



**DOES THE MOON HAVE ANY
PART IN DEFINING THE
BEGINNING OF THE BIBLICAL
MONTH?**

**THIS IS PART
THREE
OF THREE
PARTS!**



STARTING PART 3

In Part 3 we are
investigating
IF the great kings,
prophets and leaders
followed the Laws of
Moses or not?



King Saul
Jonathan/David



**It's time to do
some research!**



Nehemiah



Ezra



King David

**We will next examine the 20
non-Torah verses associated with
these leaders. Did they follow
the “Laws of Moses” or not?**

Zerubbabel



King
Solomon

Ezekiel



Elisha



Amos



Hosea



Isaiah



King
Hezekiah



1062 BC King Saul (with Jonathan & David)

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- ❑ **1 Sam 20:5** And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the **new moon month** [H2320], 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.
- ❑ **1 Sam 20:18** Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the **new moon month** [H2320]: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.
- ❑ **1 Sam 20:24** So David hid himself in the field: and when the **new moon month** [H2320] was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

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1062 BC King Saul (with Jonathan & David)

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NO-WHERE!

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1030 BC King David (A Man After Yahweh's Heart)

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Both Moses & King David were men of Yahweh. King David followed the "Laws of Moses."

Therefore, he would have honored Yahweh's "month" according to the creation week, as recorded by Moses.

Because Num 10:10 says to "blow the trumpet in the new month," [H2320], King David would have written Psalms 81:3 like this:

- ❑ Blow up the trumpet in the new ~~MOON~~ month [H2320], in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

No where in Torah does Moses command the trumpet to be blown in the "new moon."

1015 BC King Solomon (Instructed by King David)

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Solomon is made king by David in 1 Chron 23:1, then these instructions follow:

1 Chron 23:31 And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto Yahweh in the sabbaths, in the **new MOONS months** [H2320], and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before Yahweh:

No where in Torah does Moses give instructions for sacrifices on the “new moons”!

1015-1014 BC King Solomon (the Wisest Man)

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See 1
Chron
27:1-15

Solomon
names 12
captains
for each
year!

King David reminds King Solomon of these instructions:

1 Kings 2:3 ... keep the charge of Yahweh your Elohim: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses ... NKJV

Solomon's kingdom was well organized with "chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month [H2320] throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand."

No where in Torah does Moses make provision for 13 "moon" months in a year.

1015 BC King Solomon (Follows David's Words)

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Solomon
did not
honor any
"new moon."
Hebrew does
not use
H3394.

Below is the 3rd of 4 witnesses from King Solomon supporting the "new month [H2320]" as given in Hebrew.

2 Chron 2:4 Behold, I build an house to the name of Yahweh my Elohim (God), to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new ~~MOONS~~ months [H2320], and on the solemn feasts of Yahweh our Elohim (God.) This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

1004 BC King Solomon (Regards Worship Statutes)



2 Chron 8:13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new MOONS months [H2320], and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

**This event is 9 years after 1 Chron 23:31.
Solomon still follows the Torah commands
for offerings on the new month [H2320].**

895 BC Elisha (and the Shunammite Woman)

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Elisha
trained
under Elijah;
both were
great men
of Yahweh.

The Shunammite woman knew Elisha was a great prophet according to the testimony in:

2 Kings 4:22 And she called unto her husband, and said ... that I may run to [Elisha] **the man of God**.

2 Kings 4:23 And he [husband of the Shunammite woman] said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him [Elisha] to day? it is neither [the] **new MOON month** [H2320], nor sabbath.

Timeframe: 550 years after Moses.
Hebrew does not use H3394 for “moon.”

787 BC **Amos** (Deals with Apostate Israel)

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660 years
after Moses,
Amos is
faced with
Israel's
apostasy of
the pagan
"new moons."

Yahweh tells Amos that Israel will long for the **NEW MOONS** and **SABBATHS** to be over to follow their pagan ways and immorality. They were led away by false gods [Amos 2:4], one of them honored on the day of the new moon.

Amos 8:5 Saying, When will the **new ~~MOON~~ month** [H2320], 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?

Israel is admitting to their apostasy.
Were they celebrating the H3394 "new moon" instead of the H2320 "new month"?

785 BC Hosea (Deals with Apostate Israel)

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Hosea
Also Has a
Warning
About
Worship
Celebrations

- Yahweh gives Hosea counsel for Israel about 84 years before Hezekiah's sundial miracle.
- There is definitely a huge problem with apostasy in Israel.
- Will Yahweh's people heed Hosea's warning about her new moons?

▪ Hosea 2:11 I [Yahweh] will also cause all her mirth [joy] to cease, her feast days, her **NEW MOONS** [H2320], and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

785 BC Hosea (Deals with Apostate Israel)

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In Hosea 2:11 “her **new moons**”
have nothing to do with
the **Laws of Moses**.

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- Hosea 2:11 I [Yahweh] will also cause all her mirth [joy] to cease, her feast days, her **NEW MOONS** [H2320], and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

760 BC **Isaiah** (Deals with Apostate Israel)

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Isaiah's
record is
very
worthy
of careful
notice.

Only 25 years after the writings of Hosea, Isaiah gives another warning about the apostasy of Israel before they were taken into captivity by Assyria.

However, they kept running after the pagans with regard to their worship, ignoring the covenant commands of Yahweh including the 30 day month.

As you will note on the next slide, verse 14 says very emphatically Your **NEW MOONS** [H2320] and your **appointed feasts** in comparison to Hosea's wording of: her **NEW MOONS** [H2320 – not H3394], and her **Sabbaths**, and all her **solemn feasts**.

Isa 1:13-14 should have been translated as Your **NEW MONTHS**.

Even so, it does not matter if the verse said **NEW MOONS** or **NEW MONTHS** – the point is – neither their **MOON** or **MONTH** was sacred and did not belong to Yahweh for it was all reckoned according to paganism and moon worship.



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Isa 1:13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; **the NEW MOONS** [H2320] and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. (760 BC)

Isa 1:14 Your NEW MOONS [H2320] and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

Isa 1:14 is quite an incredible verse. It should say **NEW MONTHS**, which are the “new months” according to how the pagans calculated their pagan festivals.

Question: Is it not interesting that the real problem of calculating the “pagan months” is actually called “new moons” in **Isa 1:14**? Did the KJV translators know it was the apostate “appointed feasts” that were fixed to the “new moons.”

Yahweh’s “appointed times” were never fixed to the **“new moons.”**

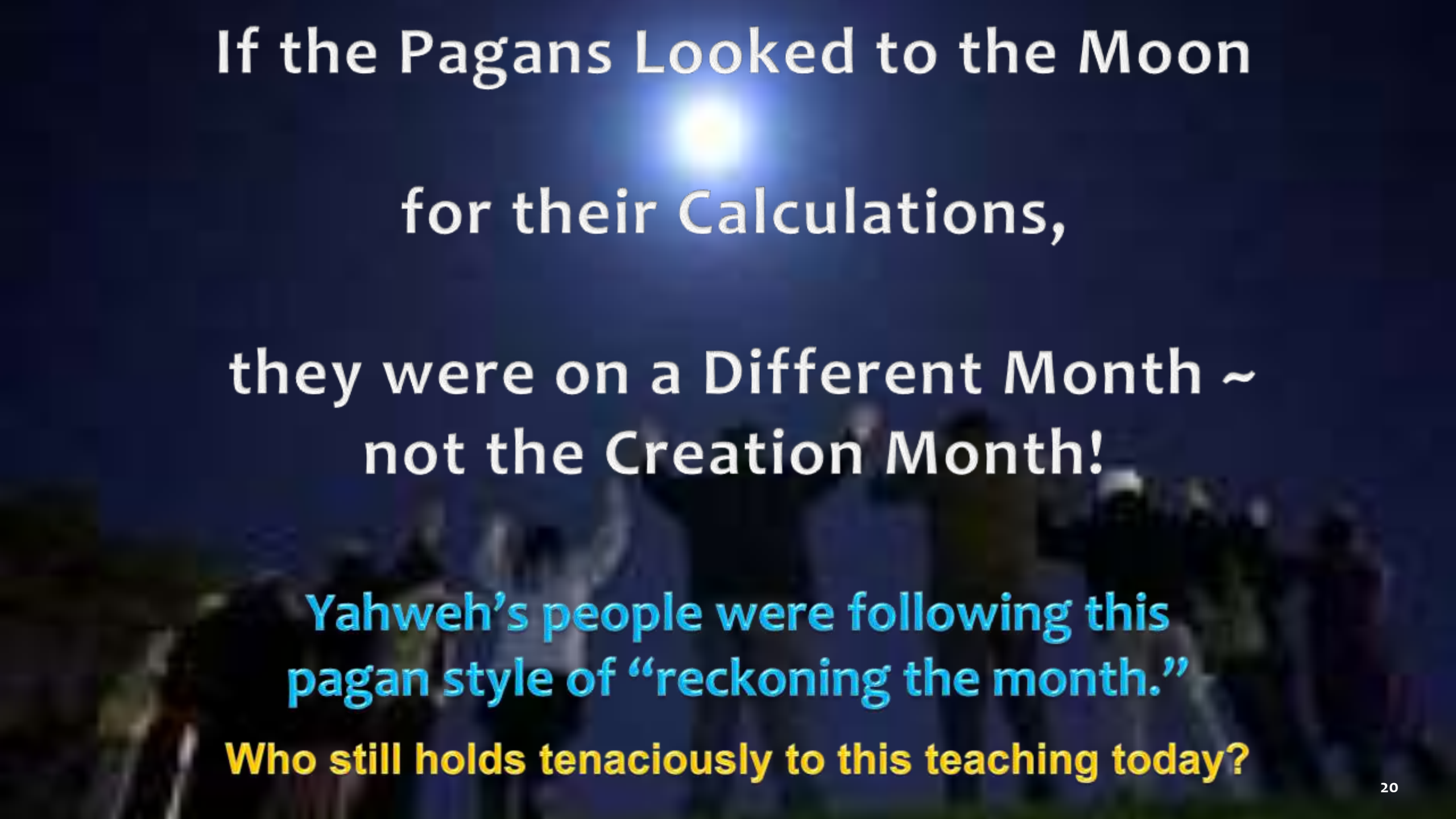
Which came first?
1. The New Month?
OR
2. The New Moon?

