

Abib Calendar Criteria to Use when not in the Land

As **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** instructs us there is a time for everything. The Elohim have embedded cycles of timelines into every aspect of creation and that also includes the Plan of Salvation for man with all of its timelines as well.

Birds, fish, and the beasts on the earth have built in timelines and cycles which are irresistible to them. Instinct is the name given to this driving force of timelines and cycles which govern their lives. We have talked about that often over the years when discussing their great migrations, self-perpetuating times of breeding, etc. It is different for man the 4th flesh type spoken about by Paul. We do not have “instinct” designed into us but a “spirit of man” which gives us the ability to recognize all of the great timelines and cycles in creation. With this special ability we are to make every effort to function after the examples set by the Elohim. We can make righteous choices and decisions just like They can, but on a much more limited plane.

This required a methodology for accomplishing this to be put in place to rectify reckless behavior as it pertained to the Timeline of the Plan of Salvation. Eventually, an upgrade for the spirit in man was required which entailed Them giving of Their holy spirit composition to assist the spirit housed in men. But the Elohim are not giving that to all of mankind at once. They have developed a timeline for it to be given across a span of time that lasts for 7,000 plus years. We have a very lengthy study about this Timeline on our website for those who may be interested.

The timeline and cycle we are interested in addressing here is that of the timing of the annual commanded appointed times of meeting with the Elohim. We are not going to be addressing each of the actual times or moedim for we have done that often in studies and such. What we are addressing today is how we are to begin this yearly cycle, in essence, when and how it begins. And then we will speak to the patterns in creation which we are commanded to use to do so. For, every one of them has its own timeline and cycle which can't be broken so we will be able to recognize them year in and year out at their specific times in the Promised Land.

In our fast moving and godless society of today there is very little effort by people to recognize any patterns in creation surrounding them. The incredible amount of technological knowledge and resulting ease of life in much of mankind covers over the need for such understandings and ability to recognize them. But it is not lost to all.

Our Savior promises us He is the same yesterday (First Marriage Covenant), today (Second Marriage Covenant), and forever (The Kingdom). Some of us actually take that to the bank and treasure it in all of Father's doctrines. It is a litmus test as to what is acceptable and what is not. We were given the days and months of all the appointed times of meeting to be kept in **Leviticus 23** and elsewhere for that matter. They call them the Moedim of Yehovah. For us they are the annual rehearsals of the great timeline events in the Plan of Salvation. Thus, there is to be no other name for these Feasts of Yehovah. If someone breaks from them, then scripture notes it as like in the gospel of John. He specifically calls the ones being kept in Judaism at that time as the Passover of the Jews or the Feasts of the Jews. In doing so, he is not trying to demean anyone; he is just simply stating they are not the Feasts of Yehovah. They may be similar in many ways but there is no replacement for those given in **Leviticus 23** in content or timing.

At the time of Christ/Messiah walking the earth, there was still a Temple in place in Jerusalem. All of the standard functions of the priesthood were still carried out as is detailed in many instances in the gospels, even down to the cycle of the specific Levite families performing their monthly rotations of service in it. The calendar kept at that time for most general purposes had not changed. The year would not start unless the cycles and patterns in creation were visible. The Priests were in possession of the entire function. They held that authority and the masses of people knew that. They still looked for the first crescent at the end of every 29th day of a lunar cycle.

However, another group of people called the Pharisees controlled the civil matters. They cherished this dominion over the people given to them by the Romans.

John 11:48 If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take our positions and nation.

They had been vested with handling all civil affairs which fell under the civic laws of the nation. This is referred to as “Moses’ Seat”. Of course, the Romans had their seat as well to sit in for rendering judgments according to their laws as one can see with the texts about Pilate. Unfortunately, the Pharisees were not content playing second to anyone in anything. They also longed to have authority over setting the yearly cycles and the new moons. The Pharisees were ingrained with the spiritual disease of lusting for dominion over all others. Christ addresses this often by pointing out and criticizing their way of doing things in a very public manner. What few know and understand is that they had a driving lust to take over the setting of the appointed times of meeting. But they did not make that move, knowing full well the people would rebel against such a move and because the people were their source of money and such. They restrained their lust knowing the results of a coup might be fatal to their standing in that society. However, that did not stop them from having a shadow mechanism to that of the Priests in the Temple.

The Pharisees had at this time of Christ, a mathematical method for determining new moons, full moons, and no moons. This was no secret for most of the civilizations in the Middle East did as well. And they had all of this for a very long time. They just did not have an opportunity in which they could play that card so to speak. But it was quickly approaching. Let’s first look at what was known through observation and mathematics of the time.

There is a cycle in creation which aligns the time differences between new moons and tropical years. It is called the Metonic Cycle. A simple way to explain it for what we will need in this study is that every 19 tropical years there will be 235 moon cycles. It is pretty close mathematically but all the same a little bit off. A tropical year is one in which it starts at a designated spot on earth and then ends there as well. So, you can take any number of locations to figure it out. That is why so many civilizations using it had it figured from their location on earth. That is important to the fact the location can’t change or the calculation will not be as accurate. Please note this was not involved with the Zodiac. That is an entirely different development. That is predicated on an imaginary line moving across the equator over the course of 25,800 or so years and called the Platonic Year. So yes, it is a cycle in creation but not one used for the figuring of the start of the year.

