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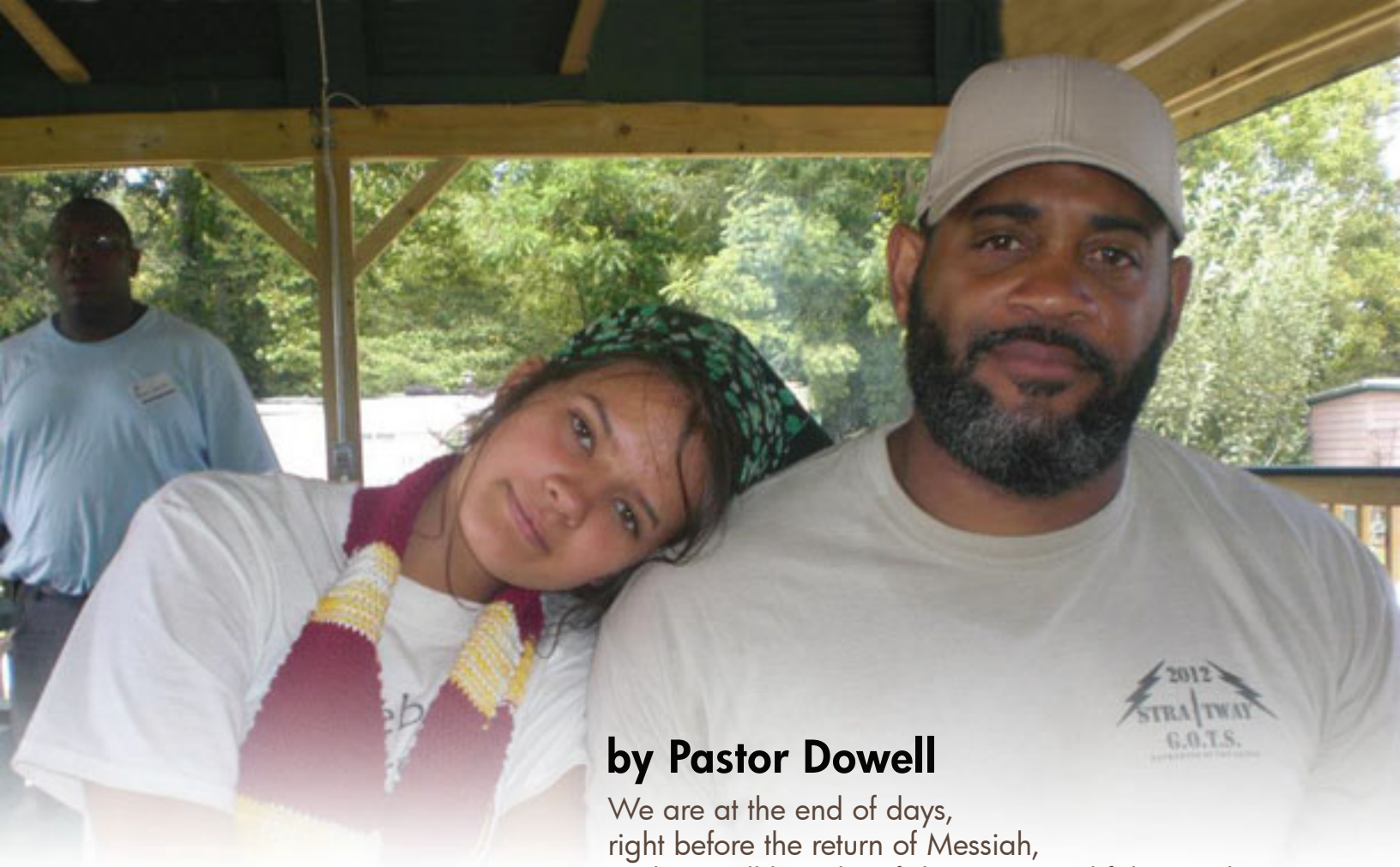
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PSALMS 139:12

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by Pastor Dowell

We are at the end of days,
right before the return of Messiah,
so there will be a lot of deception and false teachings
(with even more to come than there already are).



THE SCRIPTURAL NEW MOON

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Introduction Lunar Sabbath Theory vs. Scripture



Before we get started, I must say I do not support the **Lunar Sabbath theory**, because that is exactly what it is; a theory! It is not taught in the Scriptures, and therefore, cannot be sound doctrine. There are no laws concerning observing the new moons, nor has it ever been talked about throughout history. As long as we have men on this earth, there will be false teachers and false prophets teaching and preaching things they ought not. It is sad we have to spend so much time answering false teachers' false doctrine, but it is necessary. Why? Because if we do not teach the truth, Yisra'elites will be deceived by these convincing false teachers.

I believe Scriptures are our ultimate authority for truth—not theories, opinions, books, newsletters, etc. Many men have a lot of good-sounding opinions concerning truth. Realize that is all they have; opinions, just opinions! Even this newsletter is just an opinion of mine. While I believe it supports the truth of the Bible, I understand everyone that writes about doctrine has the very same opinions. It is for this very reason why I do not spend time quoting men as truth. Only the Word is truth.

I watch people make this mistake all of the time; they will read something from non-Scriptural sources and present what they have read as a personal conviction of truth. Of course, I always reject their theories simply because it does not sound like the Spirit of Truth. As they are speaking, I am testing everything with my working knowledge of the Scriptures. As soon as they go off Scriptures, I cast it away.

Over the years, I have gone back and forth over just when the New Moon is. It was back in 1996 when Brother Shane and I were first confronted with this doctrine. We actually went to a meeting held in Nashville, Tennessee by an old Elder called Brother Arnold. We spoke with him after the meeting, and listened to what he had to say. However, we simply could not understand this doctrine, and we still do not know how people come to this conclusion.

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What I do understand is how easy it is to sit back and say, "Just pick one and we will follow that." Lay members of the Body of Mashiyach (Messiah) will never understand what אַיָּאָל has placed on the real Pastors. As a Pastor, the Spirit, which is Codesh, will not allow you to rest until you have done your due diligence. The Word is not something with which you just make your own random choices and then go with the flow.

I am sure many will still disagree with my teaching concerning this subject. Yet as of right now, this is how we will teach it here at Straitway, as I believe אַיָּאָל has given me understanding in this area. I will have to use outside sources for understanding the difference between the Crescent and the Conjunction Moons.

Since I believe the New Moon starts at the Conjunction, I will provide more concrete proof from the Scriptural perspective. Be very careful of all things that are written, including this article you are reading right now. As previously stated, only the Scriptures are truth—not the historians, the Talmud, or any other so-called holy books. This attitude has always kept me safe and I choose to remain in the safety of the Scriptures, and so should you.

understanding darkness three types

It is very important for you to understand the psychological conditioning that has been done to all of our minds. Our minds have been shaped by our education system, as well as, the religious systems we all have been raised in. You must free your mind and learn how to think. With this in mind, please read very closely how the Scriptures view darkness from the perspective of the Most High אֱלֹהִים.

In the Scriptures, darkness is clearly depicted as divine, and is associated with the righteousness of אֱלֹהִים.

*Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee;
but the night shineth as the day:
the darkness and the light [are]
both alike [to thee].
Psalms 139:12 (Tehillim)*

There are three types of darkness depicted in Scriptures: natural, spiritual, and devil or demonic. In this section, we will only deal with the darkness concerning אֱלֹהִים and the color black which represents darkness. I personally believe darkness is good and people should be afraid of the light rather than darkness. The only darkness you should always take a second look at is ignorance or not knowing, which is darkness.