Creation Week: Where Does the Month Begin?

On the 1st day?

Or the 4th day with the moon?

1 st Day	2 nd Day	3 rd Day	4 th Day	5 th Day	Prep. Day	Sabbath
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7
The first day of the creation week has to be the 1 st day of the month, and the 1 st day of the year.			The first day the moon appears is NOT the 1 st day of Yahweh's month! But, the moon does have a set cycle, so ~ the 4 th day is the 1 st day of the moon's cycle.			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1 Month Renews	2	3	4 Moon Renews 	5

The background of the slide is a dark, grainy night photograph. A bright, glowing full moon is centered in the upper half of the frame. Below the moon, the silhouettes of a group of people are visible against the dark sky. Some of the figures appear to have their arms raised, suggesting a religious or ceremonial gathering. The overall tone is somber and mysterious.

If the Pagans Looked to the Moon
for their Calculations,
they were on a Different Month ~
not the Creation Month!

Yahweh's people were following this
pagan style of "reckoning the month."

Who still holds tenaciously to this teaching today?

726 BC King Hezekiah (Reformation & Restoration)

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Hezekiah
followed
Torah
guidelines to
determine the
NEW month.

- All kings and leaders were responsible to know Torah and teach it. [Deut 17]

King Hezekiah would have observed the 30 day month like this:

- Count 1-30, then start over - a repetitive occurrence!
- In 726 BC, Hezekiah invited Israel & Judah to celebrate the Passover in the 2nd month. (Priests were not sanctified for the 1st month.)
- The heathen altars in Jerusalem were destroyed.
- A 2nd Passover was a grand reformation and restoration.
- There was a massive campaign against all idol worship.
- Hezekiah absolutely followed the Torah guidelines for celebrations of Sabbaths, Appointed Times, and New Months.

726 BC King Hezekiah (Reformation & Restoration)

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Yahweh's King
would **NOT**
have been
following the
pagan new
moon!

2 Chron 31:3 He [King Hezekiah] appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, and for the **new MOONS months** [H2320], and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of Yahweh.

[H2320] should be translated
as **new months**.



701 BC King Hezekiah's Sundial Miracle

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No Other Bible Testimony is Recorded 3 Times



This is
extremely
important!

- **2 Chron 32:24** In those days **Hezekiah** was sick to the death, and prayed unto Yahweh: ... and he gave him a sign.
- **2 Kings 20:9-11** ... shall the shadow go forth ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?
10 And **Hezekiah answered**, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but **let the shadow return backward ten degrees.**
11 And ... he brought the shadow ten degrees backward ...
- **Isa 38:7-8** And **this shall be a sign unto thee ...**
8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees ... ten degrees backward ...

701 BC Sundial's Lunar Cycle Consequences

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Did Yahweh's people turn their eyes away from following the new moons?

1. The yearly cycle was changed from 360 days to 365+ days in a year.
2. The length of the moon's lunar cycle from the 4th day of creation was changed from 30 days in a cycle to 28-29½ days in a cycle. The moon month is now very distinct from Yahweh's month.
3. It took the pagan nations 50-75 years to adjust the unstable calendar eventually adding 5+ days to the END of the 360th day.

History Between 701 BC to 606 BC ... then to 538 BC

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606 BC

Judah was exiled about 100 years after Israel was scattered by Assyria for refusing to follow Torah commands despite the teachings of Kings and Prophets. But, pagan Babylon was following the moon month as well. *An exile of 70 years affected Judah.*

596 BC

Ezekiel was also exiled to Babylon, as Levite and a priest. While Daniel resided in the court of the king, Ezekiel lived among the exiles from Judah. He was called a prophet, teacher and counselor for Yahweh. *Would Judah return to Yahweh's Covenant Calendar under his leadership?*

538 BC

Judah returns under Zerubbabel, Ezra & Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem and their land. These three great leaders were commissioned to bring Judah into full alignment with all the statutes and judgments, including the Covenant Calendar. *Were they successful?*

574 BC Ezekiel (A Levite, Prophet & Priest of Torah)

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Ezekiel Had
Authority to
Teach the
Covenant
Instructions
Correctly

- Ezekiel would have taught the strict laws of the Torah for the observance of the **feasts**, **Sabbath(s)** and the **new month requirements**.
- His instructions in the next two passages were for **services to be conducted in the new temple at Jerusalem, after the return of the exiles from Babylon**. However, this temple was never built.
- The following passages are well after Hezekiah's sundial miracle and **about 38 years before the first exiles returned to Jerusalem**.

574 BC Ezekiel (Will his prophecy follow the Torah?)

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Ezekiel's Temple was Never Built to Provide a Witness for a New Moon Day.

Would Ezekiel's prophecy follow the words of the 1611 translation for the Hebrew term of Chodesh H2320 ?

Eze 45:17 And it shall be the prince's part to give ... offerings ... in the feasts, and in the **NEW MOONS** [H2320], and in the Sabbaths ...

Eze 46:1 Thus saith the Lord GOD; ... on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the **NEW MOON** [H2320] it shall be opened.

Eze 46:3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship ... before Yahweh in the Sabbaths and in the **NEW MOONS** [H2320].

Eze 46:6 And in the day of the **NEW MOON** [H2320] ...

Notice the KJV 1611 translation does not give recognition to Yahweh's **“new month.”**

538-516 BC Zerubbabel (1st Return of Babylonian Exiles)

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Ezra tells us how the Law of Moses is still first priority almost 1000 years later.

Ezra chapters 1-6 record the history of Zerubbabel 60 years before Ezra arrives with the 2nd group of exiles.

Ezra 3:2 Then stood up Jeshua ... and his brethren the priests, and **Zerubbabel** ... and builded the altar of the God of Israel, **to offer burnt offerings** thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.

538-516 BC **Zerubbabel** (1st Return of Babylonian Exiles)

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These offerings did NOT follow the pagan “new moon”!

Ezra recorded exactly what Zerubbabel did
“as it is written in the law of Moses.”

Is it possible that Ezra would have written verse 5 this way?

Ezra 3:5 And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the **new MOONS month** [H2320], and of all the set feasts of Yahweh that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto Yahweh.

Again - the KJV 1611 translators do not give recognition to Yahweh’s H2320 “new month.”

458 BC Ezra (2nd Return of Babylonian Exiles)

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Who Was Ezra?

Ezra led the second group of captives to Jerusalem about 80 years after Zerubbabel.



He was an Aaronic Priest, Skilled Scribe & Teacher of the Law of Moses! (See Ezra 7:1, 5, 6 & 10; 8:1-3, 9.)

★ Between the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, Ezra is called a priest 8 times and a [skilled] scribe 7 times. This confirms his well-qualified credentials.

Yahweh made sure Ezra's credentials were the best for another reformation & restoration in Judah!

458 BC Ezra (2nd Return of Babylonian Exiles)

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Ezra: A Strong Leader



Ezra 7:10 For **Ezra** [a skilled scribe and Aaronic priest] **had prepared his heart to seek the law of Yahweh, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.**

Ezra taught the statutes and ordinances to Israel along with Nehemiah and the Levites according to Yahweh's Everlasting Covenant.

Ezra would never have written anything about "**new moons**" nor taught the people such things!

Who earns your trust? **Ezra** or the 1611 **Translators**?

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1611 KJV

- We must recognize that Yahweh was watching over the leaders of His people - especially through His prophets: **Amos, Hosea, Hezekiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Ezra, Nehemiah.**
- **Ezra** (and others) such as priests, scribes, kings and prophets were instructed and accountable to teach Torah truths.
- Therefore, their actions and instructions must default back to teaching the Creator's Biblical 30 day month according to H2320 <chodesh>.
- Or, do you think **it's more likely the translators** [influenced by Jewish tradition] **interpreted H2320 incorrectly using** the inaccurate words of **"new moons"** rather than **"new months"**?

446-434 BC Nehemiah (3rd Return with Exiles)

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Nehemiah
led out in
another
campaign for
reformation
and
restoration!

- Date of Event: About 10+ years after Ezra returned with the second set of exiles.
- Under Nehemiah's guidance, the people had confessed and repented for their sins with the pagan nations. (Neh 9)
- On his 2nd return to Jerusalem after 12 years, he found the people had fallen back into their evil ways - even conducting business on Sabbath.
- **Nehemiah** instructed the Levitical priests to implement the observance of the Law of Moses. Is there proof?