It is for that reason that the folks in each location used the place they were in to start the tropical year from. There have been some later attempts to link them all to one location, the equator, but that is an attempt at revising what was actually done a long time ago. The easiest and most accurate way to figure this from your location would have been to pick the Vernal Equilux (not equinox) from where you were located from our perspective. That is the time in the yearly cycle of the sun when it has been moving toward the Northern Hemisphere after spending time in the Southern. The equilux (not equinox) is the day on which you have the closest divide between daylight and darkness or simply observed sunset and sunrise.

The Vernal Equilux in Jerusalem occurs every March either at the later part of the 16th or the early part of the 17th. As we have mentioned often in the past our Savior/Creator addressed this in the Gospel of John. John has left us a treasure trove of information that was at one time common knowledge but once the Pharisees had control of all things there was a systematic effort by them to rewrite history; especially when it came to our Savior, Jesus the Christ. But they did not limit their efforts to just that.

Our Savior actually brings the equilux to our attention in our Second Marriage Covenant terms and conditions as well. **John 11:9** and it was one of the cycles He had put into creation when He was The Word.

*John 11:9 Jesus answered, are there not twelve hours in **this** (not “a” or “the”) day. (No question mark for He is making a clear statement not asking a question) **If anyone walks in the day**(light), **he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world** (the sun).*

He goes on and contrasts the light of that day with the dark period of it, the night portion of that 24-hour day and thus 12 hours as well. As the Creator, He knew that day was the Equilux in Jerusalem. The equinox would not take place until 3-4 days later. It is identifying the time of year in the month of March He was speaking about. Some argue He was using the Roman manner of calculating a day from 12 midnight. How naïve is that? The context tells us He is using a clear physical example to stress a spiritual condition: light vs dark. Every single Roman day has a 12-hour division which contains both light and dark starting at midnight.

John continues on and tells us the Passover of the Jews was near. No question what time of year it was. While under the authority of the Priests at the Temple the Abib Calendar stayed intact. It was a simple observational calendar.

Unfortunately, they all kept the 15th to consume the lamb and directed the 14th to be the day of preparation for it. Thus, they including it in “the Leavens” (a term given to the 8 days combined into 7 by Judaism) as a day of preparation from two aspects to it. We all have to make choices. The important thing is they had the day’s right. They knew how to start the year, and by Christ acknowledging the 14th was the 14th and the day in which He ate the Passover as commanded through every single scripture addressing it, we are confident that they were knowledgeable about the whole process as to methods to switch from winter to summer. That is the night He became the spiritual Lamb of Father’s house. His death had to follow later in the day to mock the rulers of Judaism.

So, what happened to change all of this?

The Romans in 70 AD. They burned the Temple and dismantled it in an effort to collect all the melted gold. Without the Temple, the priestly order faded away. But as **Acts 6:7** instructs us, many of the priests had already become obedient to the faith.

Acts 6:7 And the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

What faith? The faith once delivered and thus they too followed the examples set by Christ including keeping the Passover of Yehovah at the start of the 14th as they imitated Him. The Church became the custodians of keeping the scriptures from both Marriage Covenants after His death. Thus, our Bible contains both, they are inseparable to our calling and instruction.

Once the priests and the Temple were out of the way, the Pharisees fulfilled their long lust for controlling the appointed times. No doubt it was all done correctly to start, but if we know anything about the gene pool of the Pharisees, they are predisposed to fight and argue as displayed in scripture and in their Talmudic writing which were only a codification in writing of the traditions of the Elders or Mishnaic traditions.

We do not think anyone knows when they actually made the switch from completely observed criteria to the completely calculated calendar. The elements of it had been known for a very long time but the implementation of them is a different story. We do know that Hillel was forced to publish the written calculations of them around 359 AD. But the problem still existed as to intercalation: if not observing the assigned witnesses in scripture what did they do? They created their own metonic cycle which differs from that of the Greeks by a few hours overall. Look what they did in light of everything we have been discussing about the governing authority of the Equilux in their calculations.

“Every two or three years, as the case might be, an extra month was intercalated. The intercalation seems to have depended on actual calculation of the relative lengths of the solar and lunar years, which were handed down by tradition in the patriarchal family (since approximately 301 BC). Moreover, it was possible to judge by the grain harvest. If the month of Nisan arrived and the sun was at such a distance from the vernal equinox that it could not reach it by the 16th of the month, then this month was not called Nisan, but Adar Sheni (second).”

Did we hear that loud and clear? What was the cut-off date? The 16th of March, the first opportunity for the Equilux to take place in Jerusalem. If you would like to have a concise account of a lot of this, here is the link:

<http://jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/3920-calendar-history-of>

We are not here to debate the benefits of the present calendar of Judaism. For it was not the calendar even used by Hillel. It has morphed throughout the centuries after his time. What is important in all of this is they used Jerusalem as the center of their calculations for their conjunction times and for their equilux times. They knew all about the equinox, but it did not govern the rules at the time we are looking at here, the equilux did for their calculations. The point being made is very clear. That is what we do as well for the Temple was located there. We look in the Land whether standing in it or not, for all the witnesses in creation.