*And when the sun was going down,
a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo,
an horror of great darkness fell upon him.
Genesis 15:12 (Berëshith)*

These words אֱלֹהִים spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, **of the cloud, and of the thick darkness**, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. And it came to pass, **when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness**



(for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, [even] all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; And ye said, Behold, אֱלֹהִים our Elohim hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that Elohim doth talk with man, and he liveth. Deuteronomy 5:22-24 (Debarim)

*Observe the month of Abib,
and keep the passover unto אֱלֹהִים thy Elohim:
for in the month of Abib אֱלֹהִים thy Elohim
brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.
Deuteronomy 16:1 (Debarim)*

*And it came to pass,
when the priests were come out of the holy [place],
that the cloud filled the house of אֱלֹהִים,
So that the priests could not stand to
minister because of the cloud:
for the glory of אֱלֹהִים had filled the house of אֱלֹהִים.
Then spake Solomon,
אֱלֹהִים said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.
I Kings 8:10-12 (Melakim Aleph)*

*He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round
about him [were] dark waters [and] thick clouds of the
skies. Psalms 18:11 (Tehillim)*

*Clouds and darkness [are]
round about him:*

*righteousness and judgment [are]
the habitation of his throne.
Psalms 97:2 (Tehillim)*

*And I will give thee the treasures of darkness,
and hidden riches of secret places,
that thou mayest know that I, אֲנִי אֱלֹהִים,
which call [thee] by thy name,
[am] the Elohim of Israel.
Isaiah 45:3 (Yeshayahu)*

You have to understand the teachings I've done over the years concerning אֲנִי אֱלֹהִים darkness. engulfs Himself in darkness, darkness is His pavilion, darkness was not created, light was. Get out of your western mind set.

*He discovereth deep things out of darkness,
and bringeth out to light the shadow of
death. Job 12:22 (Iyob)*

*In the beginning אֲנִי אֱלֹהִים created
the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and void;
and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of אֲנִי אֱלֹהִים moved
upon the face of the waters.
And אֲנִי אֱלֹהִים said,
Let there be light: and there was light.
Genesis 1:1-3 (Berëshith)*

*Behold, the day of אֲנִי אֱלֹהִים cometh,
cruel both with wrath and fierce anger,
to lay the land desolate:
and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.
For the stars of heaven and the constellations
thereof shall not give their light:
the sun shall be darkened in his going forth,
and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
Isaiah 13:9-10 (Yeshayahu)*

This is the prophecy that Jesus was quoting concerning His return. He will be returning on the New Moon, which is the moon that we cannot see:

*For false Christs and false prophets shall rise,
and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce,
if [it were] possible, even the elect.
But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.
But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall
be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,
And the stars of heaven shall fall,
and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.
And then shall they see the Son of man coming
in the clouds with great power and glory.
And then shall he send his angels,
and shall gather together his elect from the four winds,
from the uttermost part of the earth
to the uttermost part of heaven.
Mark 13:22-27 (Marqos)*

The Moon does not give its light and the stars will be falling!

*Immediately after the tribulation
of those days shall the sun be darkened,
and the moon shall not give her light,
and the stars shall fall from heaven,
and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in
heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn,
and they shall see the Son of man coming
in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
And he shall send his angels with a great sound
of a trumpet and they shall gather
together his elect from the four winds,
from one end of heaven to the other.
Matthew 24:29 (Mattithyahu)*

*And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth,
blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
The sun shall be turned into darkness,
and the moon into blood,
before the great and the terrible day of אֲנִי אֱלֹהִים come.
Joel 2:30-31 (Yo'el)*

A blood red moon is a lunar eclipse, and the darkened sun is what we call a solar eclipse. These are signs that tell us when something is going to happen. Keep in mind, the lunar and solar eclipse, spoken about by Yahshua, happen before the Day of the Yahshua. A distinction must be made between these and the moon not giving her light on the Day of the Yahshua (Day of Trumpets), as they are two different times. The moon will not give its light on this day, simply because a Conjunction Moon does not give light, as you'll see a little later.



Summary of the Lunar Sabbath doctrine

It is very hard to accurately predict the New Moon in advance; I do not care how much technology we have available to us today. This is why there will always be different opinions concerning when the Feast Days will occur.

The Lunar Sabbath doctrine teaches that one must observe the Sabbath according to the moon cycles. Basically this means, in order to keep the Sabbath, it must be kept according to the moon on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and the 29th days of the month on each moon cycle. It should be noted that observing the Lunar Sabbath is never spoken of in Scriptures

This teaching is suggesting the Sabbath will fall, depending on the moon cycle of each month: on a 1st day of the week one month, the next month it could fall upon the 3rd day of the week, the next month it could fall on the 5th day of the week, and, sometimes, it could fall upon the 7th day of the week, and so on.



**The real question is:
what do the Scriptures say?
This should always be the first
and the last test of everything.**



new month

new month was derived from new moon

Determinations of New Moons & Lunar Months Vary



Source
Wikipedia

You will see most religions today, especially Islam and sects of Judaism, use the Crescent Moon simply for the fact it gives one a visible sign. After much study, I believe the Crescent Moon is actually a sign that the New Moon has already been out two to three days, and I will show Scriptures to prove this point.

Let's visit some secular sources and see what they have to say concerning the moon cycles:

Islamic Definition of New Moon

The Islamic calendar has retained an observational definition of the New Moon, marking the new month when the first crescent moon is actually seen, and making it impossible to be certain

in advance of when a specific month will begin (in particular, the exact date on which Ramadan will begin is not known in advance). In Saudi Arabia, if the weather is cloudy when the new moon is expected, observers are sent up in airplanes.

The Synodic Month and Others

There are several types of **lunar month**. Usually the term **lunar month** refers to the synodic month, because it is the **average** time between moon phases.

A **synodic month** is defined as the average time between new moons and has been observed to be 29.53059 days (29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, 2.8 seconds) long. A New Moon or a Full Moon happens when the Moon crosses the plane that is perpendicular to Earth's orbital plane and passes through the centers of the Earth and the Sun.

The **draconic month** or nodal month is the period in which the Moon returns to the same node of its orbit; the nodes are the two points where the Moon's orbit crosses the plane of the Earth's orbit. Its duration is about 27.21222 days on average.

The **tropical month** is the average time for the Moon to pass twice through the same equinox point of the sky. It is 27.32158 days, slightly shorter than the sidereal month of 27.32166 days, because of precession of the equinoxes. Unlike the sidereal month, it can be measured precisely.

The **sidereal month** is defined as the Moon's orbital period in a non-rotating frame of reference (which on average is equal to its rotation period in the same frame). It is about 27.32166 days (27 days, 7 hours, 43 minutes, 11.6 seconds). The exact duration of the orbital period cannot be easily determined, because the 'non-rotating frame of reference' cannot be observed directly. However, it is approximately equal to the time it takes the Moon to pass twice a fixed star (different stars give different results because all have proper motions).

An **anomalistic month** is the average time the Moon takes to go from perigee to perigee - the point in the Moon's orbit when it is closest to Earth. An anomalistic month is about 27.55455 days on average.

A **synodic month** is longer than a **sidereal month** because the Earth-Moon system is orbiting the Sun in the same direction as the Moon is orbiting the Earth. Therefore, the Sun appears to move with respect to the stars, and it takes about 2.2 days longer for the Moon to return to the apparent position with respect to the Sun.

