Definition of Usage: [H3394](#); This means the literal moon. The first usage of the word “moon” in Torah has to do with a prophetic utterance (from Joseph).

H3394 for “moon” has nothing to do with the Biblical month.

2nd & 3rd Usage of “Moon H3394” in the Torah

Torah Scriptures

2. Deut 4:19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the MOON, [H3394] and the stars, even all the host of heaven, **shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them**, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

3. Deut 17:2-3 If there be found among you ... that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, **3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or MOON, [H3394] or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;**

Consequence in verse 5: Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, ... and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

Definition of Usage

- Two more usages of H3394; Literal moon.
- The 2nd and 3rd usages of the word “moon” in Torah has to do with **TWO stern warnings to not worship the moon.** Transgression of this covenant was death by stoning.



H3394 for “moon” has nothing to do with the Biblical month.

Non-Torah Usage of “Moon”

Definition of Usage: Josh 10:12-13 has the 1st and 2nd usage of “moon” after Torah.

Non-Torah Scripture:

- **Joshua 10:12** Then spake Joshua to YHVH ... and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, **MOON, [H3394]** in the valley of Ajalon.
- **Joshua 10:13** And the sun stood still, and the **MOON** stayed ... and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

Moon is used as a sign in the sky.

So, where has the problem come from?

King Hezekiah Taught Torah

- All kings and leaders were responsible to know Torah and teach it. [Deuteronomy 17]
- King Hezekiah would have observed the 30 day month like this:
- Count 1-30, then start over – this is considered a repetitive occurrence!

So, what did Hezekiah do with Ps 81:3?

Hezekiah would teach Torah as Authority!

Torah Scripture: Numbers 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn [feast] days, and in the beginnings of your months [H2320], ye shall blow with the trumpets over your ... [offerings & sacrifices].

Non-Torah Scripture: Ps 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon [H2320], in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. [1030 BC]

- The correct Hebrew word number for the literal moon is H3394, not H2320. How do we know? The Torah said so.

Comparing Ps 81:3 to Numbers 10:10

Scripture Facts: [1450 BC] Numbers 10:10 ... in your solemn [feast] days, and in the beginnings of your months [H2320], ye shall blow with the trumpets ...

[1030 BC] Ps 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon month [H2320], in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

Comparison

- Numbers dates at least 450 years before Psalms.
- Numbers is Torah; Psalms is not.
- King David taught according to Torah.
- **Ps 81:3** must come into alignment with **Numbers 10:10**.
- “moon” in Psalms 81 is not from H2320. This word should be translated as “month.”

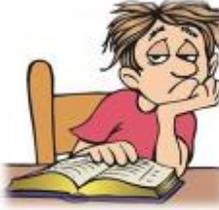
Has there been a deliberate attempt by the 1611 translators to save the new moon?

What about the 1611 KJV Translators?

- The 1611 KJV was completed less than 100 years after Luther.
- The Translators did their best.
- It is very likely they were highly influenced by Jewish traditions – the new moon month being one.
- **The Bible will be accurate with a proper study.**

Isaiah 28:10 **“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.”**

**So, What's
the Point?**



There are 20 key “**feast and festival**” verses in the Old Testament that have been manipulated and tampered with **to lead one to believe** the Feast **Months** really do **begin** with the “**new moon.**”

We must recognize this glaring counterfeit.

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H3394 Final Conclusion <yareach>

- **The very first mention of MOON in the Scriptures** for the word number **H3394** is in Gen 37:9 – a prophecy given through Joseph’s dream.
- Because our Creator is orderly, it is very likely the moon did have a perfect lunar cycle [each month] **from** the 4th day of creation **to** Hezekiah’s sundial event in 701 BC.
- However, there is absolutely no confirmation in either Gen 1, or Gen 37 that the moon is required to declare the beginning of any month.

The H3394 MOON does not commence the Biblical month.



Then we have **H3391** <yerach> as **MOON** (meaning the moon’s lunation cycle). (**ONLY 2** verses in the **Strong’s**.)

Taking a Closer Look at #2 H3391 MOON <yerach>

This means: the cycle or lunation of the moon – labeled as a month.

References Found: Strong’s: 2 and Englishman’s: 13

- **ONLY 2** of the 13 references actually use the word **MOON**.
- **Strong’s** lists this “unused root” as **uncertain!!!**

- **Strong's** has also listed the definition of "**lunation**" before the definition of "**month**" – which must be closely examined.
 - *Brown Driver & Brigg's* is opposite, listing the first definition as "**month.**"
1. [*Strong's*] **MOON** - **H3391** yerach (yeh'-rakh); from an unused root of uncertain signification; **a lunation**, i.e. month: KJV – month [11 times], moon [2 times].
 2. [*BDB*] **H3391** yerach – **a month** (lunar cycle), the **moon** [2 times].
 - a) **a month**
 - b) **a calendar month** [11 times].



A Quick Comparison

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H3391 MOON
<yerach>
is the
primitive root of:
H3392, H3393
and **H3394 MOON**
<yareach>.

- **H3392**: Yerach; name of an Arabian patriarch.
- **H3393**: yerach (*Aramaic*); for 12 months; or Adar the 12th month.
- Note: These last two Hebrew words are connecting to the "moon" family words of <yerach> and <yareach>.

Understanding **H3391**

- **H3391**: is the root word for the set of family words between H3391-H3394.

Note:

1. The definition of the root word is the most important.
2. The 1st definition of **H3391** is: **lunation** [or the cycle] – not "moon" and not "month."
3. "Lunation" is always linked to the "moon."
4. The sun and stars have cycles, but they are not called "lunations."

Understanding "Lunation"

From: *The Heritage Illustrated Dictionary of the English Language*.

- Lunation: The time elapsing between two successive new moons, averaging 29 days, 12 hrs. 44 min., 28 sec. From Latin *luna*, moon. See lunar.

lu-na-tion (lōō-nā'shən) *n.* The time elapsing between two successive new moons, averaging 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, 28 seconds. [Middle English *lunacioun*, from Medieval Latin *lūnātiō*, from Latin *lūna*, moon. See **lunar**.]

Questionable Lunar Cycle Length

- Note the 29 moon phases as given in the picture.
- Today we are told/taught the lunar cycle is 29½ days long.
- There is simply no such identity as a 29.5 day lunar month according to Yahuah.

Neither is there a 30 day lunar month!

Understanding “Lunar”

From: *The Heritage Illustrated Dictionary of the English Language*.

- Lunar: of, involving, caused by, or affecting the moon. Measured by the revolution [cycle] of the moon: *a lunar month*; *a lunar year*. [Then it says:]

See leuk- in Appendix*.

lu-nar (lōō'nər) *adj.* 1. Of, involving, caused by, or affecting the moon. 2. Measured by the revolution of the moon: *a lunar month*; *a lunar year*. 3. Of or relating to silver. [Latin *lūnāris*, from *lūna*, moon. See **leuk-** in Appendix.*]

We'll look at “*leuk*” in a bit.

Next, we need to look at the 1st week of creation.

The 1st Day of Creation Begins Yahuwah's Calendar! The first day of creation is the first day of the week. The first day of creation is the first day of the month and the first day of the year.

30 Days in Yahuwah's Creation Month

1 st Day	2 nd Day	3 rd Day	4 th Day	5 th Day	Prep Day	Sabbath Day
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	1	2	3	4	5

← The 1st day of the 1st month of creation. →
 ← The 1st day of the 2nd 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 8:3** ... 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 ...

Lunation Cycle Given to the Moon at Creation: **The first day of the first Lunar Cycle started at the fourth day of the Creation Week.** The first day of the second Lunar Cycle was exactly 30 days later. **That means that the lunar month was always 3 days behind Yahuwah's month start.**

1 st Day	2 nd Day	3 rd Day	4 th Day	5 th Day	Prep Day	Sabbath Day
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	1	2	3	4	5

Moon's Lunation is Special!

1. The lunation cycle was a special 30 day period created for the "Ordinances of the Moon." (Remember the review of these "ordinances" given with H3394.)
2. There was nothing imperfect about this moon-month.
3. The moon was given specific job descriptions to bless the earth and mankind with agricultural bounties.
4. The moon-month was never to be linked to the commencement of Yahuwah's worship statutes.

Creation Week Has 2 Types of Months

- Remember: Yahuwah is smarter than we are! He knows what He is doing!
 - *That's why He gave mankind and the earth two types of months.*
 1. *The creation month for the commencement of His monthly and yearly worship statutes;*
 2. *The lunar month for the agricultural ordinances to bless the earth and mankind with food & water; seasons for planting & harvesting of the land; tides to bless the seas. (Deuteronomy 33:14)*
- There are two kinds of months in Scripture.
 - Both are true – even today!
 - At creation both could claim: 30 days/creation month & 30 days/lunar-cycle/month.
 - The lunar-month had 30 days/lunation for 3300 years after creation.
 - H3391 is the root word for the moon's lunation cycle beginning on the 4th day of creation.

Who gave “who” “light”? The Creator, is LIGHT! Lucifer means: light, brightness ... The Creator, is the Only One that can give Lucifer his light and brightness.

How do these concepts connect to the Latin word **“leuk”**?

Definition for: “Leuk” [from “lunar”] From: *The Heritage Illustrated Dictionary of the English Language.*

leuk-. Light, brightness. I. Basic form *leuk-.
 1. Suffixed form *leuk-to- in Germanic *liuhtam in Old English *lēoht, liht*, light: LIGHT¹. 2. Latin *lūx*, light: LUCIFER¹, LUCINA, LUCULENT, LUCY, LUX. 3. Suffixed form *leuk-smen- in Latin *lūmen*, light, opening: LIMN, LUMEN, LUMINARY, LUMINOUS; ILLUMINATE. 4. Suffixed form *leuk-snā- in Latin *lūna*, moon: LUNA, LUNA, LUNAR, LUNATE, LUNATIC, LUNE, LUNULA; DEMILUNE, SUB-LUNARY. 5. Suffixed form *leuk-stro- in: a. Latin *lūstrum*, purification: LUSTER, LUSTRUM;

Note: In Latin, “leuk” connects both Lucifer [lux] and Moon [lunar]!

Understanding the “Leuk” Connection to Lucifer: From: *The Heritage Illustrated Dictionary of the English Language.*

Leuk – (comes from the words lunar & lunation) meaning “light” or

“brightness.” In Latin the word “leuk” is *lux*, meaning: Lucifer!

Lucifer and Moon connect through the words: Light Whiteness & Brightness!

Lucifer's Rebellion: Lucifer rebelled, refusing to repent; he was cast out of heaven and became the ruler of darkness of this world and the dark prince of the air. His new serpent names: Satan & Devil. He will never again be an angel of light even though he can make it appear that way (2 Corinthian 11:14).

What does "lunation" & "lunar" have to do with "leuk"?

Understanding "Leuk's" Connection to Lunar! Note: "Leuk" is connected to "lunar" [literal moon] and "lunation" [moon's cycle].