There are specific dates in the month of March which are written into the witnesses looked for there. That is important. We understood this back in the 90's but it took traveling to the Land in successive years to accurately identify them. The cycles assigned to each always take place between certain dates in the

timespan we call March. Not February and not April. All the signs pertaining to each witness takes place during it. The priests knew it and the Pharisees knew it and so did the people. Once the Pharisees usurped the authority after the destruction of the Temple, they eventually let their stupid vain arguments from the different factions in Judaism get the best of them so that they ignored the Word of God. Does that sound familiar?

Just one example: Yehovah told Moses and Aaron to teach Native Israel that the first and head of the months was Abib. Yet, the Pharisees decided to make the 7th month the head of the months and then count backwards. There also came a time when they no longer looked for crescents but used a calculation from the time of the conjunction to get to what might be the first visible crescent. That has not worked out too well for them in keeping to the commands in scripture.

Another one which took them away from the observable Abib Calendar was the inclusion of a calculated intercalated year. In their 19-year time cycle they had years 3,5,8,11,14,16, and 19 as years to add a 13th month (still used by some in Judaism). The current configuration is 3,6, 8,11,14,17,19 since 1178. Keep in mind this current edition of intercalation includes the Dihiyah (postponements) as well as some other pertinent commitments of that time to Judaism. You can get a very good read on all of this in the Encyclopedia Judaica. Our version has it in Volume 5 pages 43-50. It also talks about the phasis (set time for calculating the visible crescent after the conjunction), and the fact that crops were used during Temple times for intercalation in every year, etc. The current one is not that which was used at Hillel's posting of the calculations. And please do not forget there were no postponements in it at that time either. We could say a lot more but it would take us off the main focus of this study. It is easy to see that for a long time, and even during the days of Christ, there were methods used to determine the annual cycle with observed methods and calculated methods. However, up until the destruction of the Temple the authority was in the hands of the Priest and so was the observation of the witnesses in creation.

Do not lose track of the fact they had set a limit of the 16th of March for a reason. It's part of a mathematical equation. It is also one of the two days the equinox will fall on in the month as well: 16th or 17th. It is the "actual equinox" in Jerusalem and not the "mean equinox." The mean is the equatorial equinox. The rule of

thumb is 4 days prior to the equatorial or vernal equinox as it is 4 days later than the autumnal equinox. They are acknowledging the fact that they had witnessed that the sun must be close enough on its journey north to empower the migrations, and trigger growth, in the other witnesses in creation. All of these witnesses had been watched and patterned for a long time and they recognized these patterns as to when they took place year after year. So, have we! It's not all that difficult if one is observant. We will discuss them in the balance of this study paper. They are critical to understanding why years are normal 12 months, and some 13 months. The 16th of March is critical to the calculated method of their intercalation and we will show you why from a very different understanding. They knew there were limits in the patterns and cycles in creation.

Let us start with the witnesses in creation placed as markers by the Elohim as to Their decision to change from winter to summer in the Land, and thus the start of the Month of Abib and the setting of the annual rehearsals pointing to the Plan of Salvation.

The Fig Tree

We have witnessed to this pattern over the past 20 inspections of these wonderful markers and witnesses in creation telling us when winter is just about over and summer is near. We did not take the full measure of their relevance in it all until Peter Cross insisted, they were and still are a major sign of it. Our pictures of the same fig trees over the years have given us quite a concise record of their timing. What is so uplifting, is the fact that fig trees in many different locations in the Land will start to produce their tender branch tips and first little fig balls and leaves almost overnight with one voice. The harmony of the fig trees is quite amazing. They are a valuable, steadfast and dependable witness. We have established the dates relevant to this wonder embedded in creation. The branches putting forth their tender green tips takes place between March 7-10. The leaves will be filling out from the 10th to the 20th **depending on the meteorological conditions of the previous 20 days.** Thus, if the 12th month ends before March 4th it will most likely be intercalated as witnessed to by the fig tree.

As we understand, our Savior/Husband/ Wavesheaf/Lamb of Father's Household is the Creator we know as The Word of Elohim. He is the part of the **US** of Genesis 1:26 that did all the upfront work for the 2 Beings we call the Elohim, He and the

Being we know as Father under our Second Marriage Covenant terms and conditions. In **Matthew 24:32** and **Luke 21:29** we are instructed in the Parable of the Fig Tree.

Matthew 24:32 and Luke 21:29 Now learn the parable of the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

Here, we have our Creator/Savior giving us instruction in the Second Marriage Covenant scriptures about an **absolute sign** that winter is almost over. No New Year has ever commenced without us first seeing fig trees in this acclaimed state at the end of the 12th month. As was the case this year, no figs putting forth their tender branch tips and their new leaves at the end of the 12th month. There are some who proclaim that our Savior is a liar; for they reject His law in creation about the decision to change from winter to summer. That's okay, for we know the following is also from His mouth.

