

The Biblical New Year 2020

Why do we celebrate the Biblical New Year?

Dt 16:1 **Observe** the **month** of **Abib**, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

Observe – 08104 שָׁמַר shamar {shaw-mar'} **Meaning:** 1) to keep, guard, observe, give heed 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to keep, have charge of 1a2) to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life 1a2a) watch, watchman (participle) 1a3) to watch for, wait for 1a4) to watch, observe.

Month – 02320 חֹדֶשׁ chodesh {kho'-desh}

Meaning: 1) the new moon, month, monthly 1a) the first day of the month 1b) the lunar month

Usage: AV - month 254, new moon 20, monthly 1, another 1; 276

Abib – 0024 אֲבִיב 'abiyb {aw-beeb'}

Meaning: 1) fresh, young barley ears, barley 2) month of ear-forming, of greening of crop, of growing green Abib, month of exodus and passover (March or April)

Usage: AV - Abib 6, in the ear 1, green ears of corn 1; 8

As we can conclude from Scripture, Abib is the condition of a crop.

Abib is the first month of the Year, thus the beginning of a New Year, as we learn from Scripture.

Ex 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

Ex 12:2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: **it shall be the first month of the year to you.**

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Ex 13:4 This day came ye out in the month Abib.

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Ex 23:15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

Ex 34:18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

After the destruction of the temple and the carrying of the people of Israel into Babylon, the term Nisan entered into the language and Abib was no longer used.

Ne 2:1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that* wine *was* before him: and I took up the wine, and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence.

Est 3:7 In the first month, that *is*, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth *month*, that *is*, the month Adar.

Abib is the condition of a crop: Nisan is the name of a Month:

Nisan – 05212 נִסָּן Niycan {nee-sawn'}

Meaning: Nisan = "their flight" 1) the **1st month of the Jewish calendar** corresponding to Mar or Apr

Usage: AV - Nisan 2; 2

Although we are not commanded to celebrate the New Year, in order to keep the Commandment of Deut. 16:1, we observe the beginning of the month and celebrate it!

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