(See slides #77, #79 & #88.)

The MOON has no "light" of its own. The sun gives the moon its brightness. But, the moon does have its own lunar cycle since creation. This cycle was a perfect 30 day length.

"Leuk" Comparisons of Lucifer to the Moon

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Lucifer had no "light."
His light came from
"the Son."



The **MOON** has
no "light."
The moon's light
comes from
the sun.



Is there a
connection
between these
two statements?

Review of "Leuk" Definition! Note the comparisons for Leuk!

❑ **Leuk** - Suffixed form in Old English is light:

1. **In Latin, light = Lucifer.**
2. Suffixed form of *lumen* in Latin = luminous; illuminate.
3. Suffixed form of *luna*, in Latin = moon: lunar, lunate, lunatic, ... etc., etc., etc.!

What does all of this have to do with H3391 “lunation” & H3394 “moon”? Moon = lunar, lunation, *leuk* & [borrowed] brightness. **The MOON is connected to Satan through “darkness.”** Lucifer’s light came from “the Son.” The moon’s light comes from the sun. **Does it sound like the lunar lunation [cycle] has the authority to commence Yahuwah’s months and yearly worship statutes?**

The Lunar Month (a Review)

- The Lunar month was designed for agricultural ordinances.
- However the ordinances of the lunar month were ex-changed by sinful man and substituted for the commencement of pagan worship statutes; giving homage to their moon Elohim.
- After the sundial event [701 BC] the lunation changed from 30 days/month to an average of 28 days/month. [Be sure to do extra research in this area.]
- When H3391 is used ... it is connected to the moon’s original created lunar month of 30 days.
- At creation, both types of months had 30 days each.

Next, we will compare definitions of Hebrew Family Words

- a. **Before H3391** (lunar cycle as a verb) b. **After H3394** (lunar/moon as a noun) c. **Between H3399 & H3405 - Jericho** (the moon worshipping city) Will we find another connection to the lunar/moon and Lucifer?

Definitions of Hebrew Family Words

Before H3391 (lunation)	After H3394 (lunar/moon)	After H3398-H3405
Definitions for H3383-3390 are: 1. Something new 2. New month 3. New crops 4. New peace	Definitions for H3394-3398 add the concept of compassion.	Definitions for this batch of words are: 1. Contention 2. Hurl away 3. Thrown over as Jericho was overcome.
 <p style="color: #8B4513; font-weight: bold;">What is the purpose of this exercise?</p>		

Notice how “*Leuk*” Connects the Family Words

1. **H3391-3394 meanings:** lunation, literal moon, & leuk [leuk = Lucifer. Lucifer & the moon both had borrowed brightness/whiteness].
2. **H3399-3405**

meanings: very contentious & adversarial [like Lucifer] – needing to be thrown over like Jericho.

Similarities between Lucifer & Jericho!

1. **H3391-3394:** The meanings of lunation and the literal moon connect to leuk. Leuk connects to Lucifer – **he was cast down from heaven.**
2. **H3399-3405:** The meanings of contention linking to Jericho, as a contentious adversary & moon worshipping city. Jericho had to be **thrown over before Joshua entered Canaan.**
 - End time Application: Before entering the Heavenly Canaan, all sacred regard for the moon to command worship statutes must be cast down – or placed “under the foot.”

What's Wrong With This Picture?



The “moon” has been cast down! It is “under the foot”! The “moon” is not in charge of calculating the feast days of Yahuwah!

Wiccan's Worship the Moon!

The moon's ordained job description is for special agricultural ordinances to bless the earth and mankind. Pagans have always worshipped the moon! Who has the authority to change Yahuwah's mandate for the moon?

Now that we know ...

- **H3391** has the meaning of the moon's cycle.

- The moon month from creation also started out with 30 days.
- Lunar & lunation connect to the words Lucifer and moon ... we are now ready to examine the next point.
- **Question:** Does **H3391** as the “moon month” ever refer to Yahuwah’s 30 day creation month? Why?

Because the *Englishman’s Concordance* lists H3391 as “month” [rather than moon’s lunation] in a few Torah verses. Let’s examine one of them.

11 Other **H3391** Verses from *Englishman’s*

- *Strong’s* lists only **2 Scriptures** for H3391 using the word moon. (Deuteronomy 33:14; Isa 60:20)
- *Englishman’s* lists the following **11 Scriptures** for H3391 using the word month.
 1. Exodus 2:2 “three months”
 2. Deuteronomy 21:13 “a full month”
 3. 1 Kings 6:37 “month of Zif”
 4. 1 Kings 6:38 “8th month of Bul”
 5. 1 Kings 8:2 “month of Ethanim”
 6. 2 Kings 15:13 “a full month”
 7. Job 3:6 “number of months”
 8. Job 7:3 “months of vanity”
 9. Job 29:2 “as in months past”
 10. Job 39:2 “number the months”
 11. Zechariah 11:8 “in one month”

Scrutinizing Deuteronomy 21:13:

- ❖ **This Torah verse is often used to prove that a lunar month is identical to Yahuwah’s original **H2320 month** for feast worship statutes.**

“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 [H3391**]”**

- When a maiden was taken into captivity she was allowed one month to mourn for her family.
- Captivity could occur on any day of either Yahuwah’s month, or the moon/month.
- It would be easy for the pagan maiden to calculate the full 30 days by following the **H3391** lunar cycle from sliver to sliver; one full moon to the next; or any phase in between. **H3391** is the best choice.

Yahuwah's Regard for the Pagan Captive!

- When Israel raided the pagan nations, taking captive maids, it would be very unusual for the maidens to not already follow the moon.
- Yahuah was very sympathetic to the captured maidens and made provision for them to receive every benefit.
- In this way she could confidently count out her rightful days of mourning and not be subjected to unwanted efforts of her captor, before her allotted time.
- The “counting of moon phases” is what the pagan maidens would have known during the time of capture. This links perfectly with H3391 “lunation” and the context of Deuteronomy 21:13.
- Later, they would learn of Yahuwah's month in the Covenant Calendar.

Are These Scriptures Synonymous?

- Ps 81:3 – Blow the trumpet in the **new moon** ... (H2320)
- Numbers 10:10 – Blow the trumpet **in the beginning of the month**. (H2320)
- Deuteronomy 21:3 – Bewail her family for **a full month**. (H3391)

Do these 3 Scriptures verify the “new moon” is the beginning of Yahuwah's month for a full lunar cycle?

Comparing Numbers 10:10 to Psalm 81:3

- Numbers 10:10: Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months [H2320] ye shall blow with the trumpets ...
- Psalm 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new *moon* month [H2320], in the time appointed on our solemn feast day.

“New moon” & “new month” both appear to be synonyms. Are they?

Comparing Deuteronomy 21:13 to Numbers 10:10

- Deuteronomy 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** [H3391].
- Numbers 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the **beginnings of your months** [H2320] ye shall blow with the trumpets ...

Both H3391 & H2320 appear to be synonyms.

Puzzle Solving Step #1



Psalm 81:3

The wording is given as
“new moon [H2320].”

“~~moon~~” should be “month”
[when translated properly – [more work on this later.](#)]

Num 10:10

The wording is given as
“beginning of your month.”

“month” = H2320



Both Psalm 81 and Num 10 are referring
to the same H2320 “month.”
It is Yahuah’s month that began on the 1st day of creation.
This month has 30 days.

Puzzle Solving Step #2



Deut 21:13

The wording is given as “a
full month [H3391]” for
mourning of captivity.

Both Deut 21 and Num 10 are referring to very different months.

Deut. [captivity] “month” =
H3391 – the lunation month
of Yahuah with roots in
Day 4 of Creation.

Num 10:10

The wording is given as “blow
the trumpet at the **beginning**
of the month [H2320].”

Num. [trumpet] “month” =
H2320 – the “renewing”
month of Yahuah with roots
in Day 1 of Creation.

Deut 21 and Num 10



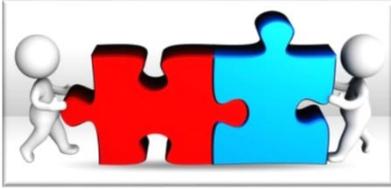
do NOT fit together!!

A Closer Look at Ps 81:3 & Numbers 10:10:

Ps 81:3 & Numbers 10:10 give instructions for when the trumpets are blown. The context is not about one specific time on one specific day! They were to blow the trumpets at these times:

1. On the 1st day of every **new month [H2320]** (for counting worship statutes)

2. At the fullness of the solemn holy feast days – when they are fully come
3. On every feast day in the feast weeks.



Will Psalm 81 and Numbers 10 agree to fit together?

Scrutinizing Psalm 81:3 & Numbers 10:10!

- ✓ Ps 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the **new moon month** [H2320; renewal of 1st day of Yahuwah's month], in the time appointed [H3677; fullness], on our solemn feast day [H2282; every festival]. Ps 81:3 must follow the Torah instructions given by Moses.
- ❖ Numbers 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months [H2320; not H3391], ye shall blow with the trumpets ...

Between Ps 81:3 & Numbers 10:10 there is no mention of H3391. H3391 never qualifies any lunar phase to commence Yahuwah's feast months.

Psalm 81 & Numbers 10 do agree! This puzzle is solved!

H3391 <yerach> as **MOON (ONLY 2 References)**

#1 AN AGRICULTURE REFERENCE to the MOON's Lunation Cycle (an action)

- **Deuteronomy 33:14** And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the **MOON**. [H3391-ordinances of lunation cycle.]

#2 A PROPHETIC REFERENCE TO the MOON's Lunation Cycle (an action)

- **Isa 60:20** Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy **MOON** [H3391] withdraw itself [**moon's lunation cycle**]: for YHVH shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.
- ❖ Note: Between these two verses only one is a Torah reference using "moon." Question: Is the context for Deuteronomy 33:
 - a) the beginning of the month with a lunar cycle?
 - b) The beginning of the month on the 1st day of 30 days?
 - c) or neither?

Isaiah 60:20 will be addressed later in detail.

H3391 Final **Conclusion** <yerach >

- Deuteronomy 33:14 is the very first **H3391** reference that aligns with **a moon/month** of 30 days (as do 11 of the 13 verses).
- For 3300 years the “moon/month” had 30 days in its cycle (which began its commencement on the 4th day of creation week).
- Not one **H3391** moon/month reference gives instruction to commence Yahuwah’s feasts.
- Only 2 references use the word **MOON** instead of **MONTH** referring to the agricultural or prophetic aspect of the **MOON**.
- However, not one of the 13 **H3391** verses lends any support for the Biblical month to commence with any phase of the **MOON** in the sky.

The
H3391
MOON
does not
commence
the
Biblical
month.

H3391 means the actual lunation or “cycle of the moon” in any “moon month.”

Up until the sundial event, the moon month and Yahuwah’s month, both had 30 days. But, they did NOT commence on the same day!