Matthew 13:10-11 And the disciples came and said to Him, why do you speak to them in parables? He answered and said to them, because it has been given to you to know the mysteries (hidden truths) of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it has not been given.

So, we have recognized a pattern in the fig trees which assists us in determining the start of the New Year, or the necessity to intercalate; likewise, the case this year. Please keep these relevant dates of the 7th through the 20th of March in the front of your mind for more are coming as they pertain to some of the other witnesses in creation.

Isaiah, and Solomon, and others speak about figs in this role as witnessing to the winter changing to summer. In Song of Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived includes figs as one of the witnesses to this great event. Chapter 2:11-13. We will be stopping here often as we move through the various witnesses.

*Song of Solomon 2:11-13 For lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers/blossoms appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle dove (Eurasian Banded Dove) is heard in **our land**. (because it is not there all the time it is a*

migrator) *[The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give off a good smell.](#)*

Do you think Solomon does not know what he is talking about? Hardly. So, now we have the witness of our Creator/Savior as well as that of the smartest man who ever lived instructing us about the function the fig tree plays in the changing of the year from winter to summer.

The Birds

Another witness in creation is the migration of the white storks. We are not talking about the early birds which trickle in here and there around the last week in February. We are talking about the major event of thousands, even tens of thousands of these unmistakable migrators entering the Land and continuing up the coast, or through the Hula Valley into Europe. Once again, this pattern was confirmed this year. The big burst of them filling the skies takes place in March when the second south wind event takes place. This year that took place on March 10-11. It does so; give or take a few days every year. This hard-south wind coming up from Africa assists these migrants. These huge majestic birds like to ride this “express” up through the Land to save energy on their migration. The timing of this great event written into creation for our use also fits into the Abib Calendar patterns which can be observed from afar. Knowing the consistency of this first big wave of them migrating around March 10th tells us that if the 12th month ends in February or the first few days of March they will not be seen to confirm the start of a New Year. Rather it witnesses to a 13th month being added because of their absence.

Why? Because the sunlight which starts the chemical reaction in their brains has not intensified enough to send them racing north. This happens once the sun draws closer to its equinox date in Jerusalem. Once the cycle of the sun enters the month of March and draws closer to the 16-17 date the more urgent the instinct in the storks is to rapidly move through the Land. Not just taking their time stopping and feeding and resting here and there enroute. This is a marker only found in the months of March and September. Remember their migration is triggered by an enzyme activating a chemical reaction in their brain to fly north as the sun approaches the Northern Hemisphere and reverses as it travels back to the Southern Hemisphere.

Thus, twice a year their instinct to migrate is controlled by the increasing and decreasing amount of sunlight in their relevant location. It is very consistent year after year. Weather conditions can retard it for a short while but not very long for the Elohim have it built into them to obey at all costs. It is a sign in creation embedded in the creation cycles by the Elohim. The Pharisees and the Sadducees for that matter understood this. That is one of the reasons the Pharisees used the 16th of March as their cut-off date for their mathematical calculation for intercalation. They too were well versed in the actual observable signs and used them for a long time after the Temple was destroyed.

Jeremiah 8:7 Even the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times (moedim); and the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow observe the time of their coming (because of instinct placed in them ruled by the sun cycle) But My people do not know the decisions of Yehovah.

Be mindful, we are only talking about the white stork here and not the massive crane migration. Cranes are the forerunners during the month of February. They load up all the refuges and like to hang around for some time. In an intercalated year we also see them arriving in some large numbers up through the first week of March. But they are not our focus for scripture does not direct us to them. Here is a good video of when the actual migration is taking place so you can see their incredible display in the heavens. Let the film roll for a little bit to get to the vast numbers. This one is of their migration south in September. They are amazing when we actually see them over Jerusalem. They are squawking and yakking to all to look at them: “we are here to assist you.”

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=video+of+white+storks+migrating+into+Israel&view=detail&mid=2AF5F04F65D8032068622AF5F04F65D803206862&FORM=VIRE>

Jeremiah instructs us that turtledoves, swifts, and swallows also keep to their unbreakable cycles of arriving in the Land to be witnesses to us of the decision the Elohim have made. Remember the Song of Solomon earlier:

Song of Solomon 2:12 ...the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our Land.

Once again, this year we did not hear any of the Eurasian Banded Doves singing their mating song until March 7-8. That is consistent with their pattern in March because it is controlled by instinct once again. And that is embedded in them and directed by the increase of daylight each day from the sun as it approaches the equinox in Jerusalem. The Elohim have embedded these dates into all the migrators to the Land.

That also applied to the swifts and swallows that come in at about the same timing every March. We do not see the little black common swifts in any great numbers until the second week in March. They actually cause quite a stir at the Temple mount when they return because tradition has been passed down that they return to declare summer in the Land. There is actually a festival celebrating their arrival in March.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=swifts+at+the+western+wall&view=detail&mid=82B5170EE7706398D93782B5170EE7706398D937&FORM=VIRE>

We have witnessed a few loners the end of February but the main migration to the area comes in March usually intensifying no later than the middle of the month. So, to use the 15th is a solid representative date for the actual migration arriving. They are so graceful in flight with all their diving and swooping seemingly playing with each other. But the reality is much of that is spent in catching insects for a savory meal.