446-434 BC Nehemiah (3rd Return with Exiles)

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Nehemiah's efforts are the final witness in the Old Testament for observing the Covenant Worship Statutes.

Nehemiah 10:33 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the Sabbaths, of the **new** ~~MOONS~~ **months** [H2320], for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

- [H2320] must be translated as **new months**.
- Reminder: Moses' Laws do not say anything about observing the "**new moon**."
- Nehemiah taught the people the same laws as Ezra did.
- This was another reminder so the people would not repeat their backsliding patterns.



King Saul
Jonathan/David



King David



King
Solomon



Elisha



Amos



Hosea



Isaiah



King
Hezekiah



Ezekiel



Zerubbabel



Ezra



Nehemiah

**It's time for
a decision!**

**Is it possible
these 12 great leaders
would not have followed
the “Laws of Moses”?**

Or is it possible: There are some things that could have happened with the 1611 KJV translation to cause such a problem in only 7% of the Scriptures establishing the “**new moon**” over the “**new month**”?




There are two possibilities for how the term “**new moon**” was inserted into the text rather than “**new month**.”



1. The translators ignorantly made a mistake by following (and inserting) the Jewish traditions of the “new moon.”
2. The translators deliberately erred causing allegiance and sacred regard to be given to the moon for the month start.

Now, we still have a question to be answered!

Why are only **7%** of the **KEY verses** incorrectly translated as “moon(s)” when the proper translated term would be “**month(s)**”?

A full moon rises over a dirt road in a rural landscape. The road is a light brown gravel path that stretches from the bottom center towards the horizon. On either side of the road are green fields and some trees. The sky is dark, and the moon is a large, bright yellow-orange sphere. The overall scene is peaceful and somewhat mysterious.

The prophet Isaiah in
Chapter 47:13 talks
about the “monthly
prognosticators.”

Let's examine that term!

Isaiah 47:13 KJV



Thou [Babylon] art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels.

Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the

monthly [H2320] prognosticators [H3045],

stand up, and save thee

from these things that shall come upon thee.

Monthly here [as H2320] is translated correctly!

Isaiah 47:13 KJV

The meaning of
monthly [H2320]
prognosticators [H3045]:

Those that ascertain
by “seeing.”

Or:

Every month the
astrologers are gazing
at the heavenly bodies.



Other Translations of Isaiah 47:13

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#1 English Standard Version

You [Babylon] are wearied with your many counsels; let them stand forth and save you, those who divide the heavens, who gaze at the stars, **who at the NEW MOONS make known what shall come upon you.**

#2 New American Standard

... Those who prophesy by the stars,
Those who predict by the NEW MOONS ...

#3 International Standard Version

... those who conjure the heavens and gaze at the stars,
predicting at the NEW MOONS ...

Other Translations of Isaiah 47:13 (con't)

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#4 Jubilee Bible 2000

... Let now those that contemplate the heavens,
those that speculate regarding the stars,
those that teach the courses of the MOON ...

#5 Darby Bible Translation

... Let now the interpreters of the heavens,
the observers of the stars,
who predict according to the NEW MOONS ...

Other Translations of Isaiah 47:13 (con't)

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#6 New World Translation

... the lookers at the stars, **those giving out knowledge at the NEW MOONS** ...

#7 Revised Standard Version

... who gaze at the stars, **who at the NEW MOONS predict what shall befall you.**

#8 Common English Bible

... let the astrologers stand up and save you, those who gaze at the stars, **and predict what will happen to you at each NEW MOON.**

Other Translations of Isaiah 47:13

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#9 Lexham English Bible

You struggle with your many consultations; let them stand, now, and save you - those who see the stars, divide the celestial sphere, **who inform by NEW MOONS - from those things that are coming upon you.**

#10 New Century Version

... those who tell the future **by looking at the stars and the NEW MOONS.**

Isaiah 47:13 KJV



Let's check out what
other Bible
Commentators have
to say about these
monthly
prognosticators!



Isaiah 47:13 ~ Barnes' Notes

The thing referred to in the passage before us, and which **was practiced in Babylon**, was, probably, that of forecasting future events, or telling what would occur by the observation of the positions of the heavenly bodies.

[**The star-gazers**] Those who endeavor to tell what will occur by the contemplation of the relative positions of the stars.

[**The monthly prognosticators**] '**That give knowledge concerning the months.**' That is, at the commencement of the months they give knowledge of what events might be expected to occur during the month; **perhaps from the dip of the moon, or its riding high or low, etc.** ... **This whole passage would have been more literally and better translated by preserving the order of the Hebrew.**

'Let them stand up now and save thee, who are astrologers; who gaze upon the stars, **and who make known at the new moons what things will come upon thee.**'

Isaiah 47:13 ~ Jamieson, Fausset & Brown

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Let ... the **monthly prognosticators** ... save thee from (these things) that shall come upon thee - those who at each new moon profess to tell thereby what is about to happen.

Maurer joins, not as the English version, 'Let them that give knowledge **concerning the months** (margin) save thee from those things that shall come upon thee; but, 'They that at new moons make known part of the things that shall come upon thee, let them (also) save thee (from them).' If they can foretell calamities, they ought also to be able to save from them; because both are the work of God.

Isaiah 47:13 ~ Keil & Delitzsch

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... to look with pleasure or with interest at anything; hence Luther has rendered it correctly, die Sternkucker (Eng. ver. star-gazers).

They [Babylon's star-gazers] are described still further as those who make known with every new moon, ... things which, ... is used in a partitive sense: out of the great mass of events they select the most important, and prepare a calendar or almanac ... for the state every month.

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Summary for Isa 47:13

1. There are many other Bible translations that translate Isa 47:13 according to the ways of Babylon – that of star-gazers and those that watch for every new moon – a monthly event.

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Summary for Isa 47:13

2. There are several other Bible **Commentaries** that also interpret **Isaiah 47:13** according to what was really happening in Babylon.



Summary for Isa 47:13

3. Because the translators for the KJV used the term the **“monthly prognosticators,”** rather than **“those who predict by the new moons,”** did they actually remove important context from this verse?

Yes, the word **monthly** is H2320 meaning a **“repetitive occurrence.”**

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Summary for Isa 47:13

4. This ONE verse wasn't tampered with at all!

Here **H2320** could have been **incorrectly** translated as “**new moon**” (as the other 20 verses were) ...

and ...



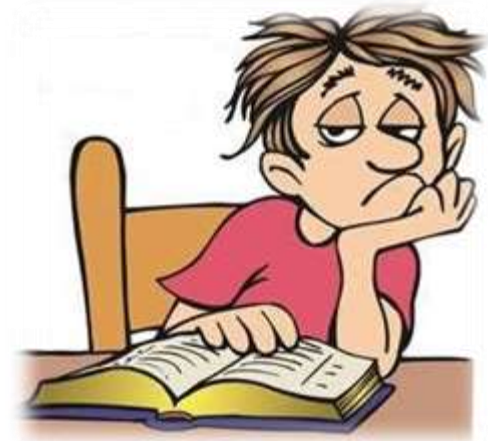
Conclusion for Isa 47:13

**A mis-translation of the verse would
still have been in alignment with the
truth of the pagan cultures and their
worship practices!**

Yet, this verse was left untouched!

Why?

So, What's the Point?



There are 20 key **"feast and festival" verses** in the Old Testament that have been manipulated and tampered with **to lead one to believe the Feast Months really do begin with the "new moon."**

**We must recognize this glaring counterfeit.
Non-Torah Verses must be in alignment with Torah Truths.**



Comparing Psalm 81:3 to Numbers 10:10

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Scripture Facts

[1450 BC] **Num 10:10** ... **in your solemn** ^[feast] **days**, and **in the beginnings of your months** ^[H2320], **ye shall blow with the trumpets** ...

[1030 BC] **Ps 81:3** **Blow up the trumpet** in the **new moon** ^[H2320] **month** ^[H2320], in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

Comparison

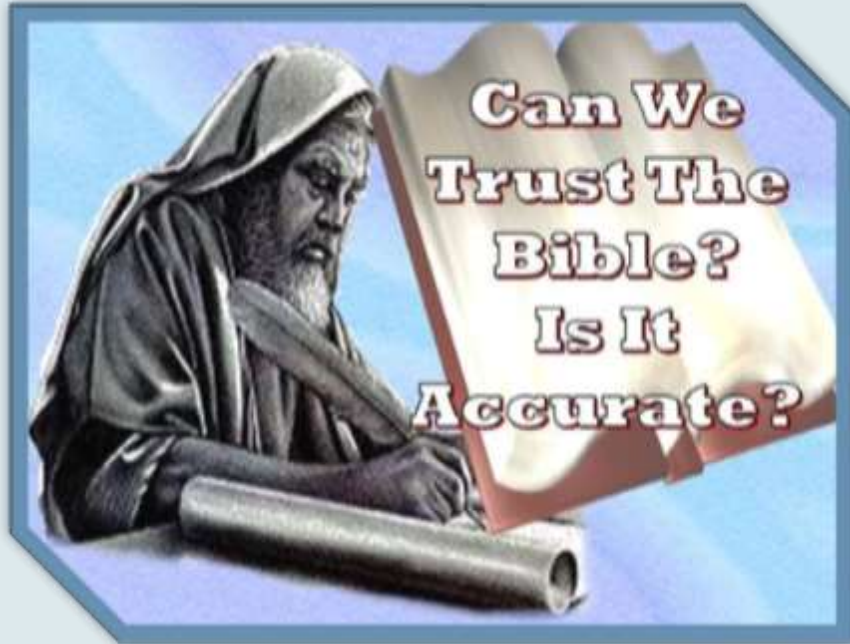
- The Book of Numbers dates at least 450 years before Psalms.
- **Numbers is Torah; Psalms is not.**
- King David taught according to Torah.
- **Psalm 81:3** must come into alignment with **Numbers 10:10**.
- **“moon”** in Psalm 81 is not **H2320**. This word should be translated as **“month.”**

Remember the question: Has there been a deliberate attempt by the 1611 translators to save the new moon?

