Abib Update: Tuesday February 18, 2020

Hi Folks,

Gisela made her annual trek to the Gamah Junction/Re’im area today. She lives much further south where little to no vegetation survives without irrigation. We have included some of her pictures here. No defined area of growth to be found.

Some excerpts from her message follows:

“I cannot say I was disappointed from what I found because I pretty much knew what will be and understood the reasons. I’m attaching all the pictures I took. The biggest difference between today and last year... first and foremost the amount of barley. Last year at around the same date it was hard not to spot barley EVERYWHERE and of course spots of golden barley all over.”

“Today... Well.. I'm not going to say that I needed a magnifying glass to find barley but it was hard to spot. Evergreen color, mixed with a ton of flowers and other plants.”

“So, in conclusion: The Master and Creator is reserving most of the barley for next month. He just gave some "early birds" for us to understand His way. Weather forecast for the next few days: Rain and more rain until Monday! Mostly for the Negev!”

Everything we have received and viewed to date compliments her inspections today. We have added a copy of Zadok’s growth scale to this update for you to use in establishing the age of the intermittent heads.

We will keep you posted. Pictures follow.
Here we find barley coming out of the boot mixed in with weeds in a clump. Notice the flowering stage of the barley. In the background is a field of domestic grain. To the right between this clump and the domestic field you can see the vast majority of the Domestic barley is very young.
Here is a good example of how young even roadside barley is in the SW Negev. Wild flowers and Anemones are blooming all over the south at this time. They are the precursor to the barley just as the wild oats are.
Here we have heads just out of the boot, coming out of the boot, and still in the boot. This little clump is surrounded by weeds.
We are still into the vast expanses of late winters wild flowers. Barley here is very young.
Very descriptive picture. This was the most advanced head found by Gisela. For you old timers you can see it is of the red strain variety. It has a thistle shadowing it. Notice all the oats still very green holding down young barley. This once again is an isolated clump. Keep in mind as a rule the oats are 3 weeks ahead of the barley in maturity as we have established over the years in the reports.
Good shot of young barley facing towards the sun. A few heads have emerged but the vast majority is still in the boot.
Another good picture of a clump of barley in the boot, coming out of the boot, and actually out of the boot. Notice the oats near the top of the picture accompanied by weeds and young barley.
Besor Creek actually has water in it. Young barley on both banks.