A **draconitic month** is shorter than a **sidereal month** because the nodes move in the opposite direction as the Moon is orbiting the Earth, one revolution in 18 years. Therefore, the Moon returns to the same node slightly earlier than it returns to the same star.

An **anomalistic month** is longer than a **sidereal month** because the perigee moves in the same direction as the Moon is orbiting the Earth, one revolution in nine years. Therefore, the Moon takes a little longer to return to perigee than to return to the same star.

Understanding the above information will allow you to understand why it is very hard to calculate each month in advance. The best anyone can do is to take an average of the normal time of a moon phase for each month. This is why the ancient Hebrew Israelites would determine the time

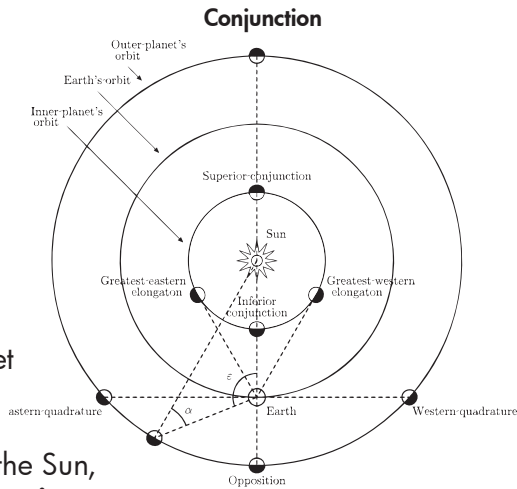
one month at a time. Most all ministries use the synodic month to calculate the moon in advance. Why? Because it is easier to use the average day rather than trying to figure out each moon phase for each month in advance.

Can you see the difficulty we are facing as **אֲנַחְנִי**'s chosen people in this time? We are in exile, and scattered all over this earth. As a result, our people are divided. We are so far apart and have had so much stolen from us through many captivities. We are left just a few in number, in very

Have you ever wondered why the Calendar is always so different from year to year? Now you know why. Believe me; I will simplify this teaching before the end of this article.

small groups. We mostly consist of people who are natural born bloodline descendants of the ancient Yisra'elites, but are Gentiles in mind set: thinking like they do and living their way of life. There is a lot that must be restored!

Conjunction Explained



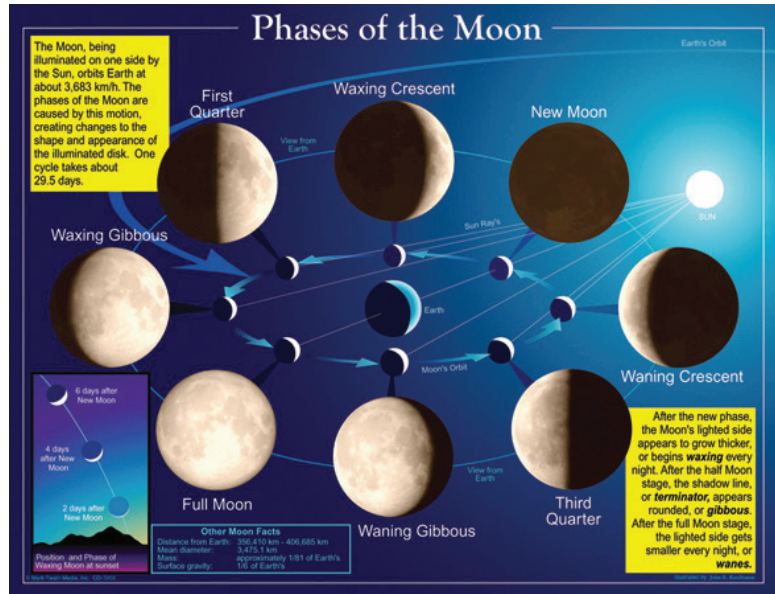
As seen from a planet that is superior, if an inferior planet is on the opposite side of the Sun, it is in **superior conjunction** with the Sun. An **inferior conjunction** occurs when the two planets lie in a line on the same side of the Sun. In an inferior conjunction, the superior planet is "in opposition" to the Sun as seen from the inferior planet.

The terms "inferior conjunction" and "superior conjunction" are used in particular for the planets Mercury and Venus, which are inferior planets as seen from the Earth. However, this definition can be applied to any pair of planets, as seen from the one farther from the Sun.

A planet (or asteroid or comet) is simply said to be in conjunction, when it is in conjunction with the Sun, as seen from the Earth. The Moon is in conjunction with the Sun at New Moon.

"Quasiconjunctions" are also possible. In these situations, a planet in retrograde motion – always either Mercury or Venus, from the point of view of the Earth – will "drop back" in right ascension until it almost allows another planet to overtake it, but then the former planet will resume its forward motion and there after appear to draw away from it again.

This will occur in the morning sky, before dawn. Else the reverse may happen in the evening sky after dusk, with Mercury or Venus entering retrograde motion just as it is about to overtake another planet (often Mercury and Venus are both of the planets involved, and when this situation arises they may remain in very close visual proximity for several days or even longer). The quasiconjunction is reckoned as occurring at the time the distance in right ascension between the two planets is smallest, even though, when declination is taken into account, they may appear closer together shortly before or after this.



The sight of the moon is aligned with the sun and is not visible from the earth. This is what lasts only about two to three minutes. So the moon again starts to give light after the full conjunction, meaning the alignment of the sun and moon. This is how we determine when the new moon has begun.

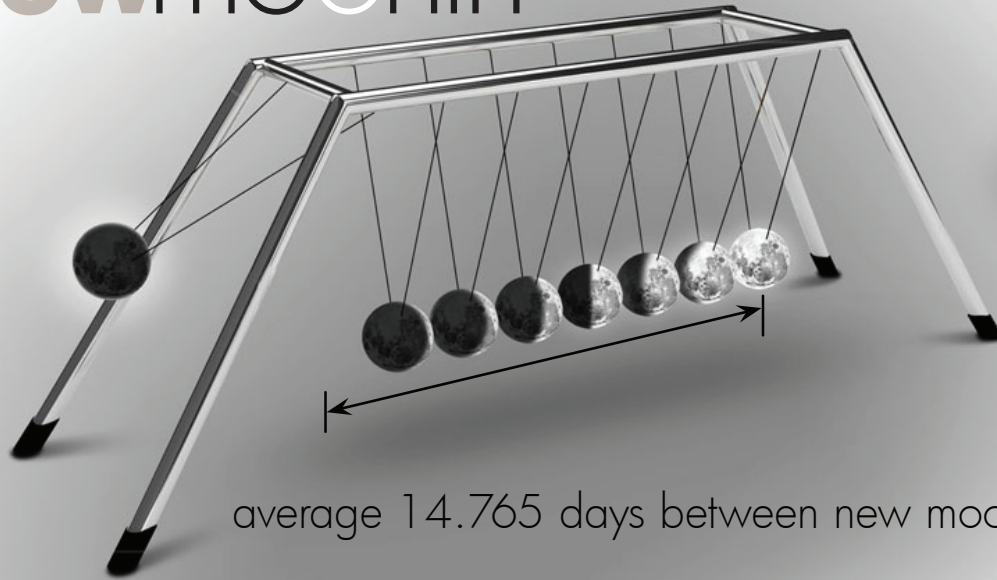
Not at the first sight of the Crescent moon, but when there is not a visible moon to be seen because it is in conjunction with the sun.