There are no Torah Commands from Moses that instruct us to follow any phase of the moon to determine the beginning of any month. There are no Thora commands to keep the first day of the new month as a holy day, except the first day of the 7th month, called the Day of Blowing!

So, where did this idea come from? It’s ALL Man-made!

Taking a Closer Look at #3 H3842 MOON <lebanah>!

The color or whiteness of the moon. **The moon as white! References Found: *Strong’s*: 3 and *Englishman’s*: 3**

H3842 MOON <lebanah> [as an Adjective]

1. [*Strong’s*] **MOON** - **H3842 lebanah**; from **H3835**; properly, (the) **white**, i.e. the moon: -moon. See also **H3838**.
❖ **Note: Every *Strong’s* number connects to “Whiteness.”**
2. [*BDB*] **H3842 lebanah – the moon (as white).**

Here are the 3 Scriptures for **H3842** <lebanah>:

- **Song of Solomon 6:10** Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair **as the** [white] **moon H3842**, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?
- **Isaiah 24:23** Then **the** [white] **moon H3842** shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when YHVH of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem ...
- **Isaiah 30:26** Moreover the [white] light of **the moon H3842** shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that YHVH bindeth up the breach of his people ...

What is the Conclusion of **H3842** <lebanah>?

The
H3842
 MOON
 color
 cannot
 commence
 the
 Biblical
 month.

- In all three verses, “white or whiteness” – as the “color” of the moon - is the context of the verses.
- **The definition** for **MOON** in these three verses **lends no support** to commence the Biblical month with any **MOON** phase in the sky.

Taking a Closer Look at #4 **H7720 MOON** <saharon>

A simile/comparison of something that is round like the moon. **References Found: Strong’s: 1 and Englishman’s 3**

H7720 MOON <Saharan> [as a Simile]

Definition: **H7720** means the actual “simile comparison of another object” to the moon in the sky.

1. [Strong’s] **MOON - H7720 Saharan**; from the same as **H5469**; a round pendant for the neck: KJV – ornament, round tire like the **MOON**. shav. See **H7723**.
2. [BDB] **H7720 Saharan** – the moon, the crescent (as ornament).

Here are the three verses of **H7720** <saharon>

1. **Judges 8:21** And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away **the ornaments** [**H7720**] that were on their camels' necks.
2. **Judges 8:26** And the weight of the golden earrings ... beside **ornaments** [**H7720**], and collars, and purple raiment ... and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks.

3. **Isaiah 3:18** In that day YHVH will take away the bravery of their **tinkling ornaments** [H5914] about their feet, and their cauls, and their **round tires like the MOON** [H5914].

Isa 3:18 (Note the extra Hebrew definitions that are similar to “roundness.”)

- **tinkling ornaments**; H5914; an anklet
- **cauls**; H7636; [round] netting for the hair
- **round tires like the moon**; H7720; round neck pendant

What is the Conclusion of H7720 <saharon>?

The
H7720
MOON
simile
comparison
cannot
commence
the
Biblical
month.

All definitions compare the “roundness” of ornaments to the “roundness” of the MOON. These verses lend no support to calculate the beginning of the Biblical month with any phase of the MOON in the sky.

It is now time to examine the Hebrew word #H2320 “Chodesh” from the Strong’s Concordance! Be prepared for some surprises!

When using an *Englishman’s Concordance*, for a search of every verse in the Old Testament using H2320 (**chodesh**), you will find **283 hits!** 20 of those hits use the word “moon.” 263 hits in 225 verses use the word “month.” (Note: In several verses, the word “month” can appear from 2-5 times in one verse.)

In the Strong’s Concordance, when you search for “moon” or “moons” you’ll find 20 listings of H2320. Each one is incorrectly translated as either “moon” or “moons.”

Chodesh [H2320] should be translated as “new month.” It should **never** be translated as “new moon.”



Taking a Closer Look

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At #5 H2320 MOON?? <chodesh>

Something that refers to a **repetitive occurrence**.

References Found:

Strong's: only 20

Englishman's:

283!



Seasons are Repetitive

Notice the definition in Strong's that is given for the word "**chodesh**" [H2320] ~ "From 2318; the new moon; by implication a month: month (-ly), new moon." **Question:** Do the words "new moon" belong in Mr Strong's definition? Let's check out H2318.

The Hebrew root word of "**chodesh**" (month in KJV) is "**chadash**" which is H2318 as noted above. "**Chadash**" is translated into English as "**to be new, renew, rebuild, repair**" - hence the term "new month." **Comment:** The term "new moon" is not found in H2318.

So H2320 <chodesh> has a definition that may seem like the most confusing. However, it refers to a "**repetitive occurrence**" of some sort. (Eating, working, praying, etc., are all daily repetitive occurrences.) In the definition of the word "**chodesh**,"

The English word "moon" has been mysteriously included. There is absolutely no evidence of any reference to the word "yareach" (moon) in the Hebrew word "**chodesh**" ([new] month or renewal).

The Hebrew word "**chodesh**" simply means "**month**" (2320) or "**new month/renewal**" (from 2318). As mentioned before, there are 20

instances in the Bible where the word “chodesh” has been erroneously translated into the English language as “new moon”!

For Consideration:

1. Whenever the word “chodesh” is translated as “moon” (instead of month) it is a **gross mistranslation!**
2. **Satan has used this gross error to mislead Judaism and Christianity** with regards to the Truth about Yahweh's calendar and the beginning of His month.
3. **Satan has led people to wrongly focus on the various phases of the moon to determine Yah’s months and His Feast days!**
4. Because of wrong preconceived ideas based on an allegiance to false religion, physical and spiritual **Jews today use a calendar based on pagan premises!**
5. As a result, people are trying to keep Yah’s Feast days according to pagan reckoning.
6. By inserting the word “moon” for the translation of the word “chodesh,” **Satan has deviously focused the attention onto the moon to calculate the months!**

This has led to the calendar being built on a false premise!

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Again, **20 of the 283** references in the Bible have been translated incorrectly with the word “moon(s)” instead of “month(s)” probably because of this “repetitive occurrence” definition. Let’s examine three random examples of the word “chodesh” (*Strong’s H2320*), as it is correctly used in Scripture and had been correctly translated in the remaining 263 references.

“And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month *H2320*: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month *H2320*, were the tops of the mountains seen.” *Gen. 8:5 KJV*

“In the fourteenth day of the first month *H2320* at even is Yahuwah’s Passover.” *Lev. 23:5 RSB*

“In the third month *H2320*, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.” *Exo. 19:1 RSB*

When searching the word “moon” in *Strong’s* ~ the word “moon” is connected to **H2320** <chodesh> 20 times. When searching **H2320** in the *Englishman’s Concordance*, “month” is used 263 times!

We need to find the answer to this confusion: Does **H2320** have the definition of “moon”?? ~ or “month”??

Remember, Strong’s **H2320** says this: (from H2318); the *new moon* ...

- We must pose the question of why Strong’s is inserting the words “the *new moon*” after the root word definition. **H2318** says nothing about a “*new moon*.”
- Or did Mr Strong just follow the wording of the 1611 KJV translation, paying no attention to the root definition of **H2318**?

Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance was published in 1890 – 279 years after the 1611 KJV was published.

Why didn’t Strong’s say the following?

- ❖ (**From H3394**); which means the “literal moon”?

Or: Why didn’t Strong’s say this?

- ❖ (**from H3391**); which he lists
(1st) as lunation [cycle] (2 “moon” Scriptures)
(2nd) as month (11 Scriptures)
(3rd) as moon (only 2 Scriptures)

Either choice of H3394 or H3391 would have been closer to the definition of “new moon” than H2318 will ever be!

SOME ANSWERS ARE:

- The primitive root of **H2320** (chodesh) **is not** H3394 nor H3391.
- H3394 <yareach> and H3391 <yerach> are:
 - 1) family words
 - 2) close in “number sequence”
 - 3) <yareach> and <yerach> are close in “phonetics.”
- **H2320** <chodesh> and **H2318** <chadash> **are not family words** with H3394/3391, nor close in number or phonetics.

Finishing the H2320 Definition

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Now that we know “the new moon” is not part of H2318 and doesn't belong in the H2320 definition, we can move to the last part of H2320s information which is:

H2320 CHODESH (kho'-desh); FROM H2318; [CHADASH (khaw-dash'); a primitive root; TO BE NEW; CAUSATIVELY, TO REBUILD: KJV - renew, repair]

the new moon: by implication, a month: month (-ly) **new moon.**

Question: IF the 1st “new moon” doesn't belong in the definition, what about the 2nd “new moon”?



BY IMPLICATION? Let's look at the Meaning of “Implication”

- by implication (means) insinuation, inference, suggestion, association!
- These are very strong synonyms that do associate the term “month” as being renewed, rebuilt, and restored – or a repetitive occurrence.

In the KJV, there are:

- 9 Verses using H2320 as new “moon” (singular)
- 11 Verses using H2320 as new “moons” (plural)

Therefore, we need to be clear on the Hebrew definitions.

The “month” is implied. That means H2320 is not referring to the rebuilding of “the new moon,” but is implied as first in rebuilding the month!

The Creator's “month”!

H2318 and “Implication”

- ❖ H2320 comes from the root word H2318 which simply means to “renew.”
- ❖ This is exactly what every month does.
- ❖ There is nothing in H2318 that implies the definition refers only to the **new moon** or that it should have 1st place in the definition.

The idea that “month” has to mean “moon” because of the words “rebuild, renew and repair” **is a traditional teaching that has been handed down to us from the “moon gazers.”**

Who would adopt such a pagan teaching except the apostate Jewish Rabbi moon-gazers themselves?

Which Scripture Has Authority?

Torah Scripture	Non-Torah Scripture
<p>Num 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn [feast] days, and in the beginnings of your months [H2320], ye shall blow with the trumpets over your ... [offerings & sacrifices].</p>	<p>Ps 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon [H2320], in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. [1030 BC]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The correct Hebrew word number for the literal moon is H3394, not H2320. How do we know?

The Torah said so! This will be evident when we closely examine H2320 “Chodesh” in this presentation!

20 Questionable Scriptures: H2320 <chodesh> H3394 <yareach>

Investigating what is True & What is False! **Why are 7% (or 20 verses) of the H2320 Scriptures translated as “new moon(s)” [H3394] instead of “new month(s)” [H2320]?**

Moses’ Use of “moon” in Torah! The word “moon” is used only 4 times in the Books of Moses. (Review)

Moon [H3394]:

Genesis 37:9 And he [Joseph] dreamed yet another dream ... and, behold, the sun and the moon [H3394] and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. (Moon as prophetic sign.) (2 Warnings to NOT worship the Moon.)

Deuteronomy 4:19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon [H3394], and the stars, even

all the host of heaven, shouldst be driven to worship them, and serve them ...

Deuteronomy 17:3 And hath gone and served other Elohim, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon [H3394], or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded.

Moon [H3391]

Deuteronomy 33:14 And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon [H3391].
(Moon given for ordinances.)