Grapes

Solomon also talks to us about the growth in grapes as a sign that winter is passed as does Isaiah as well. You have seen and read our documentation of this over the years.

***Song of Solomon 2:13** And the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.*

If you notice in these scriptures of the signs of winter being past, Solomon groups figs and grapes together. Do we think that is by accident? Of course not, for he does the same thing that Isaiah does.

Isaiah 18:5 For before the harvest (barley) when the bud is perfect (aviv), and the sour grape is ripening in the flower (the little tiny sacks or clusters) He will both cut off the sprigs (tender tips) with pruning hooks and take away and cut down the branches. (the fig tree)

Here, we have Isaiah lumping this event in creation using the three to depict the vulnerability of the barley, grapes, and figs at this time of year to describe how vulnerable those from Cush will be when they challenge Yehovah.

Every single 12-month normal year has had the witness of the grape vines. We do not use the designer vines of the past decade that many are planting. As you may know we use the established older vineyards which have not been altered to produce earlier.

These grapes are always shooting out the leaves and the sour bud by the 15th of March. Please jump and sing if you are seeing a pattern here in creation and the Gregorian Calendar month of March. Let us list a few of these dates we have been seeing here:

- 1) The equinox: March 16-17.
- 2) The Fig trees biblical description as a witness: March 7-20.
- 3) The white stork: March 10
- 4) The swifts: March 15
- 5) The Eurasian Banded Dove: March 5-15

These recorded patterns of the witnesses in the Land are all in harmony with the month of March. And most of them in the first part of March, from the 5th of March on. Every one of these witnesses are telling us the month of Abib and thus the New Year can't start if the 12th month ends prior to the 5th of March.

A Typical March Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
				1	2	3
4	5 Earliest date for a New Year Eurasian Banded Dove 5-15th	6	7 Fig trees from here to the 20th	8	9	10 Traditional white stork migration. Grapes 10-20th
11	12	13	14	15 Swifts always by now	16 Equilux	17 Equilux
18 Passover minimum date	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

The Essential Guidelines

- 1) Any potential new moon starting from the 15th of March forward will probably be a New Year.
- 2) Passover cannot be before the 18th of March. This means if the end of the 12th month is on or before March 4th it will be an Intercalated Year: 13th month added.
- 3) For a New Year to begin, there needs to be a very big warmup, cloud free skies, and no extended rains from the 15th of February or earlier. One Sharav event occurring from February 1-15 usually guarantees that.

Also, of note are the following points:

- a) This does not work using the Nehemia standard that the barley must be aviv by the New Moon of Abib. It only applies to the Abib Calendar using Christ as the representative Wavesheaf. It must be aviv by the 14th of the 1st Month.

- b) Every year still needs to be followed from afar from January as to weather and plant growing conditions. Any potential New Year falling between March 5-15 needs special attention from trusted brethren in the Land or a personal inspection if it is not clear from all else.

New moon dates from our past inspections and decisions made to start of year:

2002: March 16 Normal	2012: March 24 Normal
2003: March 5 Intercalated	2013: March 14 Normal
2004: March 23 Normal	2014: March 3 Intercalated
2005: March 12 Intercalated	2015: March 22 Normal
2006: March 31 Normal	2016: March 11 Normal
2007: March 21 Normal	2017: February 28 Intercalated
2008: March 9 Intercalated	2018: March 19 Normal
2009: March 28 Normal	2019: March 9 Normal
2010: March 18 Normal	2020: February 26 Intercalated
2011: March 7 Intercalated	

The entire Calendar of the Elohim is predicated on cycles and patterns in creation witnessing to its commencement and the appointed times of meeting.

Notice the dates above: no New Year has started prior to March 9th.

Everything after the 15th of March has been a New Year starting.

Between March 5-15 we had 4 Intercalated and 3 Normal years commencing. These are the years that need most of the witnesses in harmony. The birds are driven by the effects of sunlight so they will be consistently appearing in this time period as noted on the calendar.

The figs and grapes may be the ultimate confirming witnesses holding up the hands of the early barley. For the figs and grapes to reach their Biblical criteria events in growth as witnesses to winter being gone, there will need to be a minimum of 20 days of favorable weather before the respective date falling in this time span of the 5th to the 15th.

These are all guidelines established over 20 inspection trips in Israel at the end of the 12th lunar month of a Biblical Year. And, for the most part, confirmed what we had witnessed from afar for several years prior to 2002.

The Sheep

This witness is almost completely misunderstood as to the rules that apply to it and then there is the ignorance of why sheep have lambs in differing months in any given year. First and foremost, what are the rules pertaining to a lamb to be sacrificed and eaten by the entire household on Passover? This is quite important and instructs us in a lot of knowledge.