The naked human eye must wait till 3-5% luminosity to see the moon again.

Why the Confusion

newmoon



average 14.765 days between new moon & full moon

A synodic month is average 29.53059 days, therefore 14.765 days from the full moon to the conjunction of the sun and the moon.

So, it really is not that hard to determine when the New Moon actually is, or the beginning of the month. The confusion comes from different schools of thought coming from people who are not descendants of the ancient Hebrew Yisra'elites. The Scriptures do not teach us to have other nations teach us our Covenant, or our heritage. When another people possess the Book of the Law, another form of religion will always result from it. After all, look at what happened to our ancient ancestors: they discontinued from their heritage, language, and culture. Our land was taken from us, and we were sold into slavery by all of these different nations. They sacked our Tabernacle, took all of the Holy furniture, and the Book of the Law!

What sprang out of all of this? The religion of Judaism came about because a people were seeking a religion, deciding which religion they were going to convert to. Out of it sprang the Christian religion, which has, for the most part, totally ignored the Bible in its entirety.

The world is all jacked up because the descendants of the ancient Hebrew Yisra'elites have been scattered and discontinued from their heritage according to Jeremiah 17:4.

So, the fact remains - if we are going to be taught the truth of the Scriptures, אֱלֹהִים has to call real true bloodline Hebrew Yisra'elites and they must teach His people our ways. Then they can teach the world—that is the proper order and perspective. Another nation cannot teach our culture, heritage, or language. They will always distort the facts and slant the truth and practice collusion. A true Yisra'elite will not hide the truth because it has the potential to be sensitive. If is grafted into this Covenant, he must be taught by a real Hebrew Yisra'elite, so the truth can remain untainted.

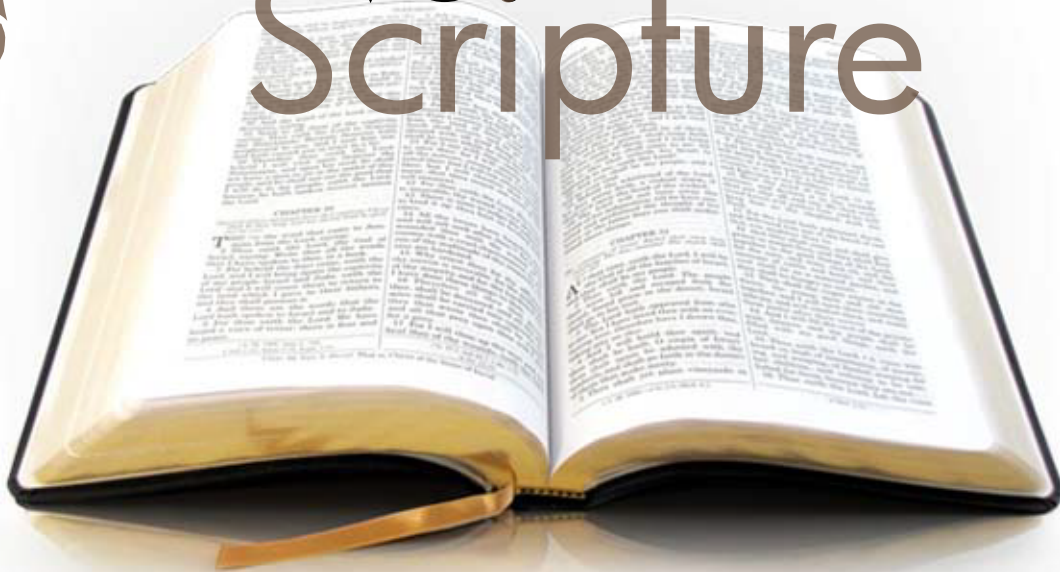
As I have said few times thus far, the Lunar Sabbath theory is not mentioned in the Scriptures. As a result, there are some very serious problems trying to prove it as the commanded Biblical Sabbath Day—the seventh day of the week. We know in modern times, many people have refused to keep the Commandments, especially the seventh day Sabbath. The Scriptures are very clear concerning this day and the Scripture teaches us that it is a sign.

*He appointed the moon for seasons:
the sun knoweth his going down.
Psalms 104:19 (Tehillim)*



Something You Need To Know & Never Forget

Tradition of Men vs. Scripture



Listen folks, there are all different types of groups trying to tell us when these things must be: Karaite Jews, Hillel II tradition, etc... I choose to stick with the Scripture. If that is a mistake then I am going with it. Choosing אֱלֹהִים and His prophets over men has always been a safe haven for me. What a lot of people are not telling you is that instead of using the Scriptures to teach you, they are using the ideas of different schools of thought to teach you, most of which derive from the Babylonian Talmud (which is not Scriptures, but Rabbinical traditions of men which Christ opposed).

The Hillel method was developed to try and help us to understand the calendar when outside of Jerusalem. So much of what is being taught today is men's traditions and not אֱלֹהִים's Commandments. Let me say again, stick to the Scriptures, and you cannot go wrong.

What men are doing is teaching men's traditions as if they are the Law of אֱלֹהִים. This is why there is so much fighting going on—especially with me! If a voice does not sound like the Apostles and Prophets, the Holy Spirit in me quickly recognizes what is happening and I thunder the voice of אֱלֹהִים to the people.

*Now therefore hearken,
O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments,
which I teach you, for to do [them],
that ye may live, and go in and
possess the land which אֱלֹהִים Elohim
of your fathers giveth you.
Ye shall not add unto the word
which I command you,
neither shall ye diminish [ought] from it,
that ye may keep the commandments
of אֱלֹהִים your Elohim which I command you.
Deuteronomy 4:1-2 (Debarim)*

**Rabbinical tradition is not the Law of אֱלֹהִים!
It is in direct opposition.**

SO I CHOSE TO FOLLOW THE WORD OF אֱלֹהִים OVER THE WORD OF MEN. I AM NOT GOING TO BE TRYING TO FIX ANYTHING OF אֱלֹהִים'S! I am the one who needs to be fixed. Like I have said before, the translators were not of the same quality of men as the holy prophets. I would rather try and follow אֱלֹהִים as a called Pastor than following the traditions of men. Unity only comes in Christ and not all of us agreeing with the traditions of men.

*Howbeit in vain do they worship me,
teaching [for] doctrines
the commandments of men.
For laying aside the commandment of God,
ye hold the tradition of men,
[as] the washing of pots and cups:
and many other such like things ye do.
And he said unto them,
Full well ye reject the commandment of God,
that ye may keep your own tradition.
Mark 7:7-9 (Marqos)*

*Wherefore the children of Yisra'el
shall keep the sabbath,
to observe the sabbath
throughout their generations,
[for] a perpetual covenant.
It [is] a sign between me
and the children of Yisra'el for ever:
for [in] six days אַדְּאָל made heaven and earth,
and on the seventh day he rested,
and was refreshed.
Exodus 31:16-17 (Shemoth)*

The synodic lunar cycle is every 29.53 days; in reality, the moon conjunction really lasts about two to three minutes. Sometimes there are 30 days in a Scriptural month, sometimes there are 29 days or 29.5 days in a month. Can you see why there is so much confusion about this today? It must be determined on a month-to-month basis.