Not once does Moses designate any phase of the moon to commence the month. That is a Law of Moses!

Counsel from Moses 1450 BC

- For about 400 years after Moses the people were led by prophets and judges.
- Prophets taught; judges counseled until the people clamored for a king.
- Moses gave instructions for all future kings including worship statutes regarding Yahuwah's calendar.
- Did these instructions include the "new moon" as the marker for the "new month"?

Moses gave explicit instructions

Torah Instructions for Leaders in Deuteronomy 17

Every "king" of Yahuwah's people were to make a copy of Torah, read it, govern/judge by it - never departing from its Words.

14 When you come to the land which Yahuwah your Elohim is giving you ... and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,'

15 you shall surely set a king over you whom YHVH your Elohim chooses ...

18 Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book ... [obtained from the Levitical priests]

19 And it [Torah] shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear YHVH his Elohim and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,

20 ... that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom ... NKJV

20 Non-Torah Controversial Verses

In this section we are going to address the 20 controversial verses in non-Torah Old Testament books that promote the “new moon” ...

1. as the commencement of the Biblical month
2. as being affiliated with the weekly Sabbath and annual festivals.

We’ll examine approximately 1000 years of history for these non-Torah verses in accordance with the leadership of:

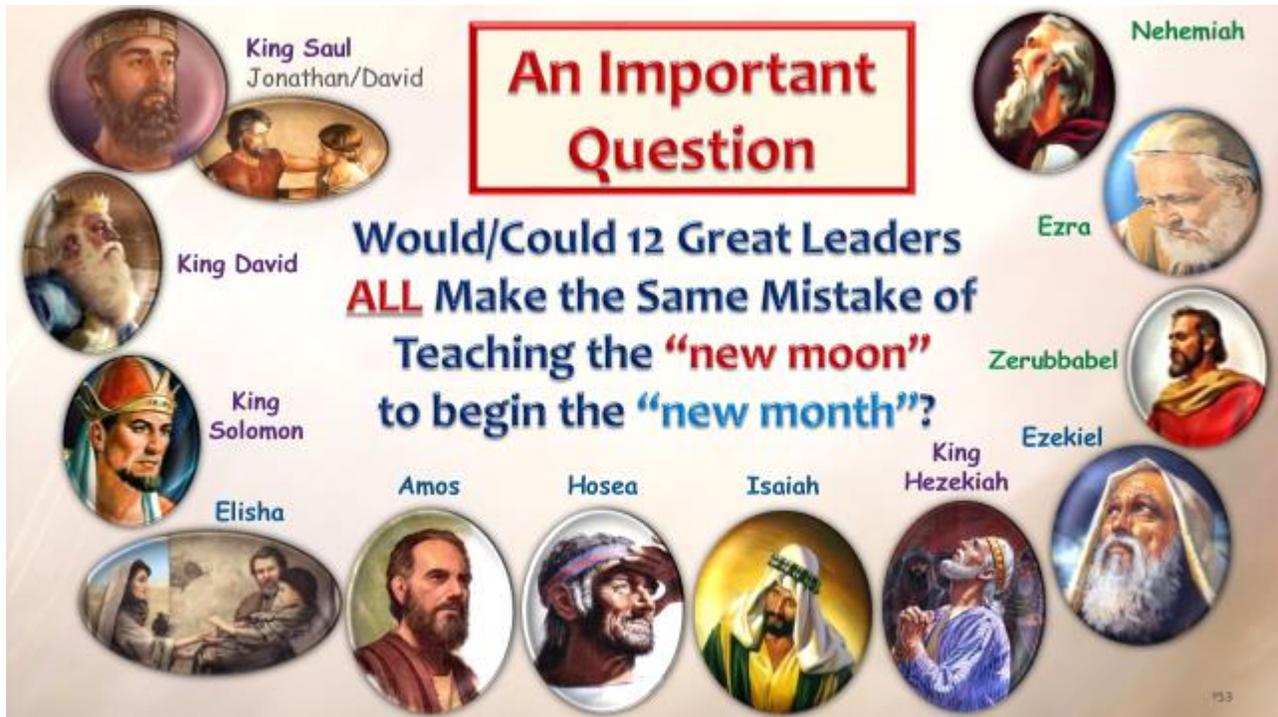
1. 4 Kings (Saul, David, Solomon, Hezekiah)
2. 5 Prophets (Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Ezekiel)
3. 3 Prominent Leaders (Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah)
 - Moses gave specific instructions to all future kings, prophets and leaders for every worship statute on Yahuwah’s calendar.
 - Questions: Did these leaders teach according to the “Laws of Moses”? Did these instructions include the “new moon” as the marker for the “new month”?

Moses said: “After I die, you will worship other Elohim that are strictly forbidden.”



Leaders, Dates & “new moon” Verses

1062-895 BC	787-726 BC	701 BC	574-445 BC
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. King Saul [1062 BC] 1 Sam 20:5; 20:18; 20:24 2. King David [1030 BC] Psalm 81:3 3. King Solomon [1017-1004 BC] 1 Chron 23:31; 2 Chron 2:4; 8:13 4. Elisha [895 BC] 2 Kings 4:23 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Amos [787 BC] Amos 8:5 6. Hosea [785 BC] Hosea 2:11 7. Isaiah [760 & 698 BC] Isa 1:13, 14; Isa 66:23 8. King Hezekiah [726 BC] 2 Chron 31:3 	S U N D A I L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Ezekiel [574 BC] Ezekiel 45:17; 46:1, 3, 6 10. Zerubbabel [538-516 BC] Ezra 3:5 11. Ezra [458 BC] Ezra 7:1, 5, 6, 10; Neh 8:1-3, 9 12. Nehemiah [445 BC] Neh 10:33



It's time to do some research! We will next examine the 20 non-Torah verses associated with these leaders. Did they follow the "Laws of Moses" or not?

1062 BC King Saul (with Jonathan & David)

- ❑ **1 Sam 20:5** And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the **new moon month** [H2320], and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.
- ❑ **1 Sam 20:18** Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the **new moon month** [H2320]: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.
- ❑ **1 Sam 20:24** So David hid himself in the field: and when the **new moon month** [H2320] was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

Nowhere in Torah does Moses command the "new moon" to be observed.

1030 BC King David (A Man after Yahuwah's Heart) Both Moses & King David were men of Yahuah. **King David** followed the "Laws of Moses." Therefore, he would have honored Yahuwah's "month" according to the creation week, as recorded by Moses.

Because **Numbers 10:10** says to “blow the trumpet in the new month,” [H2320], King David would have written Psalms 81:3 like this:

- ❑ Blow up the trumpet in the **new MOON month** [H2320], in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

Nowhere in Torah does Moses command the trumpet to be blown in the “new moon.”

1015 BC King Solomon (Instructed by King David)

Solomon is made king by David in 1 Chronicles 23:1, then these instructions follow:

1 Chronicles 23:31 And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto Yahuwah in the Sabbaths, in the **new MOONS months** [H2320], and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before Yahuwah:

Nowhere in Torah does Moses give instructions for sacrifices on the “new moons”!

1015-1014 BC King Solomon (the Wisest Man)

King David reminds **King Solomon** of these instructions: **1 Kings 2:3** ... keep the charge of Yahuwah your Elohim: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses ... *NKJV*

Solomon’s kingdom was well organized with “chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, **which came in and went out month by month** [H2320] throughout **all the months of the year**, of every course were twenty and four thousand.”

See 1
Chron
27:1-15
Solomon
names 12
captains
for each
year!

Nowhere in Torah does Moses make provision for 13 “moon” months in a year.

1015 BC King Solomon (Follows David’s Words)
Below is the 3rd of 4 witnesses from King Solomon supporting the “new month [H2320]” as given in Hebrew.

2 Chronicles 2:4 Behold, I build an house to the name of Yahuwah my Elohim, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet

incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, and on the **new MOONS months** [H2320], and on the solemn feasts of Yahuwah our Elohim. This is an ordinance forever to Israel.

Solomon did not honor any “new moon.” Hebrew does not use H3394.

1004 BC King Solomon (Regards Worship Statutes)

2 Chronicles 8:13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the Sabbaths, and on the **new MOONS months** [H2320], and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

This event is 9 years after 1 Chronicles 23:31. **Solomon still follows the Torah commands for offerings on the new month** [H2320].

895 BC Elisha (and the Shunammite Woman)

The Shunammite woman knew Elisha was a great prophet according to the testimony in:

2 Kings 4:22 And she called unto her husband, and said ... that I may run to [Elisha] **the man of Elohim**.

2 Kings 4:23 And he [husband of the Shunammite woman] said, wherefore wilt thou go to him [Elisha] to day? it is neither [the] **new MOON month** [H2320], nor Sabbath.

Timeframe: 550 years after Moses. Hebrew does not use H3394 for “moon.”

Elisha trained under Elijah; both were great men of Yahuwah.

787 BC Amos (Deals with Apostate Israel)

Yahuah tells Amos that Israel will long for the **NEW MOONS** and **SABBATHS** to be over to follow their pagan ways and immorality. They were led away by false Elohim [Amos 2:4], most likely honored on the day of the new moon.

Amos 8:5 Saying, When will the **new MOON month** [H2320], be gone, that we may sell corn? and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

Israel is admitting to their apostasy. Were they celebrating the H3394 “new moon” instead of the H2320 “new month”?

660 years after Moses, Amos is faced with Israel's apostasy of the pagan "new moons."

785 BC Hosea (Deals with Apostate Israel)



Hosea
Also Has a
Warning
About
Worship
Celebrations

- Yahuah gives Hosea counsel for Israel about 84 years before Hezekiah's sundial miracle.
- There is definitely a huge problem with apostasy in Israel.
- Will Yahuah's people heed Hosea's warning about her new moons?

• Hosea 2:11 I [Yahweh] will also cause all her mirth [joy] to cease, her feast days, her **NEW MOONS** [H2320], and her Sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

In Hosea 2:11 "her new moons" have nothing to do with the Laws of Moses.

- Hosea 2:11 I [Yahuwah] will also cause all her mirth [joy] to cease, her feast days, her **NEW MOONS MONTHS** [H2320], and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

760 BC Isaiah (Deals with Apostate Israel)

Only 25 years after the writings of Hosea, Isaiah gives another warning about the apostasy of Israel before they were taken into captivity by Assyria. However, they kept running after the pagans with regard to their worship, ignoring the covenant commands of Yahuwah including the 30 day month.

As you will note on the next slide, verse 14 says very emphatically Your **NEW MOONS MONTHS** [H2320] and your appointed feasts in comparison to Hosea's wording of: her **NEW MOONS MONTHS** [H2320 – not H3394], and her Sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

Isa 1:13-14 should have been translated as Your **NEW MONTHS**.

Even so, it does not matter if the verse said **NEW MOONS** or **NEW MONTHS** – the point is – neither their MOON nor MONTH was sacred and

did not belong to Yahuwah for it was all reckoned according to paganism and moon worship.