Remembering the 1611 KJV Translators

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Isa 28:10

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept;
line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.

- The 1611 KJV was completed less than 100 years after Luther.
- The translators did their best.
- It's likely they were highly influenced by Jewish traditions – the new moon month being one of them.
- **Remember: The Bible will be accurate with a proper study.**

There are NO New Moons for Yahweh's Months!

A background image of a sunset sky with a crescent moon on the left and dark silhouettes of trees at the bottom.

This error has been accepted as a truth likely because most people just examined 20 verses. Many verses are set in the context of Sabbaths, new moons, and Feasts and Festivals. And ... they are ALL non-Torah verses!

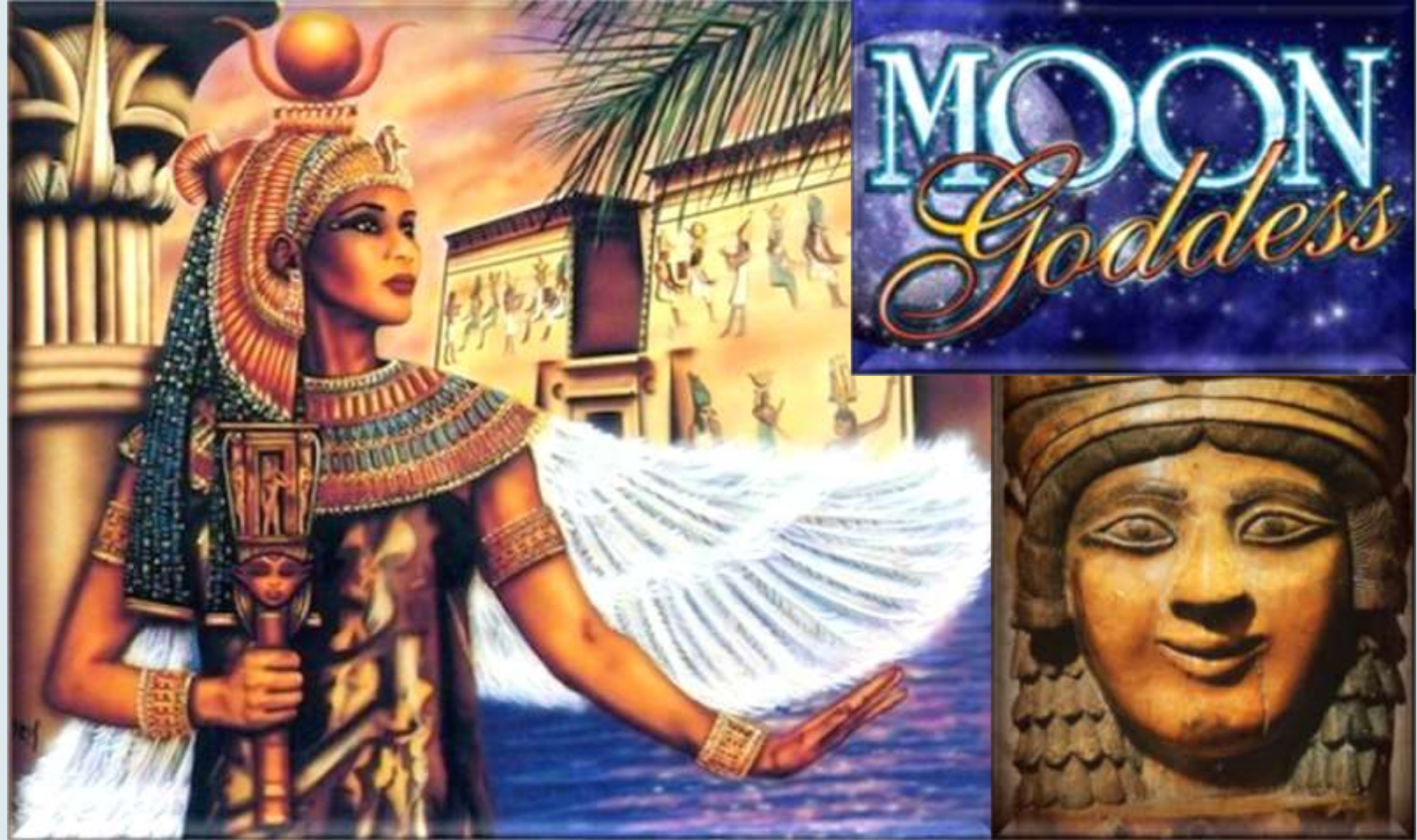
As mentioned before 20 verses represent only 7% of the 283 references that must be searched out.



Question:

If the translators would have translated **H2320** as "new month" instead of "new moon" would that have made a difference in understanding the commencement of Yahweh's Biblical month today?

There should be NO question about that!



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Egyptian & Babylon History of Moon Worship

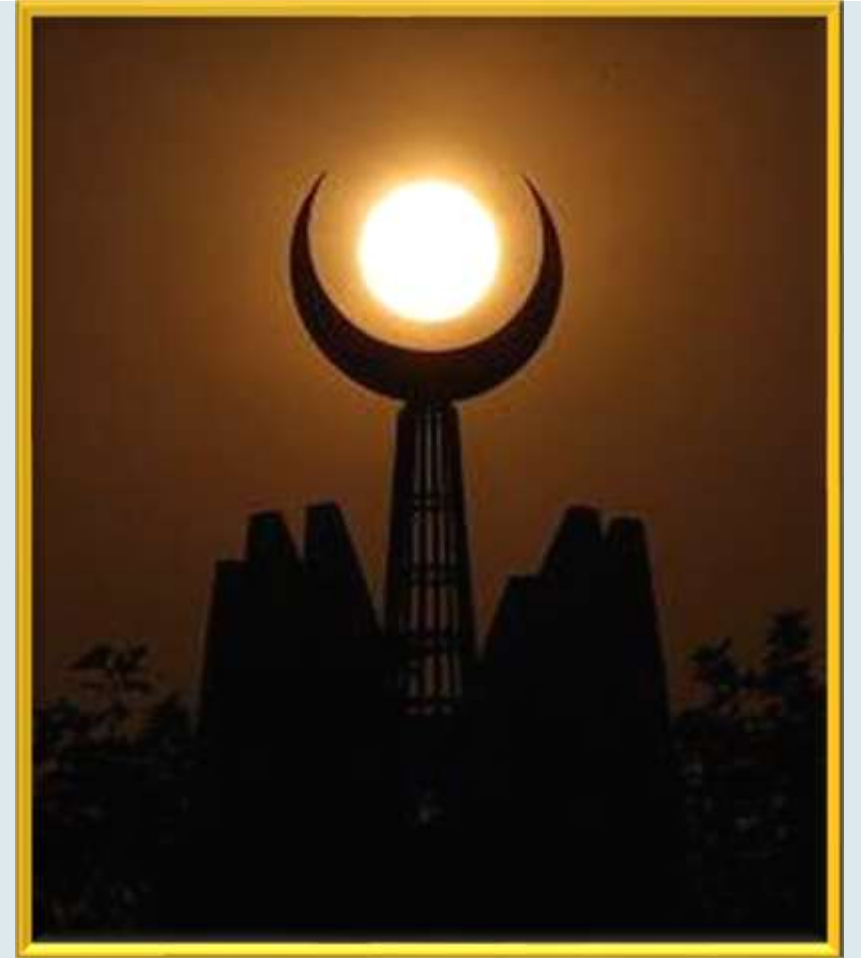
Ever Wonder about the Roots of Moon Worship?

No wonder Yahweh said not to give “sacred regard” to the moon!

Egyptian Calendar History

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- About the 7th century (BC) many civilizations discarded the 360 day calendar that was in use for 1000's years.
- The addition of 5 extra days to the calendar changed the month start.
- Priests were assigned the duty of sighting the new moon for month start, a practice also observed by Babylonians and the Hebrews.