*Ye worship ye know not what:
we know what we worship:
for salvation is of the Jews.
But the hour cometh, and now is,
when the true worshippers
shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:
for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
God [is] a Spirit:
and they that worship him must
worship [him] in spirit and in truth.
John 4:22-24 (Yohanen)*

The problem is looking to this State created by man; so-called Israel. Jesus told us clearly that the true worshippers will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Deuteronomy 30 teaches us what would happen if we would call to mind no matter where we are scattered in this diaspora.

You see, we do not recognize time based upon the Israeli land, we do it by where we are at geographically in this dispersion! Because it is never the same time in one place from one continent to the next.

So you will see a variance in the timing of the Feast Days of about **one to three days**. Again, it all depends on how the Yisra'elite Pastors & Elders determine time and we hope that they would do so by the Bible and not the traditions of men.

CALENDAR

	Hebrew	Roman
Days	Sundown to Sundown	Midnight to Midnight
Sabbaths	Every Seventh Day	Every First Day
Months	New Moon to New Moon	Every 28 - 31 Days
Years	Every Thirteen New Moons	Every Twelve Months



Seven Days Numbered In Scripture

From the Beginning, Darkness was First

*And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
Genesis 1:3 (Bereshith)*

Light was Created on First Day

אֵלֹהִים made light in verse three. He said it was good and He divided the light from the darkness. It needs to be noted that darkness was not created; it has always been—just like the Father who has no beginning or end. Darkness has always been His pavilion:

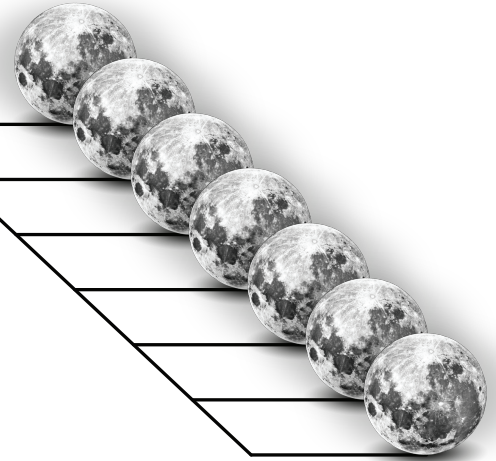
*He bowed the heavens also, and came down:
and darkness [was] under his feet.
Psalms 18:9 (Tehillim)*

*He made darkness his secret place;
his pavilion round about him [were] dark waters
[and] thick clouds of the skies.
Psalms 18:11 (Tehillim)*

*Clouds and darkness [are] round about him:
righteousness and judgment
[are] the habitation of his throne.
Psalms 97:2 (Tehillim)*

*Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee;
but the night shineth as the day:
the darkness and the light [are] both alike [to thee].
Psalms 139:12 (Tehillim)*

*אֵלֹהִים said, Let there be lights in the firmament
of the heaven to divide the day from the night;
and let them be for signs, and for seasons,
and for days, and years: So the lights are for signs,
seasons, days and years; this is their purpose.
The greater light to rule by the day (sun) and the
lesser light to rule by the night (moon).
Genesis 1:14 (Bereshith)*



Moon was Created Between Third and Fourth Day

Between the third and fourth day, He made the lights of the heavens. This is the moon's first day, essentially its birth. So, let's think! If we follow the Lunar Sabbath theory we would have to count eight days from the creation of the moon in order to land on the first Sabbath day. Eight days from the creation of the moon, which was made on the third day of the week would put us at day eleven.

Rest on Seventh Day

Of course, the Scriptures teach that three days after the moon was created, we arrive to the first seventh day in which אֵלֹהִים ended all of His works which He had made and He rested on the seventh day.

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,
and all the host of them.*

*And on the seventh day Elohim ended his
work which he had made;
and he rested on the seventh day
from all his work which he had made.
And Elohim blessed the seventh day,
and sanctified it:
because that in it he had rested from all his
work which Elohim created and made.
Genesis 2:1-3 (Bereshith)*

Origins of Terms

Signs and Seasons

We need to define the words given to us in the English as best as we can from the Hebrew. The word "signs" is H# 226 which means signal or mark. The word "seasons" is H#4150 which means appointed time, meeting, appointed season.

The word "day" is H# 3117, which means a 24 hour period as defined by the evening and morning which is a day. The names of the days according to Hebrew tradition:

Days of the Week

<u>Hebrew</u>		<u>Roman gods</u>	<u>Pagan gods</u>	<u>Judaism</u>	<u>Modern Hebrew Names</u>
1st day	H# 259	'echad	Sunday	Sun god	Yom Rishon
2nd day	H# 8145	sheniy	Monday	Moon god	Yom Sheni
3rd day	H# 7992	shliyshiy	Tuesday	god Tyr	Yom Shlishi
4th day	H# 7243	rbiy'iy	Wednesday	god Odin	Yom Revii
5th day	H# 2549	chamiyshiy	Thursday	god Thor	Yom Hamichi
6th day	H# 8345	shishshiy	Friday	goddess Frigga	Yom Shishi
7th day	H# 7637	shbiy'iy	Saturday	god Saturn	Shabbat

Months

I am providing information concerning the names of the months and their real historical meaning for your studies:

JANUARY

Named for Janus, the Roman mighty one of portals and patron of beginnings and endings, to whom this month was sacred. He is shown as having two faces, one in front, the other at the back of his head, supposedly to symbolize his powers.

FEBRUARY

This name is derived from Februa, a Roman festival of purification. It was originally the month of expiation.

MARCH

It is named for Mars, the Roman mighty one of war.

APRIL

This name comes from the Latin APRILIS, indicating a time of Fertility. It was believed that this month is the month when the earth was supposed to open up for the plants to grow.

MAY

This month was named for Maia, the Roman female deity of growth or increase.

JUNE

This name is sometimes attributed to June, the female mighty one of the marriage, the wife of Jupiter in Roman mythology. She was also called the "Queen of heaven" and "Queen of mighty ones." The name of this month is also attributed to Junius Brutus, but originally it mostly probably referred to the month in which crops grow to ripeness.

JULY

Named for the Roman emperor Julius Caesar, this is the seventh month of the Gregorian year.

AUGUST

Named for Octavius Augustus Caesar, emperor of Rome; the name was originally from augure, which means, "to increase."

SEPTEMBER

This name is derived from the Latin septem, meaning "seven."

OCTOBER

This name comes from the Latin root octo, meaning "eight."

NOVEMBER

This name is derived from Latin novem, meaning "ninth."

DECEMBER

This name comes from the Latin decem, meaning 'ten'.

Choose Your Calendar

I often say “Whomever’s calendar you follow is whom you serve.” You have to make your own decision and choose who you will serve. As for me and my house, we will serve אַיִן! We will not follow the religion of Judaism, Christianity, Islam or any other non-Torah based religion.

We are Hebrews and we are in the Faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Moses is our prophet and law custodian as the Holy Law was given by the Creator of the Universe, “אַיִן”.

First of Year Changed in Judaism

The religion of Judaism has gone as far to change some of the Hebrew names of the days of the week. Of course, you should not be surprised since this religion has also changed the day in which the Scriptural year starts—which is in the spring shortly before the Holy Feast Days of Unleavened Bread and Passover. Judaism says the New Year is in the seventh month and they call it Rosh Hashanah.

Rosh Hashanah literally means “head of the year” or “first of the year”. You must understand this is the Jewish New Year, not the Scriptural New Year. Judaism is a man-made religion which has no Scriptural backing to support it. Like all other religions, they have adopted the faith of the ancient Hebrew Yisra’elites and have added their own times and seasons to the calendar.