Isaiah's record is very worthy of careful notice.

Isaiah 1:13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the **NEW MOONS MONTHS** [H2320] and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies,

I cannot away with; **it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.** (760 BC)

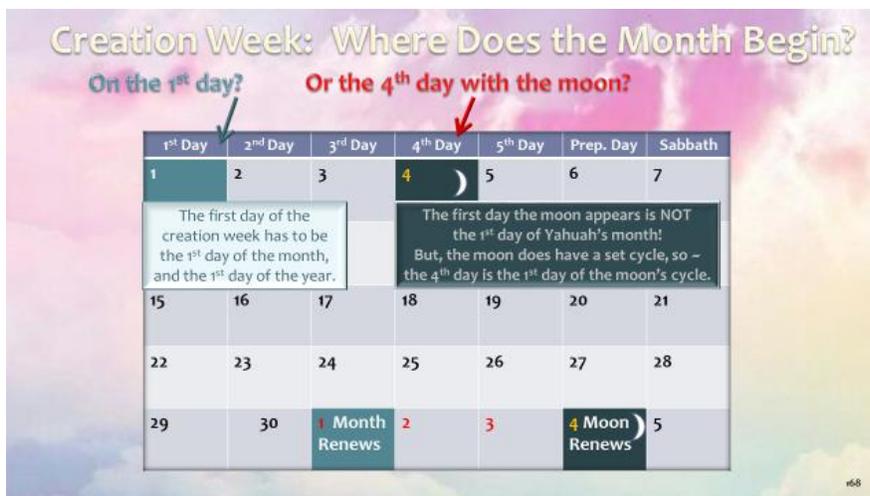
Isaiah 1:14 Your NEW MOONS MONTHS [H2320] and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: **they are a trouble unto me;** I am weary to bear them.

Question: Is it not interesting that the real problem of calculating the “pagan months” is actually called “new moons” in Isa 1:14? Did the KJV translators know it was the apostate “appointed feasts” that were fixed to the “new moons?”

Isa 1:14 is quite an incredible verse. It should say NEW MONTHS, which are the “new months” according to how the pagans calculated their pagan festivals.

Yahuwah's “appointed times” were never fixed to the “new moons.”

Which came first? The New Month? OR The New Moon?



If the Pagans looked to the Moon for their Calculations, they were on a Different Month ~ not the Creation Month! Yahuwah's people were following this pagan style of “reckoning the month.” Who still holds tenaciously to

this teaching today?

726 BC King Hezekiah (Reformation & Restoration)

- All kings and leaders were responsible to know Torah and teach it. [Deuteronomy 17]

King Hezekiah would have observed the 30 day month like this:

- Count 1-30, then start over – a repetitive occurrence!
- In 726 BC, Hezekiah invited Israel & Judah to celebrate the Passover in the 2nd month. (Priests were not sanctified for the 1st month.)
- The heathen altars in Jerusalem were destroyed.
- A 2nd Passover was a grand reformation and restoration.
- There was a massive campaign against all idol worship.
- Hezekiah absolutely followed the Torah guidelines for celebrations of Sabbaths, Appointed Times, and New Months. Hezekiah followed Torah guidelines to determine the NEW month.

2 Chronicles 31:3 “He [King Hezekiah] appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the **Sabbaths**, and for the **new MOONS months [H2320]**, and for the **set feasts**, as it is written in the law of Yahuwah.” [H2320] should be translated as **new months**. **Yahuwah’s King would NOT have been following the pagan new moon!**

701 BC King Hezekiah’s Sundial Miracle



It is
extremely
important!

No Other Bible Testimony is Recorded 3 Times

- **2 Chron 32:24** In those days **Hezekiah** was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: ... and he gave him a sign.
- **2 Kings 20:9-11** ... shall the shadow go forth ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?
10 And **Hezekiah answered**, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but **let the shadow return backward ten degrees**.
11 And ... he brought the shadow ten degrees backward ...
- **Isa 38:7-8** And **this shall be a sign unto thee** ...
8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees ... ten degrees backward ...

701 BC Sundial's Lunar Cycle Consequences

1. The yearly cycle was changed from 360 days to 365 days in a year.
2. The length of the moon's lunar cycle from the 4th day of creation was changed from 30 days in a cycle to 28-29½ days in a cycle. The moon month is now very distinct from Yahuwah's month.
3. It took the pagan nations 50-75 years to adjust the unstable calendar eventually adding 5+ days to the end of the 360th day.

Did Yahuwah's people turn their eyes away from following the new moons?

History Between 701 BC to 606 BC ... then to 538 BC

701 BC

SUNDIAL

606 BC

Judah was exiled about 100 years after Israel was scattered by Assyria for refusing to follow Torah commands despite the teachings of Kings and Prophets. But, pagan Babylon was following the moon month as well. An exile of 70 years affected Judah.

596 BC

Ezekiel was also exiled to Babylon, as Levite and a priest. While Daniel resided in the court of the king, Ezekiel lived among the exiles from Judah. He was called a prophet, teacher and counselor for Yahuah. Would Judah return to Yahuah's Covenant Calendar under his leadership?

538 BC

Judah returns under Zerubbabel, Ezra & Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem and their land. These three great leaders were commissioned to bring Judah into full alignment with all the statutes and judgments, including the Covenant Calendar. Were they successful?

574 BC Ezekiel (A Levite, Prophet & Priest of Torah)

- Ezekiel would have taught the strict laws of the Torah for the observance of the feasts, Sabbath(s) **and the new month requirements.**
- His instructions in the next two passages were for services to be conducted in the new temple at Jerusalem, after the return of the exiles from Babylon. However, this temple was never built.
- The following passages are well after Hezekiah's sundial miracle and about 38 years before the first exiles returned to Jerusalem.

Ezekiel Had Authority to Teach the Covenant Instructions Correctly

574 BC Ezekiel (Will his prophecy follow the Torah?)

Would Ezekiel's prophecy follow the words of the 1611 translation for the Hebrew term of Chodesh **H2320**?

Ezekiel 45:17 And it shall be the prince's part to give ... offerings ... in the **feasts**, and in the **NEW MOONS** [**H2320**], and in the **sabbaths** ...should be NEW MONTHS

Ezekiel 46:1 Thus saith YHVH your ELOHIM; ... on the **sabbath** it shall be opened, and in the day of the **NEW MOON** [**H2320**] it shall be opened, SHOULD BE NEW MONTH

Ezekiel 46:3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship ... before Yahuwah in the **Sabbaths** and in the **NEW MOONS** [**H2320**], SHOULD BE NEW MONTHS

Ezekiel 46:6 And in the day of the **NEW MOON** [**H2320**] ... SHOULD BE NEW MONTH

Notice the KJV 1611 translation does not give recognition to Yahuwah's "new month."

Ezekiel's Temple was Never Built to Provide a Witness for a New Moon Day. SHOULD BE NEW MONTH!

538-516 BC Zerubbabel (1st Return of Babylonian Exiles)

Chapters 1-6 record the history of Zerubbabel 60 years before Ezra arrives with the 2nd group of exiles.

Ezra 3:2 Then stood up Jeshua ... and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel ... and builded the altar of the Elohim of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, **as it is written in the law of Moses** the man of Elohim. Ezra tells us how the Law of Moses is still first priority almost 1000 years later.

538-516 BC Zerubbabel (1st Return of Babylonian Exiles)

Ezra recorded exactly what Zerubbabel did "**as it is written in the law of Moses.**"

Is it possible that Ezra would have written verse 5 this way?

Ezra 3:5 And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the **new MOONS month** [**H2320**], and of **all the set feasts** of YHVH that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto YHVH.

Again - the KJV 1611 translators do not give recognition to Yahuwah's **H2320 "new month."**

follow the pagan "new moon"!

458 BC Ezra (2nd Return of Babylonian Exiles)

Who Was Ezra? Ezra led the second group of captives to Jerusalem about 80 years after Zerubbabel. He was an Aaronic Priest, Skilled Scribe & Teacher of the Law of Moses! (See Ezra 7:1, 5, 6 & 10; 8:1-3, 9.)

Between the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, Ezra is called a priest 8 times and a [skilled] scribe 7 times. This confirms his well-qualified credentials. Yahuwah made sure Ezra's credentials were the best for another reformation & restoration in Judah!

Ezra was a strong leader! Ezra 7:10 For Ezra [a skilled scribe and Aaronic priest] had prepared his heart to seek the law of YHVH, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Ezra taught the statutes and ordinances to Israel along with Nehemiah and the Levites according to Yahuwah's Everlasting Covenant. Ezra would never have written anything about "new moons" nor taught the people such things!

Who earns your trust? Ezra or the 1611 Translators?

- We must recognize that Yahuwah was watching over the leaders of the His people – especially through His prophets:
Amos, Hosea, Hezekiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Ezra, Nehemiah.
- **Ezra** (and others) as priests, scribes, kings and prophets were instructed and accountable to teach Torah truths.
- Therefore, their actions and instructions must default back to teaching the Creator's Biblical 30 day month according to **H2320** <chodesh>.
- Or, do you think **it's more likely the translators** [influenced by Jewish tradition] **interpreted H2320 incorrectly** using the inaccurate words of "new moons" rather than "new months"?

446-434 BC Nehemiah (3rd Return with Exiles)

- **Date of Event**: About 10+ years after Ezra returned with the second set of exiles.
- Under Nehemiah's guidance, the people had confessed and repented for their sins with the pagan nations. (Neh 9)

- On his 2nd return to Jerusalem after 12 years, he found **the people had fallen back into their evil ways** – even conducting business on Sabbath.
- **Nehemiah** instructed the Levitical priests to implement the observance of the Law of Moses. **Is there proof?**

Nehemiah led out in another campaign for reformation and restoration!

Nehemiah 10:33 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the **Sabbaths**, of the **new MOONS months** [H2320], for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our Elohim.

☐ [H2320] must be translated as **new months**.

- Reminder: Moses' Laws do not say anything about observing the **“new moon.”**
- Nehemiah taught the people the same laws as Ezra did.
- This was another reminder so the people would not repeat their backsliding patterns.

Nehemiah's efforts are the final witness in the Old Testament for observing the Covenant Worship Statutes.

It's time for a decision! Is it possible these 12 great leaders would not have followed the “Laws of Moses”?

Or is it possible: There are some things that could have happened with the 1611 KJV translation to cause such a problem in only 7% of the Scriptures establishing the “new moon” over the “new month”?



There are two possibilities for how the term “new moon” was inserted into the text rather than “new month.”



1. The translators **ignorantly** made a mistake by following the Jewish traditions of the “new moon.”
2. The translators **deliberately** erred causing allegiance and sacred regard to be given to the moon for the month start.

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Now, we still have a question to be answered! Why are only 7% of the KEY verses incorrectly translated as “moon(s)” when the proper translated term would be “month(s)”?

