

Testimony of Jesus

“the Spirit of Prophecy”

~~Rapture???~~

Harpadzo

Feasts of the LORD

Lv 23:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

2 “Speak to the children of Yisra’el,
and say to them,

‘The moedim of יהוה,

which you are to proclaim as set-apart gatherings,

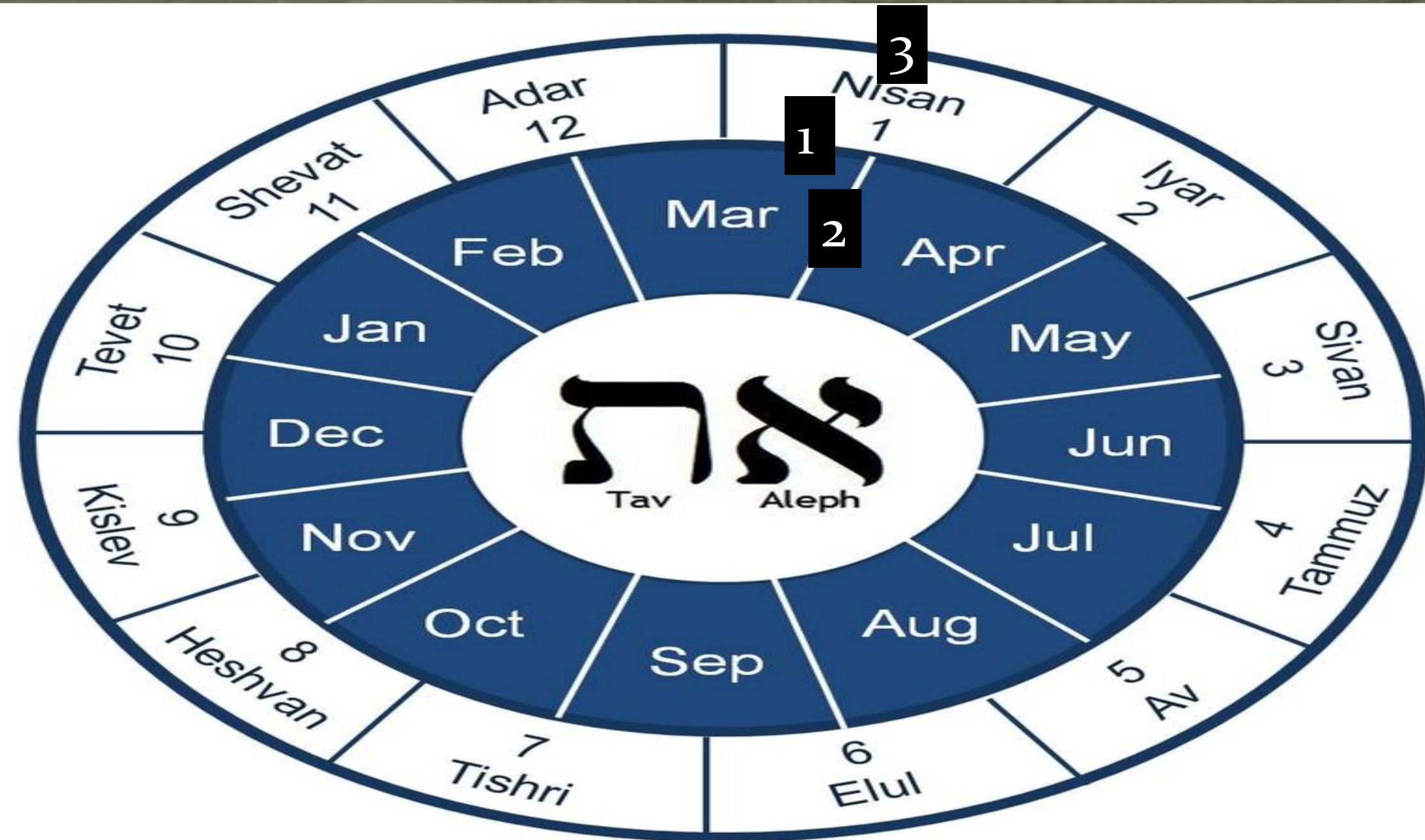
My appointed times, are these:

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1. Biblical months are simply numbered by a “new moon” = lunar calendar

2. Our months are sun based “solar calendar”

3. Hebrew month names are Babylonian



Yah's Moedim

Pesach

Chag
ha matzot

Reshit
Katzir

Shavuot
(weeks)

Yom Teruah
(Rosh Hashanah)

Yom Kippur

Sukkot

Passover

Unleavened
Bread

Firstfruits

Pentecost

Trumpets

Day of
Atonement

Tabernacles

1st Month "Nisan"
(Mar-Apr)

3rd Month "Sivan"
(May-Jun)