First of Year Changed in Paganism

The pagan heathen world celebrates their New Year Roman January 1st at midnight.

Days are for Sabbaths, Moons are for Seasons

The Sabbath is a seven day cycle not calculated by the moon. Christians celebrate Sabbath on Sunday which is contrary to Scriptures. Sunday is not the Sabbath.

According to Scripture given to us in Genesis, creation was a seven day cycle. At the end of the sixth day אַיִן rested from His works which He had made. This day was so important that He set this day apart from all other days and sanctified (H# 6942 qadash) it the seventh day.

The key to understanding this is the Most High did not set apart months, He set apart days! This is key, the Hebrew word for month is H# 2320 which is chodesh which means “the new moon, monthly”. The Scriptures do not say He set apart the chodesh or months at creation. It clearly states He set the seventh day apart from all other days.

The seventh day, which is the Sabbath, was made three days after the third day. The Lunar Sabbath, like all other false doctrine, crumbles to the ground and cannot stand up to the test of Scriptures—like all false doctrine.

When אַיִן gave the commandments to Moses and spoke them to the children of Yisra’el, He said right out of His own mouth:

*Remember the **Sabbath** day,
to keep it holy.
Six days shalt thou labour,
and do all thy work:
But the **seventh day** [is]
the sabbath of אַיִן thy God:
[in it] thou shalt not do any work,
thou,
nor thy son,
nor thy daughter,
thy manservant,
nor thy maidservant,
nor thy cattle,
nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates:
For [in] **six days** אַיִן
made heaven and earth,
the sea,
and all that in them [is],
and rested **the seventh day**:
wherefore אַיִן
blessed the sabbath day,
and hallowed it.
Exodus 20:8-11 (Shemoth)*

Sabbath, Rest, Bless Defined:

Sabbath

GREEK LEXICON

STRONG'S NUMBER 4521

SABBATH 4521 sabbaton {sab'-bat-on}
savbbaton of Hebrew origin
sabbath day (37) sabbath (22) week (9)
[68]

1) the seventh day of each week which was a sacred festival on which the Israelites were required to abstain from all work

1 a) the institution of the sabbath, the law for keeping holy every seventh day of the week;

1 b) a single sabbath, sabbath day

2) seven days, a week.

Rest

GREEK LEXICON

STRONG'S NUMBER 4520

REST 4520 sabbatismos {sab-bat-is-mos'}
rest (1)

1) a keeping sabbath

2) the blessed rest from toils and troubles looked for in the age to come by the true worshippers of God and true Christians

Bless

HEBREW LEXICON

STRONG'S NUMBER 1288 (BLESS)

1288 barak

1) to bless, kneel;

1 b) (Niph) to be blessed, bless oneself;

1 c) (Piel) to bless;

1 d) (Paul) to be blessed, be adored;

1 e) (Hiph) to cause to kneel;

1 f) (Hithp) to bless oneself;

2) to praise, salute, curse

According to the fourth Commandment, אַיָּאָל set apart the seventh day and called it the Sabbath. He did not set apart the moon. אַיָּאָל did not say, "But the moon day is the Sabbath".

The moon was given to us to be a sign and for a light, for seasons, and how to calculate the beginning as well as the end of the month. The moon is there to let us know what month we are in and it tells us when the Holy Feast Days are to be kept by Yisra'elites.

This is why the theory of the Lunar Sabbath cannot be accurate—it is according to the moon. I understand the perspective they are teaching from, but the problem is, it is not from a Scriptural perspective.

The seventh day Sabbath does not float around and change from one month to the next. It is always on the seventh day. You know what day the Sabbath is simply by watching what the world does. Neither the world, nor its religions, obey the Commandments of אַיָּאָל. The world does not esteem His Holy Days; they have their own holidays.

We know the Sabbath we are keeping today is the same Sabbath from the beginning simply because the Most High has always had a people on this earth that have always obeyed Him, even though they were small in number. He has always had a people, the majority disobedient and the minority obedient! Then we have the words of our Mashiyach "Messiah":

*And he said unto them,
Ye are they which justify yourselves before men;
but God knoweth your hearts:
for that which is highly esteemed among men is
abomination in the sight of God.*

Luke 16:15 (Luqas)

We must ask ourselves a few questions. Do the religions of the world esteem the seventh day Sabbath? Of course the answer is no! The largest religion in the world is Christianity, and it esteems Sunday (the first day of the week) over the Biblical seventh day **Sabbath**.

Another question we should think about is this: if the Sabbath falls on the fifth day of the week, are we obeying the seventh day Sabbath like the Bible teaches? Of course the answer is absolutely not! Why? Because the Bible does not teach us the seventh day Sabbath should be kept on the fifth day of the week.

*Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it,
as אַיָּאָל thy Elohim hath commanded thee.
Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work:
But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the אַיָּאָל thy Elohim:
[in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou,
nor thy son, nor thy daughter,
nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant,
nor thine ox, nor thine ass,
nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates;*

*that thy manservant and thy
maidservant may rest as well as thou.
And remember that thou wast
a servant in the land of Egypt,
and [that] אַיָּאָל thy Elohim brought
thee out thence through a mighty hand
and by a stretched out arm:
therefore אַיָּאָל thy Elohim commanded
thee to keep the sabbath day.
Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (Debarim)*

THE ONLY NEW MOON SABBATH IS THE FEAST DAY OF TRUMPETS



One New Moon out of the year is set apart as a Sabbath which is the first day of the seventh month.

*To the chief Musician upon Gittith,
[A Psalm] of Asaph.*

*Sing aloud unto God our strength:
make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel,
the pleasant harp with the psaltery.*

*Blow up the trumpet in the **new moon**,
in the time appointed,
on our solemn feast day.*

*For this [was] a statute for Israel,
[and] a law of the God of Jacob.
Psalms 81:1-4 (Tehillim)*

The Feast Day of Trumpets is the only commanded Sabbath Day which is celebrated on the New Moon. This would be the day when no man would know the day or the hour when the Messiah would be returning. The Day of Trumpets is only one day, as well. It is celebrated from evening to evening. We will see Israel celebrating this Feast until the third day. Why? Just to be sure they got the day right.

Visible Crescent Moon Means Feast Day is Over

The first visible sign of the moon (crescent) does not begin the feast. It was a sign that the feast had ended. The day started with the New Moon, which is a completely covered dark moon, and it lasted anywhere from one to three days. The visible crescent proved the New Moon had already happened. So the day started with the New Moon, which is a completely covered dark moon and it lasted anywhere from one to three days, the visible crescent proved the New Moon had already happened.

*And David said unto Jonathan,
Behold, to morrow [is] the new moon,
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.
I Samuel 20:5 (Shemu'el Aleph)*

It is clear David and Jonathan knew there was going to be a New Moon in advance. My suggestion is that when they saw the visible Crescent Moon, it was a sign that the New Moon had already happened, as well as, ended. David knew the New Moon, or the beginning of months, yet he chose to hide himself for three days. Only the conjunction can be calculated in this time frame. Why were they waiting for the third day? The sighting of the moon declares one month.