The prophet Isaiah in Chapter 47:13 talks about the “monthly prognosticators.” Let’s examine that term!

Isaiah 47:13 KJV

Thou [Babylon] art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels.
 Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the
 monthly [H2320] prognosticators [H3045],
 stand up, and save thee
 from these things that shall come upon thee.

Monthly here [as H2320] is translated correctly!

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The meaning of **monthly [H2320] prognosticators [H3045]**: Those that ascertain by “seeing.” Or: Every month the astrologers are gazing at the heavenly bodies. Is the KJV the best translation?

Other Translations of Isaiah 47:13

#1 English Standard Version

You [Babylon] are wearied with your many counsels; let them stand forth and save you, those who divide the heavens, who gaze at the stars, who at the **NEW MOONS** make known what shall come upon you.

#2 New American Standard

... Those who prophesy by the stars, those who predict by the **NEW MOONS** ...

#3 International Standard Version

... those who conjure the heavens and gaze at the stars, predicting at **the NEW MOONS** ...

#4 Jubilee Bible 2000

... Let now those that contemplate the heavens, those that speculate regarding the stars, those that teach the courses of the **MOON**...

#5 Darby Bible Translation

... Let now the interpreters of the heavens, the observers of the stars, who predict according to the **NEW MOONS**

#6 New World Translation

... the lookers at the stars, those giving out knowledge at the **NEW MOONS ...**

#7 Revised Standard Version

... who gaze at the stars, who at **the NEW MOONS** predict what shall befall you.

#8 Common English Bible

... let the astrologers stand up and save you, those who gaze at the stars, and predict what will happen to you at **each NEW MOON**.

#9 Lexham English Bible

You struggle with your many consultations; let them stand, now, and save you - those who see the stars, divide *the celestial sphere*, **who inform by NEW MOONS** - from *those things* that are coming upon you.

#10 New Century Version

... those who tell the future by looking at the stars **and the NEW MOONS**.

Let's check out what other Bible Commentators have to say about these monthly prognosticators!

Isaiah 47:13 ~ Barnes' Notes

The thing referred to in the passage before us, and which **was practiced in Babylon**, was, probably, that of forecasting future events, or telling what would occur by the observation of the positions of the heavenly bodies.

[The star-gazers] Those who endeavor to tell what will occur by the contemplation of the relative positions of the stars.

[The monthly prognosticators] **'That give knowledge concerning the months.'** That is, at the commencement of the months they give knowledge of what events might be expected to occur during the month; perhaps from the dip of the moon, or it's riding high or low, etc. ... **This whole passage would have been more literally and better translated by preserving the order of the Hebrew.**

'Let them stand up now and save thee, who are astrologers; who gaze upon the stars, and who make known at **the new moons** what things will come upon thee.'

Isaiah 47:13 ~ Jamieson, Fausset & Brown

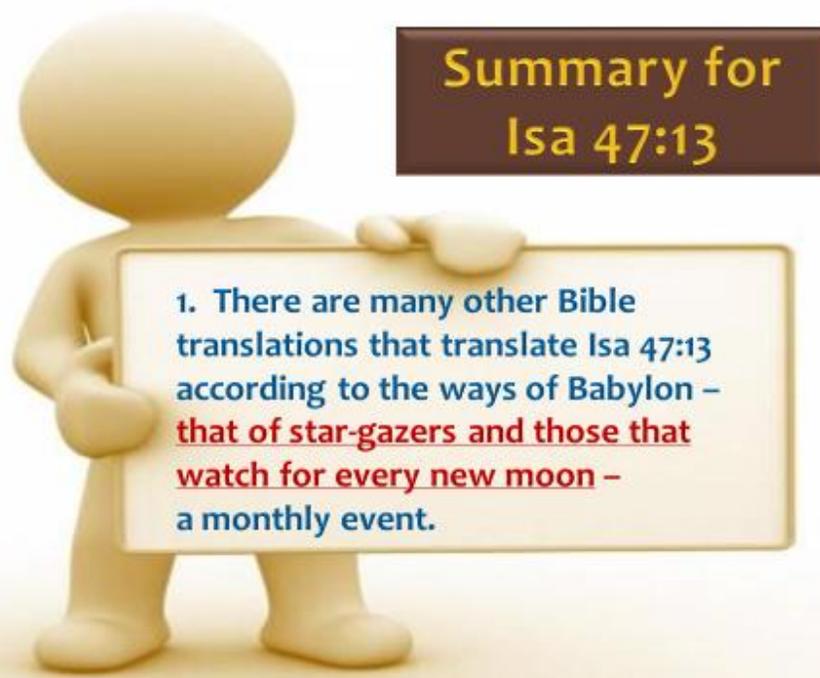
Let ... **the monthly prognosticators** ... save thee from (these things) that shall come upon thee - **those who at each new moon profess to tell thereby what is about to happen.**

Maurer joins, not as the English version, 'Let them that give knowledge **concerning the months** (margin) save thee from those things that shall come upon thee; **but,** 'They that **at new moons make known part of the things that shall come upon thee,** let them (also) save thee (from them).' If they can foretell calamities, they ought also to be able to save from them; because both are the work of Elohim.

Isaiah 47:13 ~ Keil & Delitzsch

to look with pleasure or with interest at anything; hence Luther has rendered it correctly, die Sterngucker (Eng. ver. star-gazers).

They [Babylon's star-gazers] **are described still further as those who make known with every new moon,** ... things which, ... is used in a partitive sense: **out of the great mass of events they select the most important, and prepare a calendar or almanac ... for the state every month.**



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2. There are several other Bible **Commentaries** that also interpret **Isaiah 47:13** according to what was really happening in Babylon.

3. Because the translators for the KJV used the term the “**monthly prognosticators**,” rather than “**those who predict by the new moons**,” did they actually remove important context from this verse?

Yes, the word **monthly** is **H2320** meaning a “**repetitive occurrence**.”

4. This ONE verse wasn’t tampered with at all!

Here **H2320** could have been **incorrectly** translated as “**new moon**” (as the other 20 verses were) ... AND

A mistranslation of the verse would still have been in alignment with the truth of the pagan cultures and their worship practices!

Yet, this verse was left untouched! WNY?

So, what’s the point?

There are 20 key “**feast and festival**” **verses** in the Old Testament that have been manipulated and tampered with **to lead one to believe** the Feast Months really do begin with the “**new moon**.”

We must recognize this glaring counterfeit. Non-Torah Verses must be in alignment with Torah Truths.



Comparing Psalm 81:3 to Numbers 10:10

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	Scripture Facts	Comparison
R E V I E W	<p>[1450 BC] Num 10:10 ... in your solemn [feast] days, and in the beginnings of your months [H2320], ye shall blow with the trumpets ...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Book of Numbers dates at least 450 years before Psalms.▪ Numbers is Torah; Psalms is not.▪ King David taught according to Torah.▪ Psalm 81:3 must come into alignment with Numbers 10:10.▪ “moon” in Psalm 81 is not H2320. This word should be translated as “month.”
	<p>[1030 BC] Ps 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon month [H2320], in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.</p>	

Remember the question: Has there been a deliberate attempt by the 1611 translators to save the new moon?

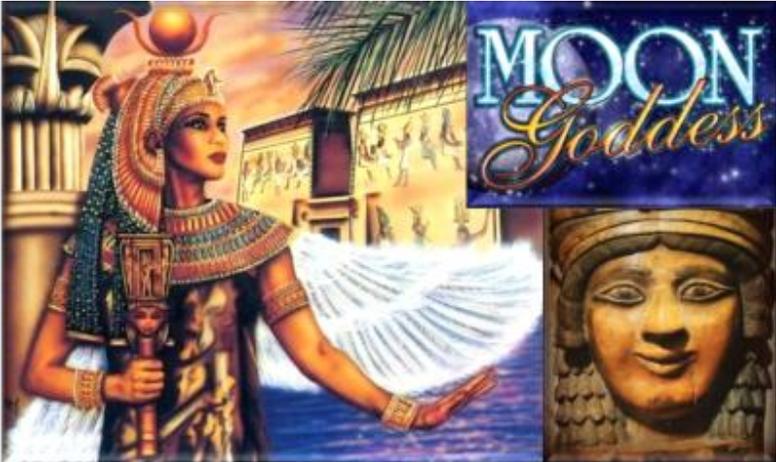
- Remembering the 1611 KJV Translators! The 1611 KJV was completed less than 100 years after Luther.
- The translators did their best.
- It’s likely they were highly influenced by Jewish traditions – the new moon month being one of them.

- Remember: The Bible will be accurate with a proper study.

Isaiah 28:10 “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.”

There are NO New Moons for Yahuwah’s Months! This error has been accepted as a truth likely because most people just examined 20 verses. Many are set in the context of Sabbaths, new moons, and Feasts and Festivals. And ... they are ALL non-Torah verses! As mentioned before 20 verses represent only 7% of the 283 references that must be searched out.

Question: If the translators would have translated H2320 as “new month” instead of “new moon” would that have made a difference in understanding the commencement of Yahuwah’s Biblical month today? There should be NO question about that!

	
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	<p>Ever Wonder about the Roots of Moon Worship? No wonder Yahweh said not to give sacred regard to the moon!</p>

Egyptian Calendar History

- In the 7th century B.C. many civilizations discarded the 360 day calendar that was in use for 1000’s years.
- The addition of 5 extra days to the calendar changed the month start.

- Priests were assigned the duty of sighting the new moon for month start, a practice also observed by Babylonians **and** the Hebrews.

Egyptian Day & Month Start

- **Egyptians began their day with sunrise and the new month began with the disappearance of the old moon just before dawn.**
- Their civil calendar was 360 days with an additional 5 days grouped together at the end of the year.
- **The lunar calendar followed the moon cycles to regulate religious affairs.**
- The lunar calendar also corresponded with the seasons.

Egyptian Moon Elohimdess: Isis

Babylonian Calendar History

- 5000 years ago, Sumerians had a calendar that divided the year into 30-day months. [360 day year]
- **The months began at the first visibility of the new moon.**
- In time, they found a calendar using the luni-solar cycle of over 19 years, with 7 intercalations [as the Jews do today].
- **The months were truly lunar. The “new moon day” began at sunset when the new moon was first visible.**

The Babylonian Moon Elohimdess: Ishtar

Jewish History of Moon Worship

1st day of the 7th month! **Many watch for the crescent moon to establish the 1st day of the 7th month as the Feast of Trumpets.**

Jewish calendar History

- It is not known how the lunar year of 354 days was adjusted to the solar year of 365 days. **Why?**
- **The Scriptures do not mention a 13th month, nor intercalation – a system straight from Babylon.**
- **From 587 BC to 70 AD the Jewish civil year was Babylonian except for a short time under Greece.**
- **The commencement of the month was determined by the observation of the crescent new moon.**

Jewish calendar is Luni-solar

- By 200 AD visual observation of the moon was supplanted by secret astronomical calculation.