7th Month "Tishri"
(Sep-Oct)

Yah's Moedim

Lamb
crucified

Lamb
buried

Lamb
raised

Holy Spirit
descends

King
returns

King
judges

King
rules

**The "Good News"
(Gospel)**

Pentecost

Trumpets

**Day of
Atonement**

Tabernacles

(Pente = 50 days)

Fulfilled
1st Coming to **REDEEM**

*Church Age
begins*

Unfulfilled
2nd Coming to **REIGN**

Yah's spring Moedim fulfilled
at 1st Coming

Harpadzo

Passover

Unleavened
Bread

Firstfruits

Pentecost



X
You
are
here

Church Age 2,000 yrs

1Th 4:16 Because the Master Himself shall come down from heaven with a shout,
with the voice of a chief messenger,
and with the trumpet of Elohim,
and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.

17 Then we, the living who are left over,
shall be harpadzo together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air –
and so we shall always be with the Master.

18 So, then,
encourage one another with these words.

“caught away/up” – αρπαδζω – harpadzo

13x in N.T. always in reference to forcibly taken

Jn 10:28-29 we cannot be removed from the hand of the Son or the hand of the Father

Ac 8:39 Phillip “caught away” by the Holy Spirit after the Ethiopian’s belief and baptism

2Co 12:2, 4 Paul “caught away” to the presence of God

Re 12:5 Yeshuah the Child “caught away” to the throne in heaven away from the dragon

John Darby 1800-1881 (Margaret MacDonal's vision) "dispensational theology"

Irenaeus – Bishop of Lyons, France (130 A.D. – 202 AD)

“And therefore, when in the end the Church shall be suddenly caught up from this, it is said, “There shall be tribulation such as has not been since the beginning, neither shall be.” For this is the last contest of the righteous, in which, when they overcome they are crowned with incorruption. Against Heresies 5:29

Note Irenaeus' use of the, “caught up.” It is the exact same Rapture terminology used in 1 Thessalonians 4. The word used in 1 Thessalonians 4, is “harpazo”, meaning to be “caught up.” Irenaeus believed that the Rapture of the Church occurred prior to the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

What the Ancient Church Fathers Believed: by Matt Ward

Origen (185-253)

Those whom we spoke of as dead have special need of the resurrection, since not even those who are alive can be taken up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air before the dead in Christ first rise. (Commentary on John, 20.233)

Cyprian – Bishop of Carthage (200 AD – 258 AD)

Cyprian taught his followers that, “God has not appointed us to wrath, but salvation..” (1 Thess. 5:9), and joyfully encouraged his church to expect to be “taken away” before the Tribulation begins. *Indeed, he exhorted his church to eagerly anticipate the mansions Jesus had gone to heaven to prepare for them individually, as detailed in John 14 ibid*

Ephraim The Syrian – Bishop of Nisibis (306 AD – 373 AD)

See to it that this sentence be not fulfilled among you of the prophet who declares: “Woe to those who desire to see the day of the Lord!” For all the saints and elect of God are gathered, prior to the tribulation that is to come, and are taken to the Lord lest they see the confusion that is to overwhelm the world because of our sins. And so, brothers most dear to me, it is the eleventh hour, and the end of the world comes to the harvest, and angels, armed and prepared, hold sickles in their hands, awaiting the empire of the Lord. The Last Times - Two

Rufinus of Aquilea (345-411)

And do not marvel that the flesh of the saints is to be changed into such a glorious condition at the resurrection as to be caught up to meet God, suspended in the clouds and borne in the air. ([*Commentary on the Apostles' Creed, 46*](#))

Augustine (354-430)

And why should it seem to us incredible that that multitude of bodies should be, as it were, sown in the air, and should in the air forthwith revive immortal and incorruptible, when we believe, on the testimony of the same apostle, that the resurrection shall take place in the twinkling of an eye, and that the dust of bodies long dead shall return with incomprehensible facility and swiftness to those members that are now to live endlessly? (City of God, 20.20)

Jn 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled.
Believe in Elohim,
believe also in Me.

2 “In My Father’s house are many staying places.
And if not, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.

3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I shall come again and receive you to Myself,
that where I am,
you might be too.

again
G3825 palin =
anew, once more

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receive
G3880 paralambano =
to take unto oneself

Is 26:20 Go, my people,
enter your rooms,
and shut your doors behind you;
hide yourself, as it were, for a little while,
until the displeasure is past.

21 For look, יהוה

is coming out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their crookedness.

And the earth shall disclose her blood,
and no longer cover her killed ones.

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displeasure
H2195 za' am =
Anger, fury, rage, indignation

Ex 20:18 And all the people are seeing the voices,
and the flames,
and the sound of the trumpet,
and the mount smoking;
and the people see, and move, and stand afar off,