*Then Jonathan said to David,
Tomorrow [is] the **new moon**:
and thou shalt be missed,
because thy seat will be empty.
I Samuel 20:18 (Shemu'el Aleph)*

*And it came to pass on the morrow,
[which was] the second [day] of the month,
that David's place was empty:
and Saul said unto Jonathan his son,
Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat,
neither yesterday, nor to day?
I Samuel 20:27 (Shemu'el Aleph)*

*So Jonathan arose
from the table in fierce anger,
and did eat no meat
the second day of the month:
for he was grieved for David,
because his father had done him shame.
I Samuel 20:34 (Shemu'el Aleph)*

It is very obvious nobody in Yisra'el could see the New Moon on the second or third day at this time. This is how David, as well as Yisra'el, determined time. We have a feast that begins with the conjunction at the start of the month and ends with the Crescent Moon. The Crescent Moon is the moon that shows that the New Moon did occur.

*Saying, When will the new moon 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?
Amos 8:5*

If you have followed this ministry long enough, you know that I make a clear and distinct difference between Jews and Yisra'elites. Here we have corrupt Jews who are only concerned with making money! They cannot wait until the Sabbath is over to sell corn, but the point here is they are concerned with when the New Moon is going to be gone. Check this out: Scripturally, the day ends when the sun goes down, but here the concern is the New Moon. It seems that Yisra'el would celebrate the New Moon or the first three days as a feast until the Crescent Moon.

The key here to understanding is that they did not know when it ended. So the visible sign of the Crescent Moon shows you when the actual New Moon ends, if there was ever any doubt. The Crescent Moon is not the New Moon used to determine when the moon (month) begins.

*And David said unto Jonathan,
Behold, to morrow [is] the new moon,
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.
If thy father at all miss me, then say,
David earnestly asked [leave] of me
that he might run to Bethlehem his city:
for [there is] a yearly sacrifice
there for all the family.
I Samuel 20:5-6 (Shemu'el Aleph)*

The Day of Trumpets is just one day according to Scripture, but just to be sure they kept the day, they would keep it three days until they saw the Crescent Moon. So the Crescent does not begin the feast, it ends the feast.

SO THE NEW MOON IS WHEN THE MOON IS FULLY DARK!

The Trumpet and The New Moon, and Strong's Concordance

*Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
For this [was] a statute for Israel,
[and] a law of the God of Jacob.
Psalms 81:3-4 (Tehillim)*

Appointed

HEBREW LEXICON
STRONG'S NUMBER 3677
kece' {keh'-seh}
1) full moon

(Apparently from H3680; properly fulness or the full moon, that is, its festival: - (time) appointed.)

Feast

HEBREW LEXICON
STRONG'S NUMBER 2282
(Feast) chag .
1) festival, feast, festival-gathering,
pilgrim-feast;
1a) feast;
1b) festival sacrifice

My question is: if you're going to be blowing the trumpet in the New Moon and at the time appointed, which would be the time you blow the trumpet? **At** the Full Moon like Strong's suggests, or is this the Covered Moon?

Fact is there are only three Feast Days and four appointed days which consist of seven Feasts of אָזָז.

It is important to note that there are no commanded feast days on a New Moon. What is being suggested here is that we blow a trumpet in the New Moon and the full moon (feast day).

**The question becomes:
produce the Commandment that
states we are to blow a trumpet on
the full moon in Torah!**



The only day we are commanded to blow a trumpet is the Day of Trumpets, which falls on the New Moon. Looks like we've had some adding-to-Scripture happening, which is sin.

**I cannot find in the Bible where it says to
blow the trumpet on the full moon!**

*Now therefore hearken, O Israel,
unto the statutes and unto the judgments,
which I teach you, for to do [them],
that ye may live,
and go in and possess the land
which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.
Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you,
neither shall ye diminish [ought] from it,
that ye may keep the commandments
of the LORD your God which I command you.
Deuteronomy 4:1-2 (Debarim)*

Psalm 81:3 should refer to the covered moon.
Let's look at a few Scriptures that say full moon.

*Who [is] she [that] looketh forth as the morning,
fair as the moon, clear as the sun,
[and] terrible as [an army] with banners?
Song of Solomon 6:10 (Shir haShirim)*

*Then the moon shall be confounded,
and the sun ashamed,
when אַיִן of hosts shall reign in mount Zion,
and in Jerusalem,
and before his ancients gloriously.
Isaiah 24:23 (Yeshayahu)*

*Moreover the light of the moon 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 the LORD
bindeth up the breach of his people,
and healeth the stroke of their wound.
Isaiah 30:26 (Yeshayahu)*

Moon

HEBREW LEXICON
STRONG'S NUMBER 3842
(Moon) 3842 lbanah
moon (as white)

In Psalms 81:3, (and this is why line must be upon line and precept must be upon precept), the translator should have used this word if he meant that the moon was to be a full moon and white but the translator did not use it.

Pay attention and listen, if you look in Strong's, (as just quoted), it does say that H#3677 is apparently from H#3680:

Appointed

HEBREW LEXICON
STRONG'S NUMBER 3680
(Appointed) kakah
1) to cover, conceal, hide, overwhelm;
1d1) to be covered;
1d2) to be clothed;
1e) (Hithp) to cover oneself, clothe oneself

H#3680 uses the word Kakah as the word "covered".

*And the waters prevailed
exceedingly upon the earth;
and all the high hills,
that [were] under the whole heaven,
were covered.
Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail;
and the mountains were covered.
Genesis 7:19-20 (Bereshith)*

The Day of Trumpets leads us into Sukkot. We are dealing with translation here. There is nothing in the law of אַיִן that says to blow a trumpet on the full moon.

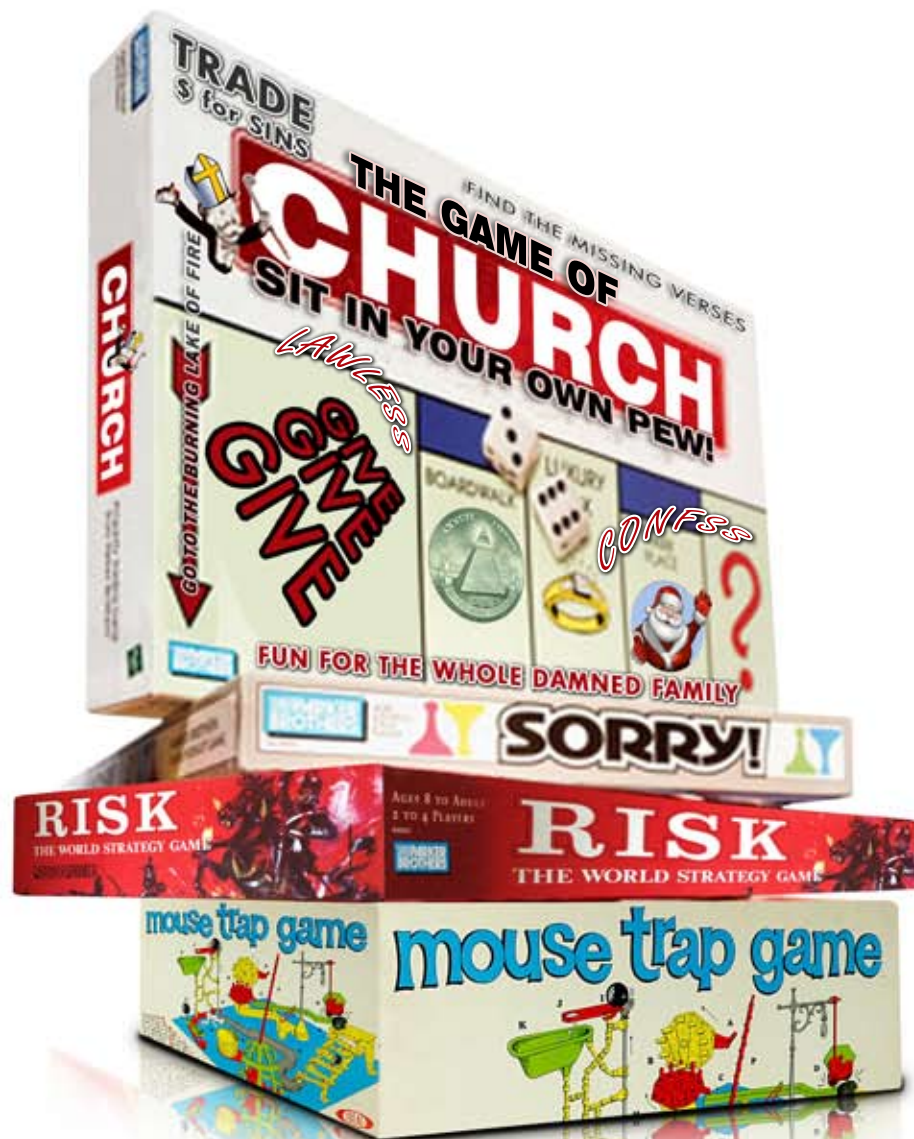
**Again, when and why
do we blow the trumpet
in verse three?**