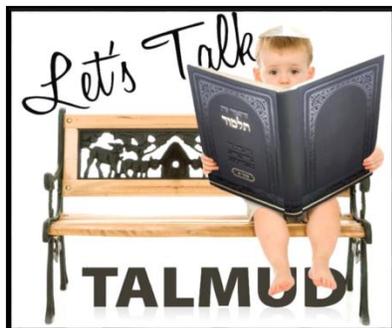
- 8th Century AD: Karaites follow Muslim practice and return to the actual observation of the crescent moon, instead of some secret calculations.
- Much is also determined according to the Talmud.
- The Luni-solar calendar (and its Metonic cycle) forms the basis for the computation of the date of Easter each year.

The Jewish calendar is not Scriptural.

Who Muddled With the Divine Calendar? Answer: The ones who were to preserve it!

We have Zero Scriptural Permission!

- Again, consider this website quote:
https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Hebrew_Roots/New_Moon
- **“There is zero scriptural evidence for sighting new moons to determine the beginning of new months. It is based 100% on teachings within the Talmud.”**
- **The ancient [pagan] Greeks** recognized the visible new moon as the beginning of the month when they celebrated the “sickle of the new moon” with offerings and meals. This was also the case with the ancient Babylonians who worshipped the new moon as the Elohimdess Isis, and had her wearing a horns, which resembled the new moon.” (TDNT, vol. 4, p. 639.)



The Talmud Has NO Authority Over “the” Scriptures! Who’s Responsible for Upholding the Moon? When you read all these quotes from the Rabbis under the given website, you will notice that starting the month with the sighting of **the moon has no Scriptural authority.**

1) Quotes for Month Commencement

1. “[T]he **new moon** began when the thin crescent of the new moon was first visible at sunset.” (Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, vol. 1, p. 266)
2. **“The ancient [pagan] Greeks** recognized the visible new moon as the beginning of the month when they celebrated the “sickle of the new moon” with offerings and meals.

This was also the case with the ancient Babylonians who worshipped **the new moon as the Elohimdess Isis**, and had her wearing horns, which resembled the new moon.”

(Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, vol. 4, p. 639.)

3. “[T]he ancient Jewish calendar depended not on mathematical calculations and arrangements, but was set from month to month according to the physical appearance of the new moon.”
(The Pharisees, by Louis Finkelstein, p. 601, Jewish Publication Society, 1938, Philadelphia; based on Talmudic literature.)
4. “In old Israel the new moon - the day after the crescent was first sighted in the sky - was celebrated by sacrifices and feasting ...”
(Judaism, by George Foot Moore, professor of the history of religion, Harvard, vol. 2, p. 22, **based on talmudic literature.**)
5. “**Rosh Chodesh** [is the] Hebrew term meaning ‘the beginning of a month’ applied to the religious half-holiday observed in connection with the appearance of the New Moon; that is, the beginning of each **new month** of the Hebrew calendar.”
(The New Jewish Encyclopedia, p. 409, Behrman House Publishers, 1976, **based on talmudic literature.**)
6. “**Philo**, the Jewish historian and contemporary of Yeshua the Messiah and the apostles, **says that Moses established the moon of the vernal equinox as the first month of the year.**
(*The Works of Philo, On the Life of Moses II, chapter XLI, Part 222 and 224.*)
Josephus the Jewish historian also confirms this and defines it as “when the sun was in Aries.” (*Josephus, Ant. 3.201; III.x.5.*)

(Question: Where is the Scripture for these claims in the Torah?)

7. “In the times of the Second Temple it appears from the Mishnah (R. H. i. 7) that the priests had a court to which witnesses came and reported. This function was afterward taken over by the civil court (see *B. Zuckermann, “Materialien zur Entwicklung der Altjüdischen Zeitrechnung im Talmud, “Breslau, 1882).* The fixing of the lengths of the months and the intercalation of months was the prerogative of the Sanhedrin, at whose head there was a patriarch ... The entire Sanhedrin was not called upon to act in this matter, the decision being left to a special

court of three. **The Sanhedrin met on the 29th of each month to await the report of the witnesses.**”

“On the evening before the announcement of the intercalation the patriarch assembled certain scholars who assisted in the decision. It was then announced to the various Jewish communities by letters. To this epistle was added the reason for the intercalation. A copy of such a letter of Rabban Gamaliel is **preserved in the Talmud** (Sanh. xi. 2).”

“In the Mishnah, the book containing the late second century record of Jewish legal rulings and other religious records, we find recorded that the **Jews’ religious leaders established rigorous protocols and rituals for determining when the new moon had been sighted.**”

(Question again: Where is the Scripture for these claims in the Torah?)

Quotes Regarding Joseph & Ps 81:3 (con’t)

8. **“Psalm 81** tells us that Joseph instituted the Rosh Chodesh during his tenure as the viceroy of Egypt. **Joseph had the power to declare the decree and the people of Egypt, principally the sons of Israel, were delighted to make the recognition of the new moon as a joyful feast.** The testimony was to honor Joseph for what he did as a righteous deliverer, who in many ways prefigured the coming Messiah of Israel and the redemption that He would ultimately bring. All of Yahuwah's feasts are a role play of eternal truths in His eternal purposes and keep His redemptive plan before us. **What Joseph set in place as a testimony, has been established as a "statute for Israel, a law of the Elohim of Jacob"** (Psalm 81: 3-4).

(The Works of Philo, On the Life of Moses II, chapter XLI, Part 222 and 224.) **Josephus the Jewish historian also confirms this** and defines it as "when the sun was in Aries" (Josephus, Ant. 3.201; III.x.5].

(Note again: Ps 81:3 has no basis from Torah to blow the trumpet on the new moon!)

7) Quotes Regarding Moses & Numbers 10:10

9. “In **Numbers 10:10** it is recorded that the **trumpet is to be blown to sanctify the new moon as a feast day**. “At the beginnings of your months you shall offer a burnt offering to Yahuwah: ... this is the burnt offering of each month throughout the months of the year ... it shall be offered besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.” (Numbers 28:11-15 RSV) **Moses called the people to assembly on the new moon and spoke to them according to the commandments he had been given by Yahuwah**, exhorting them to faith and obedience.” **REALLY?**

(Note again: **Numbers 10:10** records “new month” ... not ... “new moon.”)

8) Misquotes Stated as Truth (Nehemiah)

10. “In the restoration of the law under Nehemiah **the new moons were re-instituted** and kept from that time through to the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE. Josephus records that they were kept during the entire Temple period and the High Priest attended in the Temple on the **new moons** and Sabbaths.”
NEHEMIAH? REALLY?

9) Misquotes Stated as Truth (Solomon)

11. “Moses commanded the keeping of the new moons. In 2 Chron 8:12-13 Solomon said that it, as well as the other feasts, were “an ordinance forever to Israel.” (2 Chronicles 2: 3-4)
12. “As sincere followers of Yahuwah’s word, **we should be observing them** [new moons] **now** and **preparing ourselves as His Bride**, fully adorned in all righteousness.”

The Bride observing new moons? REALLY?

Let's remember the following:

Just because the Rabbis can be quoted, and just because the Talmud has written instruction on rules following the crescent moon ... this is hardly a reason to accept the new moons as the beginning of the month.



Torah has priority!

Moon Comments from Bible Dictionaries

All of the commentaries recognize the fact that Yahuwah's people were easily influenced by the pagans that worshipped the moon. We need to take careful note of this history!

1) New Unger's Bible Dictionary

- **The worship of the moon was extensively practiced by the nations of the East. Ur in lower Mesopotamia, Abraham's birthplace, was an important center of the worship of Sin, the moon Elohim, as was Haran in Upper Mesopotamia, where Abram and Terah emigrated. In Egypt the moon was honored under the name Isis and was one of the only two deities that commanded the reverence of all the Egyptians. In Syria the moon was represented by one of the Ashtaroth surnamed "Karnaim," from the horns of the crescent moon by which she was distinguished. There are indications of the early introduction into the countries adjacent to Palestine of a species of worship distinct from any that we have described, namely, the direct homage of the heavenly bodies-sun, moon, and stars-characteristic of Sabianism.**

The first notice we have of this is in: **Job 31:26-28 ...**

26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in

brightness; **27** And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand: **28** This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should [would] have denied the Elohim that is above.

- And it is observable that **one warning of Moses is found in Deut 4:19** ... is directed against this nature worship rather than against the form of moon worship that the Israelites must have witnessed in Egypt.
At a later period, however, the worship of the moon in its grosser form of idol worship was introduced from Syria.
- In **2 Kings 23:5** we read that Josiah did away with those “who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon.”
- Except for a brief period under Josiah, **Manasseh** appears to have been the **great patron of this form of idolatry, for he "worshipped all the host of heaven"** (21:3, 5). **From his reign down to the captivity, moon worship continued to prevail among the Jews.**

2) Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary

- **The moon had a special significance for the ancient Israelites. Their festival CALENDAR, which began each month with the rising of the new moon, was known as a lunar calendar.**
- The accurate recording of the new moon as it arrived each month was important, because the moon governed the dates for other religious festivals.
- The prophet Amos condemned Israel's merchants for their impatience with the interruption to business caused by the festival of the New Moon as seen in **Amos 8:4-6.**
- Speaking through the Prophet **Isaiah [1:13-15]** ... **Elohim condemned the formal, but empty, observance of the new moon festival.**

3) International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

- **The moon was very early worshipped by the nations of the Far East as a divinity or the representative of one or more deities.**
- This personification and worship of the moon among the nations who were neighbors to Palestine was but part of an elaborate Nature-worship found among these people. **Nor was this worship always separated from Palestine by geographical lines. It crept into the thought and customs of the Hebrews and in a sense affected**

their religious conceptions and ceremonies.

They fell into the habit of making direct homage to sun, moon and stars.

- The actual worship of the moon and the idolatry consequent thereon seems to have touched the Hebrews, though this is disputed by some. It would seem difficult to explain 2 Kings 21:3 upon any other supposition, and in 2 Kings 23:4-5 we have a clear statement that Josiah put down the worship of the moon among the people and silenced the priests of this form of worship.

4) Fausset's Bible Dictionary

- **MOON.** Instead of [the moon] being regarded as a person and worshipped, as it was by the surrounding nations, in Scripture it is Elohim's creature "made for [prophetic] signs, [agricultural] seasons, days, and years" (Ps 104:19).
The brightness of the moon in the East, guiding the traveler by night when the heat of day is past, gives it a prominence which it has not with us (Ps 8:3).
In Ps 89:37 however **the moon is not the "faithful witness,"** but **Elohim is witness to His own oath; translated "and the witness [of Elohim] in heaven is faithful,"** so Ps 89:35 [meaning Yahuah has sworn this truth by His holiness].
- It [the moon] influences vegetable growth; Deut 33:14, "moons," namely, its phases, others explain "months" as the times of ripening fruits. [Note: These are ordinances of the moon.]
- **The moon was worshipped as Isis in Egypt; as Karnaim ... in Syria; as Sin, "lord of the month," in Babylon.** [<http://www.bible-history.com/faussets/M/Moon/>]
- The moon was worshipped as Isis in Egypt; as Karnaim, "two horns," of Ashtoreth, wife of Baal the king of heaven (the male and female symbolizing the generative powers of nature), in Syria; as Sin, "lord of the month," in Babylon. Sabaism (from tsaabaa' the heavenly hosts) was the earliest of false worships; it appears in our pagan names Sun day, Mon (moon) day ... [Quote given for Job 31:26 in adoration of the moon].
- Josiah put down those who burned incense to the moon (2 Kings 23:5 [around 624 BC]).