Exodus 12:5 Your lamb must be without blemish, a male of the first year (not older than a Biblical year which can have 12 or 13 months). You may take it from the sheep or the goats.

Here, we have 3 of the rules or laws pertaining to the lamb of Passover:

- 1) Without blemish means exactly that, not a defect visible on it in any way, shape, or form. It represents the reality of our Savior, the Lamb of Father's household.
- 2) It can't be older than 1 Biblical year. In most instances that would be of the year that was just previously kept, thus the timing of the first month relevant to their age is vitally important. Over a year and they are not legal to use. Thus, there must be a mechanism in creation to ensure ample lambs not too old and for that matter as we will see not too young in 2 consecutive 12-month years. As we know, a year can consist of 12 or 13 months. Thus, we can have "lambs" depending on species, from 70-110 pounds live weight. Dressed out by the rules pertaining to the Passover lamb one would have a lot of meat to consume. This becomes important as one of the other rules of that night can come into play as we will address.
- 3) And it must be a male of either the sheep or the goats.

All simple stuff so far. The requirement for it being up to a year old is simple to solve. Households at the time were quite large for the most part. As scripture instructs us, Yehovah made the Israelites very fertile in Egypt to the extent their rapidly increasing numbers threatened a Pharaoh. In **Exodus 12:4** we're instructed as follows:

Exodus 12:4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of

persons; according to each man's needs you shall make your count for the lamb.

It is simple to conclude from this that many lambs were on the larger side of the selection to feed the households. We know for a fact that **verse 10** tells us *“you shall let none of it remain until morning...”* (Thanksgiving Peace Offering rules) That is telling us that in some years there were only large lambs to choose from. Otherwise, there would be no need for such an instruction because you could pick a smaller lamb to meet the needs of the number of persons in the household. It was to be completely consumed or, as to the reality, spiritually internalized as the Lamb of Father's household. Thus, there is to be a set number to do so in physical terms and also in spiritual terms in the household. The first is just a shadow of the spiritual reality. We know there is a set number to completely internalize the Lamb of Fathers household but it was not completed under the terms and conditions of Native Israel's calling so thus the law of the neighbor had to be implemented to complete the number required by Father's household to do so. Thus, we Gentiles are to finish the count and task of completely internalizing the Lamb. Thank you, Father!

So, what's up with the depictions of little lambs fresh out of the womb? It is a fake portrayal of what is the truth and is established in the error of little “c” christianity and its depiction of a “little lord Jesus.” It is promoted among the Body by people who do not know what they are talking about. Fresh little lambs can't be used for a Passover sacrifice. Why?

That means; if little lambs were required to be used, some households would need a large amount of the little fellows. We will see there is only **one lamb allotted to each household**. Scripture and simple logic of such things gives us the answer. Look what little lambs are designated for.

***Exodus 22:30** Likewise, you shall do with your oxen and your sheep. It shall be with its mother 7-days; on the 8th day you shall give it to me.*

That is straight forward, it is the number for perfection, followed by the number for circumcision. It must be with its mum for 7 complete days. On the 8th day given to Yehovah. What does that mean? It is talking about the firstborn principle

as it states in verse 29. Both the firstborn and firstfruit laws are to be followed. So, when He says to give them to Me, how does that fit with the Passover?

For one, we are talking only firstborn here. Those were continual offerings throughout the year based on what was firstborn. With lambs it is restricted to a 3-month time span for that is when they are born. We will discuss all that shortly with facts and figures. **Leviticus 22:27** helps fill in the information about these 8-day old lambs.

Leviticus 22:27 When a bull or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall be 7-days with its mother; and from the 8th day and thereafter it shall be accepted as an offering by fire to Yehovah.

Their purpose is spelled out here. It is to be used as a burnt offering **to Him**. No other purpose. Is the Passover sacrifice a burnt offering? We have discussed that in detail for some time and it is all up on the website so we will not go in that direction but keep it simple. Keep this in mind, that a lamb does not start to be weaned until it is 5-6 weeks old. It is completely dependent on its mother's milk up until then. Thus, if it is separated from its mother on the 8th day or a day thereafter because of travel to the Temple it would need to be sacrificed very soon for the Elohim would not want to see a sacrifice of Theirs starving. This is all very important to the next law of the lamb of Passover we are going to address.

Exodus 12:3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel saying: on the 10th day of this month (Abib) every man shall take for himself a lamb according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

Here, we have some more simple instruction. One lamb per household with all the spiritual realities of that attached to it. He is to separate this lamb from the flock and keep it until, or better translated, "up to" the 14th day as directed in verse 6. That is, he will keep it separate from the flock for the balance of the 10th day, as well as the 11th, 12th, and 13th days. That is 4 days of separation. Does that mean what it says? Yes, it does, completely separated from the flock under your household care so it does not develop a blemish prior to the Passover. That means if it were a little lamb still dependent on its mother it would be starving to death for it can't eat solids yet to survive. It is completely separated, not partially.