At the beginning of this month, which is clearly stating at the New Moon, in the appointed time. This is telling us there is a time appointed to blow the trumpet in the New Moon, this is during a solemn feast day.

*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 אַיִן .
Isaiah 66:23 (Yeshayahu)*

PLAYING “CHURCH”?



it's all fun & games
till somebody gets burnt

2 Corinthians 11:4 **For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus...**

Matthew 7:16 **Ye shall know them by their fruits...**

S t r a i t w a y T r u t h . c o m

Observing the Crescent as New Moon



There are a few facts that must be established before I go on explaining what the Scriptures have to say about this as well as why some choose to observe a visible Crescent.

*For as the new heavens
and the new earth,
which I will make,
shall remain before me,
saith אַיָּאֵל,
so shall your seed
and your name remain.
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 אַיָּאֵל.
Isaiah 66:22-23 (Yeshayahu)*

It is impossible for me to cover every single point concerning this new found doctrine called Lunar Sabbath. The Lunar Sabbatarian movement began just about two decades ago. The word "beginning" (Rosh Hebrew #7218) meaning the head, the top or the summit, (Months Hebrew# 2320) chodesh, the new moon or the first day of the month.

אַיָּאֵל never gave a commandment to rest on the new moons throughout the year. Yet it is a commanded day of rest only during one of the feasts of אַיָּאֵל called (Yom Truw'ah Hebrew # 8643), the word Truw'ah or Teruah means:

BEGINNING

HEBREW LEXICON

STRONG'S NUMBER 8643

8643 truw'ah {ter-oo-aw'}

1) alarm, signal, sound of tempest, shout, shout/blast of war/alarm/joy

1a) alarm of war, war-cry, battle-cry

1b) blast (for march)

1c) shout of joy (with religious impulse)

1d) shout of joy (in general)

So, at the beginning of the seventh month, we are commanded to have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, which is a holy convocation, a set-apart special time commemorated with loud (shofar) blasts. So get your shofars and blow the trumpets!

Summary

The understanding of this entire subject is summed up with these facts:



The Lunar Sabbath proponents teach that the "Sabbath" can only happen on the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd or 29th of the month. **They will go as far to say that eight or nine days could pass between the weekly Sabbaths.** Think for a moment, the Scriptures teach the Sabbath occurs once every seventh day.

The sun and the moon do not mark the week. According to Genesis, the first chapter, they mark days and seasons, but never the week. The day is marked by the setting of the sun, and the seasons are marked by the beginning of the month.



There are times in the Scriptures you will read where the Shabbats are recorded on the days the Lunar Sabbath advocates mention. Also, to see where the Yisra'elites did not receive or observe the so-called Lunar Sabbath, pay close attention to what they did on the fifteenth day of the second month after leaving Egypt:

*And they took their journey from Elim,
and all the congregation of the children of Israel
came unto the wilderness of Sin,
which [is] between Elim and Sinai,
on the fifteenth day of the second month after
their departing out of the land of Egypt.
And the whole congregation of the children of
Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in
the wilderness:
Exodus 16:1-2 (Shemoth)*

On this day they murmured against Moses and Aaron.

*And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal,
and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of
the month at even in the plains of Jericho.
And they did eat of the old corn of the land on
the morrow after the Passover,
unleavened cakes, and parched [corn] in the
selfsame day.
And the manna ceased on the morrow after they
had eaten of the old corn of the land;
neither had the children of Israel manna any
more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of
Canaan that year.
Joshua 5:10-12 (Yahoshua)*

You might be wondering why I have included the above passage of Scriptures. Please pay close attention so that we all may see the function of our ancient people, what they did, and how they understood. We know that Yisra'el received a double portion of manna on the sixth day of the week and only on the sixth day of the week. Manna did not fall on the Sabbath.

Once in the land of Canaan (The Promised Land) the manna stopped and Yisra'el grew their own crops.

So let's ask a few very serious questions here. Was there ever a time or an indication of a period of time being longer than six days between Sabbaths? Was there ever a time Moses received additional laws concerning the Sabbath to reconstruct the calendar?

According to Joshua, the Passover happened on the fourteenth day of the month according to the commandment. The next day, the feast of Unleavened Bread, always occurs on the fifteenth day of the month. Now the key to understanding this is verse twelve which states "And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Yisra'el manna any more."

What is this telling us? It is telling us the only day manna would have stopped being supplied to our ancient Hebrew people would have been on the sixth day of the week, or in case of this passage of Scripture, it would have stopped on the sixteenth!

Clearly the Sabbath did not fall on a Lunar Sabbath day. I think I have provided enough evidence and have given enough understanding on this subject.

One more Scriptural proof of work being done on the first of the month, is the erecting of the Tabernacle:

*Thus did Moses:
according to all that
אֱלֹהִים commanded him, so did he.
And it came to pass
in the first month in the second year,
on the first [day] of the month,
[that] the tabernacle was reared up.
And Moses reared up the tabernacle,
and fastened his sockets,
and set up the boards thereof,
and put in the bars thereof,
and reared up his pillars.
And he spread abroad
the tent over the tabernacle,
and put the covering
of the tent above upon it;
as אֱלֹהִים commanded Moses.
Exodus 40:16-19 (Shemoth)*

They did not come together on the first of the month for prayer or fasting or to guard the Sabbath. They worked on the new moon. There is no question that many times throughout Scriptures the Sabbath fell on the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, but it also proves that if the Sabbath occurred any other day, then this Lunar Sabbath is just a theory and that is all it is.

We could go on and on to scripturally prove our point. However, I think we have provided enough evidence on this subject. It is my prayer you can be at peace as we move forward towards the KINGDOM.

The King is coming!

Shalom Aleichem

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This article is subject to change as אֵלֹהִים gives me new understanding and as we advance in this diaspora.

So much has been lost and covered up over the centuries; our history, heritage, culture, and language.

He is restoring all that has been lost and all that has been kept from us, His people.

I thank him for Salvation. I thank Him for Jesus Yahshua.

All Scriptural Text is from the King James Version of the Bible.

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