

## A New Beginning - The Biblical New Year 2023

Since the beginning with the first family, mankind has allowed outside influences to interfere with YeHoVaH's Instructions.

For the past 3 years, many in the Body of Messiah have allowed the laws of men (in their respective nations, states, provinces, counties, regions, and cities) to affect, influence, and interfere with the Instructions given by YeHoVaH concerning the Sabbath Day, the Month of Abib and His Holy Feasts.

Now that many of those laws, rules, and ordinances are slowly lifting, many Believers in YeHoVaH, who have faith in Yeshua, are still struggling with the impacts those man-made laws have had on their day-to-day life concerning YeHoVaH's Commandments.

There is a threatening and traveling trend occurring in the church amongst the followers of Jesus Christ. Christians argue that Jesus is the English name of the Hebrew Yeshua. They say Jesus is Yeshua.

However, Yeshua kept the Commandments of God, and it appears that Jesus, according to Christians, broke the Commandments of God.

Some of them say Jesus kept the Commandments to fulfill the Commandments so that Christians are no longer bound to the Commandments of God. And therefore, are no longer accountable to, or responsible for, keeping the Commandments. Thus, they are not under the Law, but under grace.

The Christian Jesus, the Hebrew Yeshua, instructed John to write in the apocalyptic text of the Book of Revelation an important reminder for those who were looking for His return in Revelation 22:12-15.

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Rev 22:14 Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Rev 22:15 For without *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Yeshua had instructed John earlier in Revelation Chapters 12 and 14 that the referenced Commandments were the Commandments of YeHoVaH.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the **commandments of God**, and have the testimony of Yeshua Messiah.

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that **keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Yeshua.

YeHoVaH commanded His people to observe the month Abib, keep the Passover, the days of Unleavened Bread, and all the Feasts in Leviticus 23.

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 1a5) to keep, retain, treasure up (in memory) 1a6) to keep (within bounds), restrain 1a7) to observe, celebrate, keep (sabbath or covenant or commands), perform (vow) 1a8) to keep, preserve, protect 1a9) to keep, reserve 1b) 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to be on one's guard, take heed, take care, beware 1b2) to keep oneself, refrain, abstain 1b3) to be kept, be guarded 1c) (Piel) to keep, pay heed 1d) (Hithpael) to keep oneself from

**Usage:** AV - keep 283, observe 46, heed 35, keeper 28, preserve 21, beware 9, mark 8, watchman 8, wait 7, watch 7, regard 5, save 2, misc 9; 468

**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

Dt 16:2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

Dt 16:3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

Dt 16:4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there *any thing* of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.

Dt 16:5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee:

Dt 16:6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

As time progresses, mankind is further being removed from YeHoVaH's Instructions by teachers who bring YeHoVaH's people under their denominational instructions and traditions.

It is important for YeHoVaH's people, who believe in Yeshua Messiah's return, to practice what Yeshua did and taught as He taught His Disciples to do.

The Babylonian captives adopted the name Nisan in Babylon, stop using Abib, and brought the way of Babylon and the Synagogue system established in Babylon to Israel.

Further corruption by the Romans infiltrated the already corrupted Jewish religion and corrupted the Priesthood. The Priesthood, in the New Testament writings, were more in allegiance to the Roman/Greek ways that manifested in Jewish traditions and were enforced in the synagogue system than keeping the Commandments of YeHoVaH given by YeHoVaH to Moses to teach the Hebrew people.

A significant sign of this infiltration and corruption manifests itself year after year in the Jewish religious tradition by changing the Day of Trumpets/Teruah in the seventh month to Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year. They make a huge hoopla out of it while ignoring the Biblical Rosh Hashanah commanded by YeHoVaH to be celebrated in the month Abib.

The Hebrew people were given a new beginning and a new year to start a new life after over four hundred years of slavery and oppression under the heavy hand of the Egyptians.

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.  
Ex 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house:  
Ex 12:4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Most Jesus followers in the church will recognize, even celebrate, the Jewish New Year while remaining ignorant and oblivious to the Biblical New Year clearly revealed in Scripture by the same Creator who made Creation and created man.

As time progresses, mankind is further distanced from the Commandments and faith in YeHoVaH and puts their faith in man-made religion, denominationalism, and religious traditions as they did in the days of Yeshua.

As long as the Hebrew people were connected to the way of Messiah, as Yeshua's followers were, they kept the faith with a Hebrew mindset, knew that the roots of their faith was of Hebrew origin. The faith began with Abraham, the Hebrew, given to him by the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob/Israel.

When the Greeks came, and then the Romans, the faith once delivered to the Saints began to be further corrupted and changed to fit a Gentile worldview. However, the remnant of the Hebrews continued to keep the Hebrew Roots of the faith throughout the Book of Revelation.

The people of the world celebrate a New Year in January, the first month of the Gregorian calendar.

Judaism, and those who follow it, celebrates the New Year in the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar.

Those who have faith in Yeshua and keep the Commandments of YeHoVaH celebrate the New Year on the first day of the month Abib.

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First Day of the First Month

There are no specific Commandments to celebrate the New Year, but we are commanded to guard the month Abib.

The month begins on the first day of the new moon. So, specific observation of the first day would have been a given to know when the month of Abib begun.

There is no solid evidence of a New Year Celebration, but there are notable mentions of **events that commenced on the first day of the first month.**

Ge 8:13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in **the first month, the first day of the month**, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

Ex 40:2 On the **first day of the first month** shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

2Ch 29:17 Now they began on the **first day of the first month** to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

Ezr 7:8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.  
Ezr 7:9 For upon the **first day of the first month** began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.  
Ezr 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Ezr 10:17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the **first day of the first month.**

This is the **first day of the first month of the New Year.**

Today is your new beginning!

Have you given much thought of what you want to accomplish this year?

Each year I set goals of what I want to accomplish.

At the end of the year, I look back and see if I accomplished all that I set out to accomplish.

I'm very excited about this New Year!

I'm looking forward to celebrating this Passover with you and your family without any man-made restrictions!

- Will you commit to strengthening your relationship with YeHoVaH?
- Will you answer the Call to Ministry this year?
- Will you start that new business this year?
- Will you become debt free or put a plan in place to become debt free?
- Will you finish Discipleship 101?
- Will you finish Leadership 101?
- Will you enroll in Hebrew Roots University?
- Will you commit to keeping all the Feasts of YeHoVaH at their appointed times?

Will you commit to **Prayer** and making a valid **Plan** for your life?

Failure to plan equates to planning to fail.

**If YeHoVaH allows us to see the next New Year, when you look back over this year, what would you have liked to have accomplished?**