Our Savior was not cut off from His source of life symbolically for 4 days. Father was with Him right to the end. We have discussed the importance of this 10th day in the first month and in the 7th month as to its spiritual reality as it is encoded in a woman's life cycle, the mum's life cycle folks. The 10th day in that cycle is when the ovum reduces its chromosome count in half, thus separation. It is preparing itself for fertilization starting on the 15th through the 21st days when it will be joined by the chromosome count of the father. So, we have all this being recorded in a woman's life cycle so we are without excuse.

On the 10th day the lamb is separated and kept up till the 14th. Thus, we have Passover. That is when the ovum appears as a brightly colored orb in the woman's life cycle, just like the full moon on the 14th of the month is at its peak of brightness. Then we have the 15th through the 21st days reserved for the ovum to be fertilized and a new life begins. That is representative of the 7-days of Unleavened Bread. Please do not lose sight of any of this when addressing the importance of all of our instructions about the lamb and the Passover.

This also applies to the configuration of days in the 7th month as well. On the 10th day of that month Satan's influence is separated from Native Israel (and physically depicted by fasting from the reality of his filthy, deceptive food) and then they can return to their rightful inheritance as the ultimate reality of their Jubilee. They are kept for 4-days to make sure none of them develops a blemish and then receive their inheritance in the Promised Land from the 15th to the 21st days, the pilgrimage Festival of Tabernacles and Ingathering. We have addressed all of this so many times we will move past it now. But without these realities of what the days represent we would fall short in our understanding of them as well as the components woven into them.

In 2020, with all the chatter about seeing a lamb here and there at the end of the 12th month some brethren were being led astray as to the truth and purpose of what is acceptable for a Passover lamb. Very few newborn lambs meet the qualifications for that lamb at the end of the 12th month for a household. We have established that above. It is obvious to see that most households used a lamb of greater size to meet the requirements established here in **Exodus 12**. The only exception to this is a lamb that is born a few months before the 10th of the first month and increased its body weight. Some have asked is that possible. Sure,

it is but it is a very limited number. Please remember you can start to wean a lamb at 5-6 weeks but it is not completely weaned until 12-14 weeks which is 3 to 3.5 months. Let's address the life cycle of sheep in general.

The normal gestation period for sheep is 5-months or roughly 150 days. That is pretty routine. Each species has a little variation here or there but not much. Goats are the same. You may ask then, why are the lambs not all born at the same time? That has a number of answers. Mr. Ram is a busy boy for a while. He does not get interested until a ewe goes into estrus. Then he loses all his stately demeanor and composure and turns into a maniac (from the point of view of the ewes). Not all ewes come into estrus at the same time, but Mr. Ram forgets about that and will harass them regardless. Some ewes will not come into "heat" for some 1-2 months later depending on their age and health. Thus, there can be a spread of months in which lambs will be born. The early ewes will then be dropping their lambs up to 2 months before Passover depending on whether it is a normal or intercalated year. Also, be mindful some species are bred to come into estrus throughout the year as opposed to the pattern in creation.

We have a video from the first week here which captures the state of the lambs and ewes quite well. The vast majority of the ewes were still very pregnant. The Bedouins keep them all close to home at that stage. There are also a half dozen lambs in different age brackets. Some are twice the size of the little ones which had just dropped. Lots of fun to watch. Everywhere we have traveled in the 11 days had shown us the same pattern this year. There are a few lambs a month or so old, a few several weeks old, and some days old. But, the vast majority of the ewes are still very much pregnant. The big drop would be commencing shortly. Here is a picture from the other day of some very pregnant sheep.

As good mum's they are eating their fill at every turn to ensure the little ones in them are well nourished.



As a rule of thumb, sheep in the Northern Hemisphere will start being ready for breeding in the October/November time frame. Now why would that be the case? Science today and patterns in creation have shown us that a ewe has a chemical reaction trigger in her brain caused by secretion from a gland that brings on the state of estrus. The entire process can take between 2-3 weeks to reach its desired goal in each animal. Keep in mind, that only in a short window of that timing, can she be bred. So, what riggers this all to start?

Two known factors: the sun and the moon. Once the sun hits its time of decline in September in the Northern Hemisphere, the days start to grow shorter. That sets the stage with the decreasing amount of sunlight. But it only preps the start. It needs to be tied to a moon cycle following this decline of sunlight. Imagine that! That is why it often starts in some sheep with the new moon going dark after the equilux of its location. For example, the equilux for Jerusalem this March (2020) is the 16th of the month. But for this discussion we are looking at the equilux of September of last year, 2019. Once we know that date, we will be able to determine which cycle of the moon going dark after it completes the light faction of the equation. So, let's have some fun with that.

The Autumnal equinox in Jerusalem 2019 was between September 26th and 27th. After that the days decreased and nights increased. The new moon (visible crescent for our purpose) was September 30th from Jerusalem. The conjunction or dark moon was shortly before that. This is only a few days past the equinox and thus could take it out of play as the chief cycle to start breeding. The declining moonlight with the first moon cycle after the equinox is the next and completing trigger to the ewes to start to finish the process into estrus. There are some exceptions to this with specific crossbreeding which would allow for some ewes to come into heat in the lunar cycle prior to the equinox. But we are looking for the big event starting. For argument sake let's use the 13th of October which should be within hours of most locations in the Northern Hemisphere of the full moon. What we do now is count 150 days starting with its decline.