- She was called "queen of heaven" (Jer 7:18), though that may mean Venus Urania. "Cakes" (cawaniym) round like her [moon] disc were offered to her.

So far from [the moon] being an object of worship, it [the moon] unconsciously worships its Maker (Ps 148:3; 8:3).

[<http://www.bible-history.com/faussets/M/Moon/>]



Will there be a time that the moon as we see it will eventually never withdraw itself? Or is there another concept? We'll consider two options.

Review of Isaiah 60:20 - A Prophetic Reference to H3391 (or the lunation cycle & phases of the moon).

Isa 60:20 - Prophetic Reference of H3391 MOON

"Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy **MOON** withdraw itself [H3391; lunation cycle]: for Yahuwah shall be thine everlasting light ..."

- ❖ Context: Yahuwah's people are in His Glory.
- ❖ Could the phrase "**the moon will no longer withdraw itself**" mean ... no longer changing the H3391 phases?

- ❖ **If** there is no 'withdrawing process' there will be 'no changing phases of the moon.'
- ❖ This would make it **very difficult** to observe any worship statutes with **Yahuwah** "from new moon to new moon" (**Isa 66:23**). Therefore any understanding of a new moon in this context would be an **impossibility!**

Isa 66:23 Worship in the Holy City

"And it shall come to pass, that from one **New Moon** to **another**, and from one **Sabbath to another**, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith Yahweh."



Did not Isaiah 60:20 just inform us that **the moon will no longer withdraw itself**, indicating the strong possibility of completely **eliminating the phases of the moon forever?**

How can Isaiah first tell us that the moon will **no longer** go through the phases creating the **renewing of the moon**, and then just a few chapters later, tell us that we will be worshipping according to the "new moon"?

IS THERE A PROBLEM HERE SOMEWHERE?

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All the problems are eliminated, when we realize we are not to be following any phase of the moon in the first place. This also means the moon should not receive any sacred regard.



Review: Jeremiah tells us about consequences for "Turning Away From Torah Commands."
Jeremiah 8:2 "... and shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of the heavens, which they have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought, and to which they have bowed themselves. They shall not be gathered nor buried, they shall be for dung on the face of the earth." *The Scriptures*

Remember: Isa 1:4-5, 10-17 documents the traditions that insidiously infiltrated and contaminated the worship services of the Hebrew nation.

Paying allegiance to the **Moon** as the marker for feasts & festivals is the

TOP ALARM OF THE LIST!

Many other prophets sounded the same message!

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Questions to Ask & Thoughts to Ponder! We've travelled through a lot of material. Where do we go from here?

Concluding the Moon/Month Study! There are still some unanswered questions for this study. Let's ponder over some of them.

DAY ONE of Creation!

1. Is the 1st day of creation in the 1st month [Abib] of the sacred year, or the 7th month [Tishri] of the civil year? Would that information affect the following questions?
2. Is the 1st day of creation, also the 1st day of the month of the 1st year for this earth? (It's not a trick question.)
3. Remember, the "lights" are brought forth on Day **four** of creation week.

REVIEW: THE MOON THEN AND NOW!

4. Today our moon has NO light of its own – only reflected light from the sun. **In fact the moon never did have its own light because of this verse: Jeremiah 31:35** “So says Jehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, the laws of the moon, and the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar, Jehovah of Hosts is His name.” *LITV – Literal Translation of the Holy Bible*

Let's re-arrange Jeremiah 31:35

“So says Jehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the stars for a light by night, the laws [ordinances] of the moon, [H3394 yareach] who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...”

When the verse is organized this way, it makes sense and aligns with **Gen 1:16** perfectly ... because the stars have nothing to do with tides of the sea. It is the moon that stabilizes the tidal activity.

Also the verse is very clear about the two lights given to the earth: the sun being the greater light-giver by day; the stars being the lesser light-givers by night.

Nothing can be found about the moon being a "light-giver" at all.

Many “ifs” to Consider:

1. The "lights" **are not found in the firmament until Day 4 of creation**, THEN: was the moon's phase at conjunction, crescent, or full moon in **Gen 1:14-18**?
2. Those that believe the month was supposed to start with the moon, would that have been on the **1st day** of creation, or the **4th day** of creation?
3. IF the moon starts the 1st month on the 4th day of creation, what happens to days 1, 2, and 3 of creation? Are they now dead days?

Everyone should know which day of creation is actually the 1st day of the 1st month?

Is the following thought logical?

In the first week of creation the moon began the first month on the 4th day!

How could that be a Torah teaching?



Can Creation Solve the Problem?

The moon/month issue seems to have a huge problem with the creation account. If the moon is to begin the months "today" – then doesn't the moon have to follow some kind of a pattern from the creation week in order to begin the creation month?

Do you think Yahuwah's restoration of the lights in the sky on DAY 4 was deliberate? Why not Day 3?

(Again, pay attention to the meaning of Ps 104:30.)

Is it even possible for Day 4 to be the beginning of the first month? If not, then does that mean the moon can never begin Yahuwah's months?

What about Other Arguments?

1. Many say the moon was in conjunction for days 1, 2, & 3; then the crescent appeared on Day 4 of creation.
How could that happen when there were no visible lights in the firmament until Day 4?
2. Is it possible that a conjunction would last three full days on the first week of a perfect creation?
3. Did the moon even have any phases?
4. How many people can give confirmation about how the month begins by using Gen 1?
Do they know there are 2 types of months?
5. Or, do most of them default to Exodus 12 – the 14th day of the 1st month?

It's The Same Old Argument! Most say Exodus 12 supports the 14th day as having a full moon in the month of Abib, so the 1st day must be the new moon. HOW?

Where's the Scriptural proof for this? This is 2,550 years after creation!

What about This Thought? Maybe there's no need to find answers if the moon has nothing to do with ushering in the months anyway!

FULL MOON ON THE 14TH DAY OF THE MONTH?

Where in the Scriptures is there even one witness that the 14th day of the 1st month must be attended with a full moon?
How are these conclusions found in Torah?

Is it possible that what most
feast keepers have been
taught about the moon is
**NOTHING BUT A
STRONG TRADITIONAL BELIEF
HANDED DOWN FROM THE RABBIS?**



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Full Moon on the 14th day of the Month?

At the cross the sun “blacked out” from noon to the 9th hour on what is considered the very darkest day of the universe!

How do we reason that the night sky of Yahusha’s Passover had a bright full moon?

If the Passover of Exodus 12 had a bright full moon, then why did the people need the “Pillar of Fire” by night to guide their steps when they left Egypt?

There is a lot of light when travelling at night under the light of a full moon.
Could it be the Exodus 12 Passover night really was a very dark night because:

- 1) the moon was not full,
- 2) or it was in full conjunction?!

Is it Time to Leave Doubt Behind?

- There are many people searching for Yahuwah’s Covenant Calendar.
The complete moon/month study shows beyond a shadow of any doubt that the moon is not involved with the calculation or the month commencement of Yahuwah’s annual feasts and

festivals.

The moon/month is connected to the agricultural ordinances to bless this earth and mankind ~ a very important mandate for us.

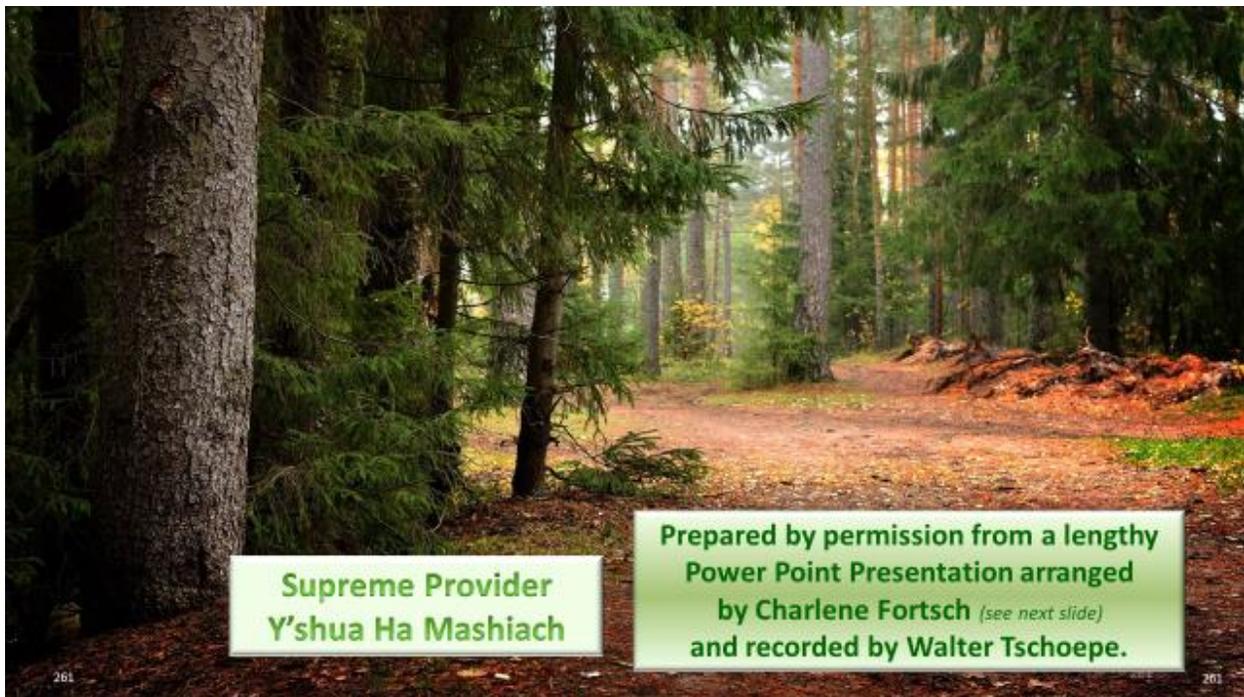
- Satan will use every possible method to place our sacred regard - for the moon - where it does not belong.

Deuteronomy 4:23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of Yahuwah your *Elohim* ...

With this study, it is hoped many will grasp the fact that Yahuwah's Elegant Calendar not only:

- Follows Biblical patterns;
- It's simple, orderly and easy to understand.
- You don't have to worry about the moon anymore!

Blessings to everyone on your studies!



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