Egyptian Day & Month Start

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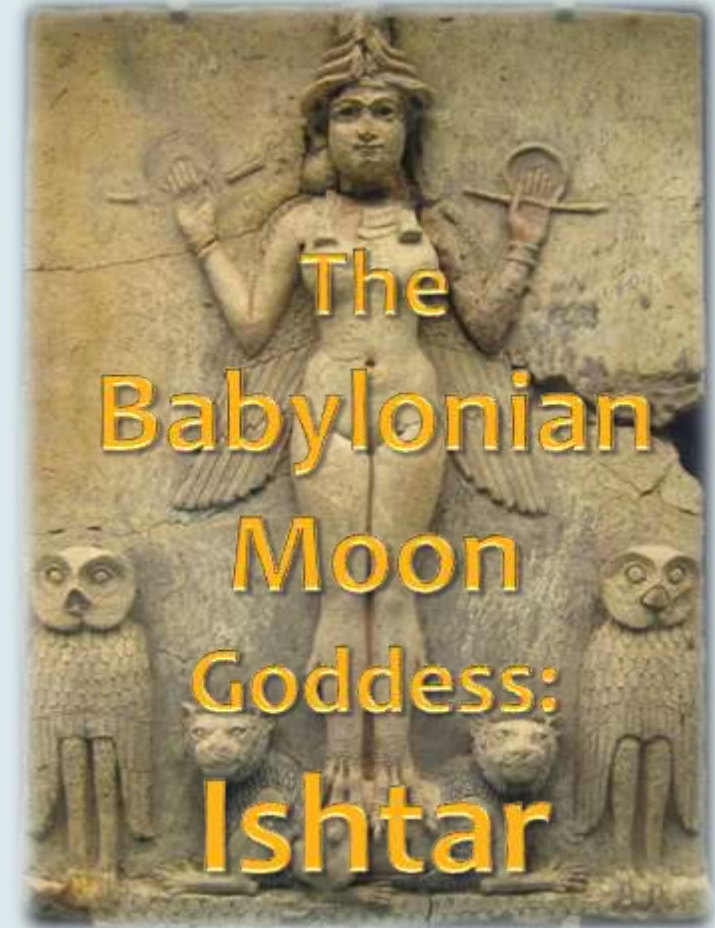
- Egyptians began each new day with sunrise.
- Their new month began with the disappearance of the old moon just before dawn.
- Their civil calendar was 360 days with an additional 5 days grouped together at the end of the year.
- The lunar calendar followed the moon cycles to regulate religious affairs.
- The lunar calendar also corresponded with the seasons.



Babylonian Calendar History

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- 5000 years ago, Sumerians had a calendar that divided the year into 30-day months. [360 days/year]
- **The months began at the first visibility of the new moon.**
- In time, they found a calendar using the luni-solar cycle of over 19 years, with 7 intercalations [as the Jews do today].
- **The months were truly lunar.**
The “new moon day” began at sunset when the new moon was first visible.



Jewish History of Moon Worship



1ST day of the 7TH Month

Is this picture a familiar sighting?
Many watch for the crescent moon to establish the
1st day of the 7th month as the Feast of Trumpets.

Jewish Calendar History

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- It is not known how the lunar year of 354 days was adjusted to the solar year of 365 days. Why?
- **The Scriptures do not mention a 13th month, nor intercalation – a system straight from Babylon.**
- From 587 BC to 70 AD the Jewish civil year was Babylonian except for a short time under Greece.
- **The commencement of the month was determined by the observation of the crescent new moon.**



Jewish Calendar is Luni-solar

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- By **200 AD** visual observation of the moon was supplanted by secret astronomical calculation.
- 8th Century AD: **Karaites follow Muslim practice and return to the actual observation of the crescent moon, instead of some secret calculations.**
- **Much is also determined according to the Talmud.**
- **The Luni-solar calendar (and its Metonic cycle) forms the basis for the computation of the date of Easter each year.**

**The Jewish Calendar
is not Scriptural.**



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Who Muddled With the Divine Calendar?

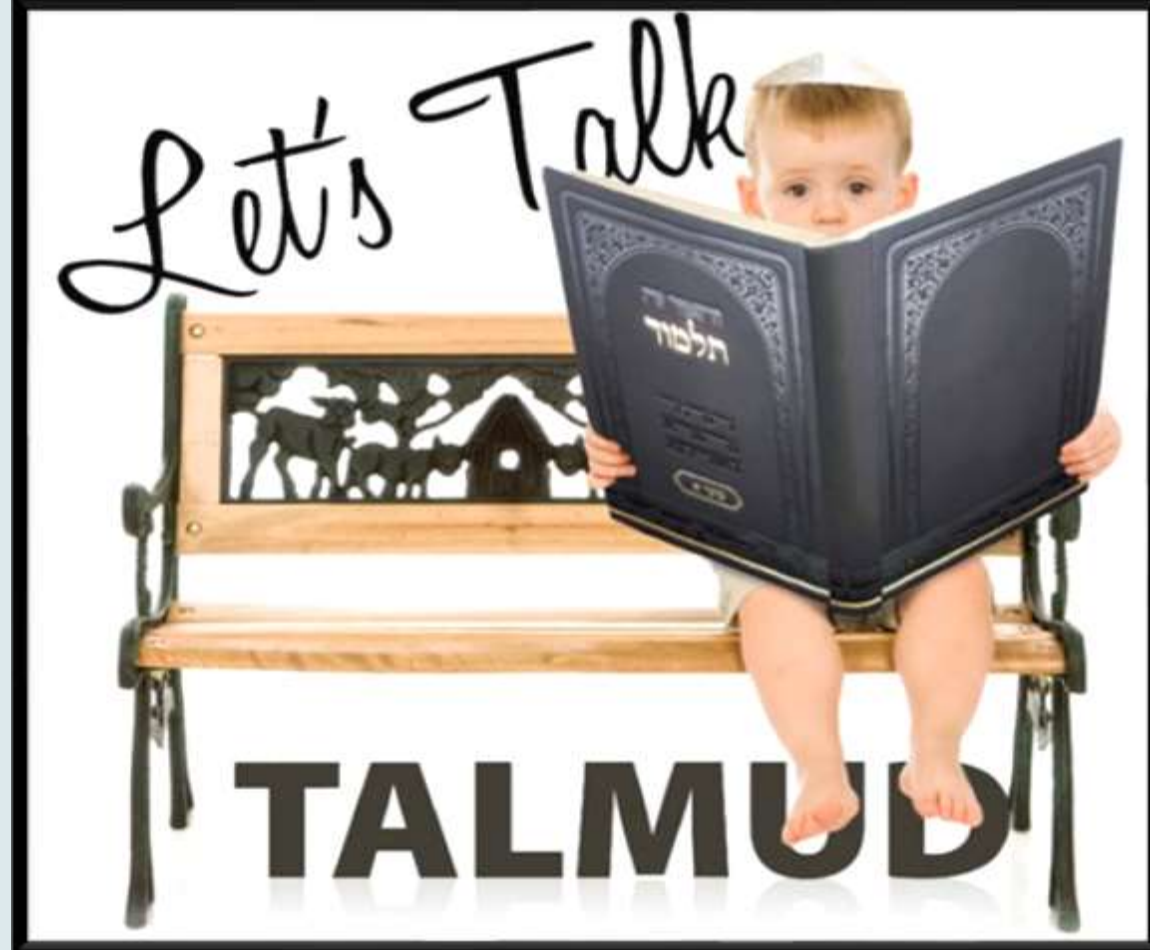
Answer: The ones who were to preserve it!

We have 'Zero' Scriptural Permission

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- Consider this website quote:
https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Hebrew_Roots/New_Moon
- "There is zero scriptural evidence for sighting new moons to determine the beginning of new months. It is based 100% on teachings within the Talmud."
- **The ancient [pagan] Greeks** recognized the visible new moon as the beginning of the month when they celebrated the "sickle of the new moon" with offerings and meals. This was also the case with the ancient Babylonians who worshipped the new moon as the goddess Isis, and had her wearing horns, which resembled the new moon." (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, vol. 4, p. 639.)

The Talmud
Has NO
Authority
Over “the”
Scriptures!



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Who's Responsible For Upholding the Moon?

When you read all these quotes from the Rabbis under the given website, you will notice that starting the month with the sighting of the moon has **no Scriptural authority**.

1) Quotes for Month Commencement

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1. “[T]he new moon began when the thin crescent of the new moon was first visible at sunset.”

(Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, vol. 1, p. 266)

2. “The ancient [pagan] Greeks recognized the visible new moon as the beginning of the month when they celebrated the “sickle of the new moon” with offerings and meals.

This was also the case with the ancient Babylonians who worshipped the new moon as the goddess Isis, and had her wearing horns, which resembled the new moon.”

(Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, vol. 4, p. 639.)

2) Quotes for Month Commencement

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3. “[T]he ancient Jewish calendar depended not on mathematical calculations and arrangements, but was set from month to month according to the physical appearance of the **new moon**.”

(The Pharisees, by Louis Finkelstein, p. 601, Jewish Publication Society, 1938, Philadelphia; based on Talmudic literature.)

4. “In old Israel the **new moon** - the day after the crescent was first sighted in the sky - was celebrated by sacrifices and feasting ...”

(Judaism, by George Foot Moore, professor of the history of religion, Harvard, vol. 2, p. 22, **based on Talmudic literature**.)

3) Quotes for Month Commencement

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5. “Rosh Chodesh [is the] Hebrew term meaning ‘the beginning of a month’ applied to the religious half-holiday observed in connection with the appearance of the **New Moon**; that is, the beginning of each **new month** of the Hebrew calendar.”

(The New Jewish Encyclopedia, p. 409, Behrman House Publishers, 1976, based on **Talmudic literature**.)