March 11th 2020 brings us to the earliest possible time for the big drop of lambs to commence. That is when the moonlight starts its mathematical decline on October 13th of 2019. But it is our understanding and observation that as the moon's light declines more, the greater number of ewes would come into estrus. Thus, the further we get into March after the 11th we should see a greater number of lambs being born.

This is all simple stuff if we believe the patterns in creation and in fact, some of the new science of such things. Melatonin is a big part of the trigger mechanism. So, what do we draw from this? That the Elohim have absolutely covered in creation everything needed to fulfill the timing of Their laws as to the annual appointed times of meeting and the components necessary to keep them in sync. For instance, the declining moon of the month of September was too close to the declining time of the sunlight (equinox) in Jerusalem. With that we see many of the lambs being born in the 13th month of this intercalated year just like They intended it to be. There will even be lambs being born in April this year for the younger ewes coming into estrus for the first time in November of 2019 in that declining moon cycle starting on November 12th.

Once again, the Elohim have shown us, They are completely in control of all the timing of the witnesses in creation.

So, where does this take us in regard to the timing of Passover? All over the place unless you have the aforementioned knowledge in your possession. If we do not

see many lambs dropped at the end of the 12th month, there is a very good possibility that the year will be extended. That has been a pattern. That decision was made by Them way back 5-months before. Look at some of our pictures from last year prior to the 12th month and you will see lambs up feeding with the flock and composing 30 or more percent of it.

There are and will still be some who think they can take a lamb from its mother on the 8th day if it falls on the 10th of the first month for a Passover sacrifice. That goes against the entirety of the Biblical pattern of instruction and the will of the Elohim. As we mentioned in a report this trip, even the Rabbis acknowledge this in the Talmudic dissertations about criteria for acknowledging the end of a current year. If they are too tender which means young, they use that as one of their signs to intercalate. Lots of reasons why but not important here. The simple fact is the Pharisees and the Priests understood the timing of this cycle pertinent to the timing of the first month.

The Barley

You may be wondering why we have left barley to the last? It's simple, it is the primary witness for changing from winter to summer in creation. As such it has had a lot of exposure in that capacity. Unfortunately, a lot of that exposure is not helpful to the establishing of the Abib Calendar. There are a lot of arguments from a lot of different directions these days about what is acceptable and what should be done. When we first started inspecting with Nehemia, we formulated a set of rules and put them in place before we had left for Israel. We have stuck very close to them and built upon them ever since. That changed for the other half in 2005, as he changed almost all of them and went a different way.

It was shortly after that many hucksters saw a buck could be made by pushing a version of the Abib Calendar in their "ministry" and they jumped into the mix. Lots of confusion ensued and today, it is a landscape of chaos.

To briefly summarize our rules of inspection:

At the end of a current 12th month we look for volunteer barley that will be ready for a wavesheaf offering by the 14th of the upcoming month. Volunteer can be either wild barley or domestic barley which has self-seeded itself and went

through the entire process under the oversight of the Elohim. No manipulation of planting, etc.

If a location meets the criteria above, it must be able to pass the following:

- 1) Be in a quantity that will actually represent a harvestable field after Wavesheaf Day.
- 2) Be uniform in age. That means the plants growing in it need to be within a week of each other based on the Zadok Scale.
- 3) There must not be any blight or disease in the plants that could affect their growth cycle.
- 4) The location must not have any signs of defecation from wildlife; be it domestic or otherwise.

This is a relatively easy process for an experienced inspector. He or she could even tell from a distance if most of the above would be met. We have been able to do so living in the United States from video's and photographs on the internet. We practice this every year before we head to the Land. We start correlating information on the growth cycle and the meteorological conditions from the month of December. Because of this, we pretty much know what we are going to find. That experiment was put into play with the very first inspection year in the Land: 2002. Steve and a few folks he knew were insisting the year would be intercalated, as did Nehemia as well. Linda and I were clear we did not share that opinion because of all the diligence we put into looking at the buildup of witnesses we had observed from afar. As it turned out our efforts had proven to render the correct determination. It has been important to us to do this diligently over all the years of inspections and even prior to them so we could develop an accurate method of seeing the witnesses from home. There is coming a day when we will not be able to go to the Land to conduct inspections openly and maybe, not at all. Just look what the coronavirus scare has done to travel across the globe this cycle.

Linda and I are confident we are able to do so with all the data on the cycles and patterns compiled over the years. Our success rate has been 100%. And then there is the fact that two experienced brethren live in the land and are familiar with what we look for. They do not look for followings in what they do and

certainly do not look to be compensated. This is a very good option to engage if things seem questionable as to any of the witnesses.

What we will be doing for 2021 and on is to utilize this system. We will put the information on the site for our activities from December through the 3rd week of February for the next few years to assist anyone who wants to see how simple the system can be. It will just take some effort on your behalf starting in January at the latest.

Our peace we give to you!