6. “**Philo**, the Jewish historian and contemporary of Yeshua the Messiah and the apostles, **says that Moses established the moon of the vernal equinox as the first month of the year.** (The Works of Philo, On the Life of Moses II, chapter XLI, Part 222 and 224.) **Josephus the Jewish historian also confirms this** and defines it as “when the sun was in Aries.”

(Josephus, Ant. 3.201; III.x.5.)

(Question: Where is the Scripture for these claims in the Torah?)

4) Specific Quotes From Talmud

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7. “In the times of the Second Temple it appears from the Mishnah (R. H. i. 7) that **the priests had a court** to which witnesses came and reported. **This function was afterward taken over by the civil court** (see B. Zuckermann, “Materialien zur Entwicklung der Altjüdischen Zeitrechnung im Talmud, “Breslau, 1882). The fixing of the lengths of the months and the intercalation of months was the prerogative of the Sanhedrin, at whose head there was a patriarch ... **The entire Sanhedrin was not called upon to act in this matter**, the decision being left to a special court of three. **The Sanhedrin met on the 29th of each month to await the report of the witnesses.**” (continued)

5) Jewish Quotes (con't)

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7. [continuing point #7]

“On the evening before the announcement of the intercalation the patriarch assembled certain scholars who assisted in the decision. It was then announced to the various Jewish communities by letters. To this epistle was added the reason for the intercalation. A copy of such a letter of Rabban Gamaliel is **preserved in the Talmud** (Sanh. xi. 2).”

“In the Mishnah, the book containing the late second century record of Jewish legal rulings and other religious records, we find recorded that the **Jews’ religious leaders established rigorous protocols and rituals for determining when the new moon had been sighted.**”

(Question again: Where is the Scripture for these claims in the Torah?)

6) Quotes Regarding Joseph & Ps 81:3 (con't)

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8. **“Psalm 81** tells us that Joseph instituted the Rosh Chodesh during his tenure as the viceroy of Egypt. **Joseph had the power to declare the decree and the people of Egypt, principally the sons of Israel, were delighted to make the recognition of the new moon as a joyful feast.** The testimony was to honor Joseph for what he did as a righteous deliverer, who in many ways prefigured the coming Messiah of Israel and the redemption that He would ultimately bring. All of Yahweh's feasts are a role play of eternal truths in His eternal purposes and keep His redemptive plan before us. **What Joseph set in place as a testimony, has been established as a "statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob"** (Psalm 81: 3-4).

(The Works of Philo, On the Life of Moses II, chapter XLI, Part 222 and 224.) **Josephus the Jewish historian also confirms this** and defines it as "when the sun was in Aries" (Josephus, Ant. 3.201; III.x.5].

(Note again: Ps 81:3 has no basis from Torah to blow the trumpet on the new moon!)

7) Quotes Regarding Moses & Num 10:10 (con't)

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9. “In **Numbers 10:10** it is recorded that the **trumpet is to be blown to sanctify the new moon as a feast day**. “At the **beginnings of your months** you shall offer a burnt offering to Yahweh: ... this is the burnt offering of **each month** throughout the months of the year ... it shall be offered besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering.”
(Numbers 28:11-15 RSV) **Moses called the people to assembly on the new moon and spoke to them according to the commandments he had been given by Yahweh**, exhorting them to faith and obedience.”

Really?

(Note again: **Num 10:10** records “new month” ... not ... “new moon.”)

8) Misquotes Stated as Truth (Nehemiah)

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10. “In the restoration of the law under Nehemiah **the new moons were re-instituted** and kept from that time through to the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE. Josephus records that they were kept during the entire Temple period and the High Priest attended in the Temple on the **new moons** and Sabbaths.”

Nehemiah?

Really?



9) Misquotes Stated as Truth (Solomon)

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11. "Moses commanded the keeping of the new moons. In 2 Chron 8:12-13 Solomon said that it, as well as the other feasts, were "an ordinance forever to Israel." (2 Chron 2: 3-4)
12. "As sincere followers of Yahweh's word, **we should be observing them** [new moons] **now** and **preparing ourselves as His Bride**, fully adorned in all righteousness."



The Bride observing new moons?

Really?

Let's remember the following:

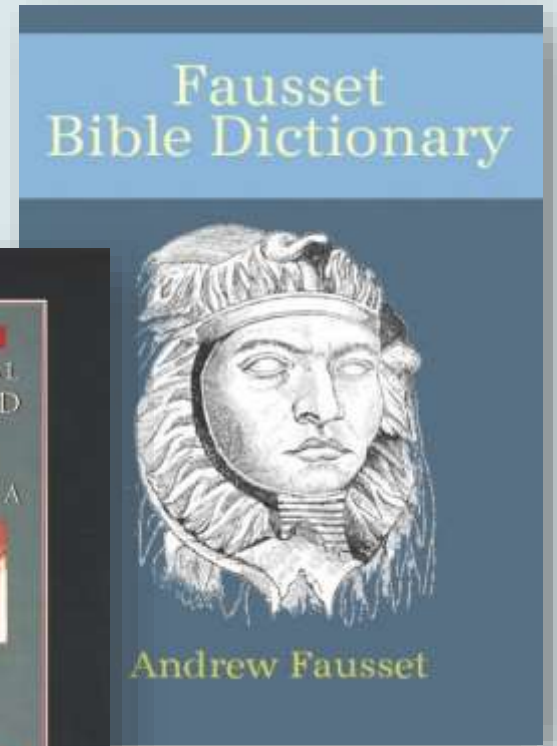
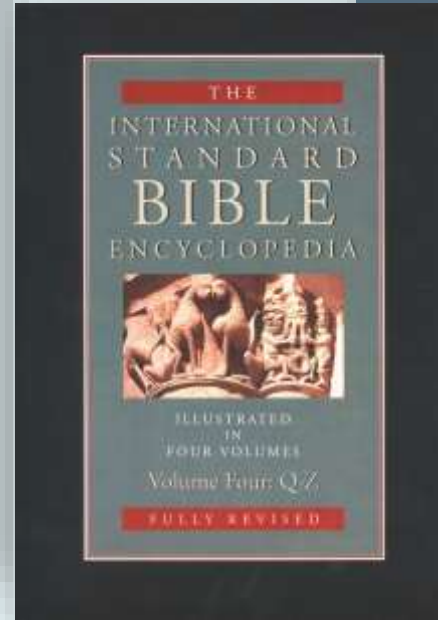
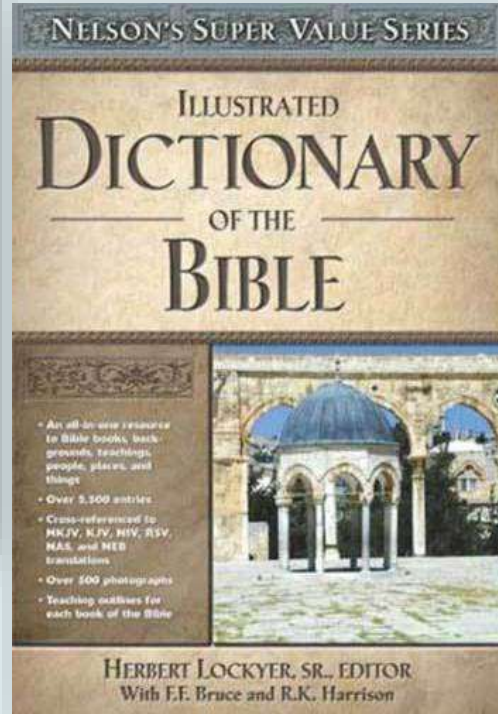
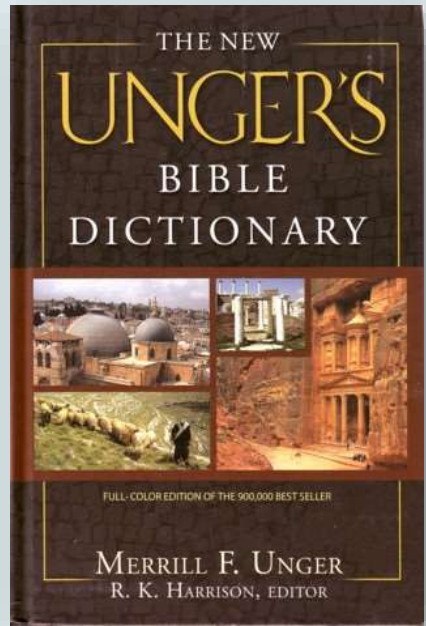
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Just because the Rabbis
can be quoted, and just
because the Talmud
has written instruction
on rules following the
crescent moon ...
this is hardly a reason to
accept the new moons as
the beginning of the month.



Torah has priority!

Will any of these commentaries agree with Scripture, or will they support the Talmud and the moon/month teachings?



Moon Comments from Bible Dictionaries

All of the commentaries recognize the fact that Yahweh's people were easily influenced by the pagans that worshipped the moon. Take careful note of this history!

1) New Unger's Bible Dictionary

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- **The worship of the moon was extensively practiced by the nations of the East. Ur in lower Mesopotamia**, Abraham's birthplace, was **an important center of the worship of Sin, the moon god**, as was **Haran in Upper Mesopotamia**, where Abram and Terah emigrated. **In Egypt the moon was honored under the name Isis and was one of the only two deities that commanded the reverence of all the Egyptians.** In **Syria** the moon was represented by one of the Ashtaroth surnamed "Karnaim," from the horns of the crescent moon by which she was distinguished. **There are indications of the early introduction into the countries adjacent to Palestine of a species of worship distinct from any that we have described, namely, the direct homage of the heavenly bodies-sun, moon, and stars-characteristic of Sabianism.** The first notice we have of this is in: **Job 31:26-28 ...**
26 **If I beheld** the sun when it shined, or **the moon** walking in brightness;
27 **And my heart hath been secretly enticed** [to worship them], or my mouth hath kissed my hand:
28 **This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should [would] have denied the God that is above.**

1b) New Unger's Bible Dictionary

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- ... and it is observable that **one warning of Moses as found in Deut 4:19** ... is directed against this nature worship rather than against the form of moon worship that the Israelites must have witnessed in Egypt.
At a later period, however, the worship of the moon in its grosser form of idol worship was introduced from Syria.
- In **2 Kings 23:5** we read that Josiah did away with those “who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon.”
- Except for a brief period under Josiah, **Manasseh** appears to have been the **great patron of this form of idolatry, for he "worshiped all the host of heaven"** (21:3, 5). **From his reign down to the captivity, moon worship continued to prevail among the Jews.**

Date?

About 624 BC – 23 years before sundial miracle.

2) Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary

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- The moon had a special significance for the ancient Israelites. Their festival CALENDAR, which began each month with the rising of the new moon, was known as a lunar calendar.
- The accurate recording of the new moon as it arrived each month was important, because the moon governed the dates for other religious festivals.
- The prophet Amos condemned Israel's merchants for their impatience with the interruption to business caused by the festival of the New Moon as seen in Amos 8:4-6. **Date? About 787 BC.**
- Speaking through the Prophet Isaiah [1:13-15] ... **God condemned the formal, but empty, observance of the new moon festival.**

Date? About 760 BC.

3) International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

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- The **moon** was very early worshipped by the nations of the Far East as a divinity or the representative of one or more deities.
- This personification and worship of the moon among the nations who were neighbors to Palestine was but part of an elaborate Nature-worship found among these people. Nor was this worship always separated from Palestine by geographical lines. It crept into the thought and customs of the Hebrews and in a sense affected their religious conceptions and ceremonies. They fell into the habit of making direct homage to sun, moon and stars.
- The actual worship of the moon and the idolatry consequent thereon seems to have touched the Hebrews, though this is disputed by some. It would seem difficult to explain 2 Kings 21:3 [698 BC] upon any other supposition, and in 2 Kings 23:4-5 [624 BC] we have a clear statement that Josiah put down the worship of the **moon** among the people and silenced the priests of this form of worship.

4) Fausset's Bible Dictionary

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- **MOON.** Instead of [the moon] being regarded as a person and worshipped, as it was by the surrounding nations, in Scripture it is God's creature "made for [prophetic] signs, [agricultural] seasons, days, and years" (Ps 104:19).
- The brightness of the moon in the East, guiding the traveler by night when the heat of day is past, gives it a prominence which it has not with us (Ps 8:3). In Ps 89:37 however the moon is not the "faithful witness," but God is witness to His own oath; translated "and the witness [of God] in heaven is faithful," so Ps 89:35 [meaning Yahweh has sworn this truth by His holiness].
- It [the moon] influences vegetable growth; Deut 33:14, "moons," namely, its phases, others explain "months" as the times of ripening fruits.
[Note: These are ordinances of the moon.]
- The moon was worshipped as Isis in Egypt; as Karnaim ... in Syria; as Sin, "lord of the month," in Babylon.

4b) Fausset's Bible Dictionary (con't)

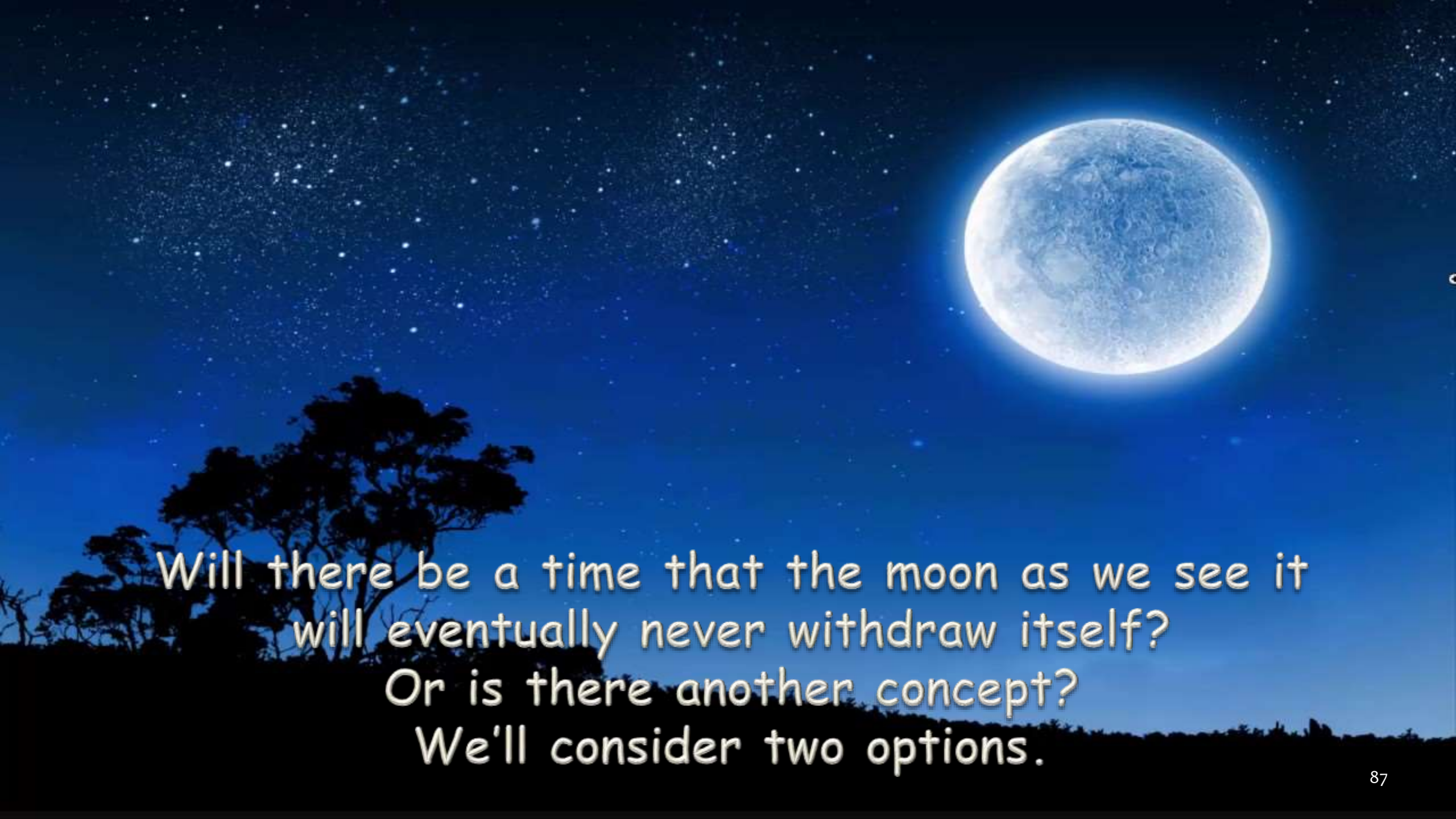
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- The moon was worshipped as Isis in Egypt; as Karnaim, "two horns," of Ashtoreth, wife of Baal the king of heaven (the male and female symbolizing the generative powers of nature), in Syria; as Sin, "lord of the month," in Babylon. **Sabaism** (from tsaabaa' the heavenly hosts) **was the earliest of false worships**; **it appears in our pagan names** Sun day, **Mon (moon) day ...**
[The quote continues with Job 31:26 and the problem of adoration of the moon].
- **Josiah put down those who burned incense to the moon** (2 Kings 23:5 [around 624 BC]).
- **She was called "queen of heaven"** (Jer 7:18), though that may mean Venus Urania. "Cakes" (cawaniym) round like her [moon] disc were offered to her.
- **So far from** [the moon] **being an object of worship, it** [the moon] **unconsciously worships its Maker** (Ps 148:3; 8:3).

Have you
heard this:
“the MOON
will not
withdraw
itself?”



What does Isa 60:20 mean that
the moon will not withdraw itself?

A full moon is visible in the upper right portion of the frame, set against a deep blue night sky filled with numerous stars. In the lower left, the dark silhouette of a tree is visible against the horizon.

Will there be a time that the moon as we see it
will eventually never withdraw itself?
Or is there another concept?
We'll consider two options.

Review of
Isaiah 60:20 -
A Prophetic
Reference
to H3391
(or the
lunation cycle
& phases of
the moon).



Isa 60:20 - Prophetic Reference of H3391 MOON

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Isa 60:20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy MOON withdraw itself
[H3391; lunation cycle]: for Yahweh shall be thine everlasting light ...

- ❖ **Context:** Yahweh's people are in His Glory.
- ❖ Could the phrase “the moon will no longer withdraw itself” mean ... no longer changing the H3391 phases?
 - ❖ **If** there is no ‘withdrawing process’ there will be ‘no changing phases of the moon.’
 - ❖ This would make it **very difficult** to observe any worship statutes with **Yahweh** "from new moon to new moon" (Isa 66:23). Therefore any understanding of a new moon in this context would be an **impossibility!**

Isa 66:23 Worship in the Holy City

"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 Yahweh."



Did not **Isaiah 60:20** just inform us that the moon will no longer withdraw itself, indicating the strong possibility of completely eliminating the phases of the moon forever?

How can Isaiah first tell us that the moon will no longer go through the phases creating the renewing of the moon, and then just a few chapters later, tell us that we will be worshipping according to the "new moon"?

IS THERE A PROBLEM HERE SOMEWHERE?


**ALL THE PROBLEMS ARE ELIMINATED, WHEN WE REALIZE WE ARE NOT
TO BE FOLLOWING ANY PHASE OF THE MOON IN THE FIRST PLACE.**

This also means the moon should
not receive any sacred regard.

Review: Jeremiah tells us about consequences for "Turning Away From Torah Commands."



Jeremiah 8:2 "... and shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of the heavens, which they have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought, and to which they have bowed themselves. They shall not be gathered nor buried, they shall be for dung on the face of the earth." *The Scriptures*



Remember: **Isa 1:4-5, 10-17** documents the traditions that insidiously infiltrated and contaminated the worship services of the Hebrew nation.

Paying allegiance to the **Moon** as the marker for feasts & festivals is the



TOP ALARM
ON THE LIST!

Many other prophets sounded the same message!



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Questions to Ask & Thoughts to Ponder

**We've travelled through a lot of material.
Where do we go from here?**

Concluding the Moon/Month Study

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There are still some unanswered questions for this study.

Let's ponder over some of them.



DAY 1

OF CREATION!

1. Is the 1st day of creation in the 1st month [Abib] of the sacred year, or the 7th month [Tishri] of the civil year? Would that information affect the following questions?
2. Is the 1st day of creation, also the 1st day of the month of the 1st year for this earth? (It's not a trick question.)
3. Remember, the "lights" are brought forth on Day **four** of creation week.

THE MOON – THEN & NOW

4. Today our moon has NO light of its own - only reflected light from the sun. In fact the moon never did have its own light because of this verse:



Jeremiah 31:35 “So says Jehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, the laws of the moon, and the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar, **Jehovah of Hosts is His name.**”

LITV – Literal Translation of the Holy Bible

LET'S RE-ARRANGE JEREMIAH 31:35

“So says Jehovah, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the stars for a light by night, the laws [ordinances] of the moon, *[H3394 yareach]* who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...”




REVIEW

When the verse is organized this way, it makes sense and aligns with **Gen 1:16** perfectly ... because the stars have nothing to do with tides of the sea. It is the moon that stabilizes the tidal activity.

Also the verse is very clear about the two lights given to the earth: **the sun being the greater light-giver by day**; the stars being the lesser light-givers by night.

Nothing can be found about the moon being a "light-giver" at all.

Many “ifs” to Consider

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1. The "lights" are not found in the firmament until Day 4 of creation. THEN: was the moon's phase at conjunction, crescent, or **full moon** in **Gen 1:14-18**?
 2. Those that believe the month was supposed to start with the moon, would that have been on the **1st day** of creation, or the **4th day** of creation?

Many “ifs” to Consider



3. IF the moon starts the 1st month on the 4th day of creation, what happens to days 1, 2, and 3 of creation?
Are they now dead days?

Everyone should know which day of creation is actually the 1st day of the 1st month?



Is the following thought logical?

In the first week of creation the moon began the first month on the 4th day!

How could that be a Torah teaching?

CAN CREATION SOLVE THE PROBLEM?

The moon/month issue seems to have a huge problem with the creation account. If the moon is to begin the months "today" – then doesn't the moon have to follow some kind of a pattern from the creation week in order to begin the creation month?

Do you think Yahweh's restoration of the lights in the sky on DAY 4 was deliberate? Why not Day 3?

(Again, pay attention to the meaning of Ps 104:30.)

Is it even possible for Day 4 to be the beginning of the first month? If not, then does that mean the moon can never begin Yahweh's months?



WHAT ABOUT OTHER ARGUMENTS?

1. Many say the moon was in conjunction for days 1, 2, & 3; then the crescent appeared on Day 4 of creation.
How could that happen when there were no visible lights in the firmament until Day 4?
2. **Is it possible that a conjunction would last three full days on the first week of a perfect creation?**
3. Did the moon even have any phases?
4. **How many people can give confirmation about how the month begins by using Gen 1?**
Do they know there are 2 types of months?
5. Or, do most of them default to Exodus 12 – the 14th day of the 1st month?

IT'S THE SAME OLD ARGUMENT!

Most say Exodus 12 supports the 14th day as having a full moon in the month of Abib, so the 1st day must be the new moon. HOW?

Where's the Scriptural proof for this?

This is 2550 years after creation!



WHAT ABOUT THIS THOUGHT?

Maybe there's no need
to find answers because
the moon has nothing
to do with ushering in
the months anyway!



FULL MOON ON THE 14TH DAY OF THE MONTH?

Where in the Scriptures is there even one witness that the 14th day of the 1st month must be attended with a full moon?
How are these conclusions found in Torah?



Is it possible that what most
feast keepers have been
taught about the moon is
**NOTHING BUT A
STRONG TRADITIONAL BELIEF
HANDED DOWN FROM THE RABBIS?**

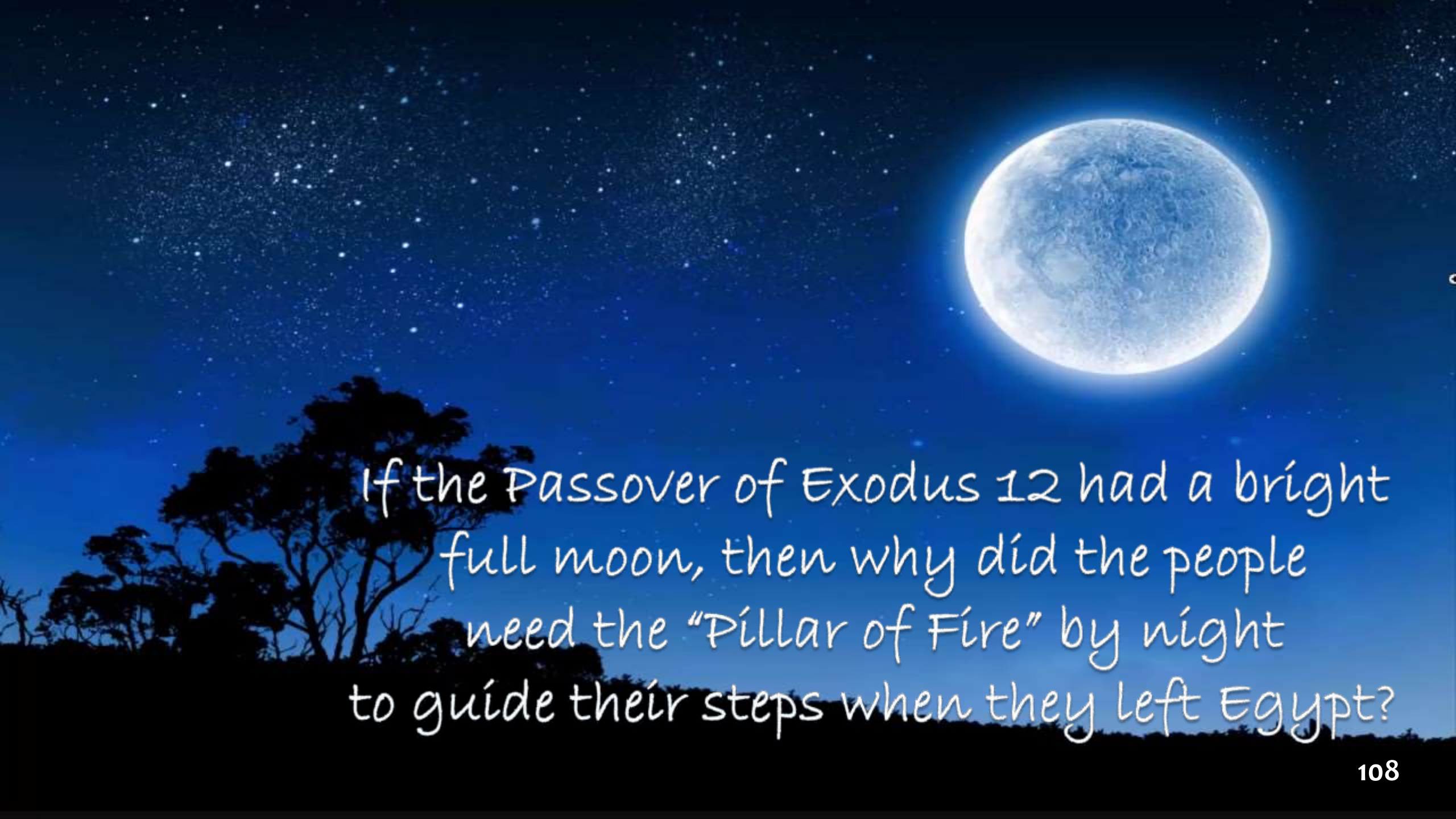


? Full MOON on the 14TH DAY of the MONTH? ?

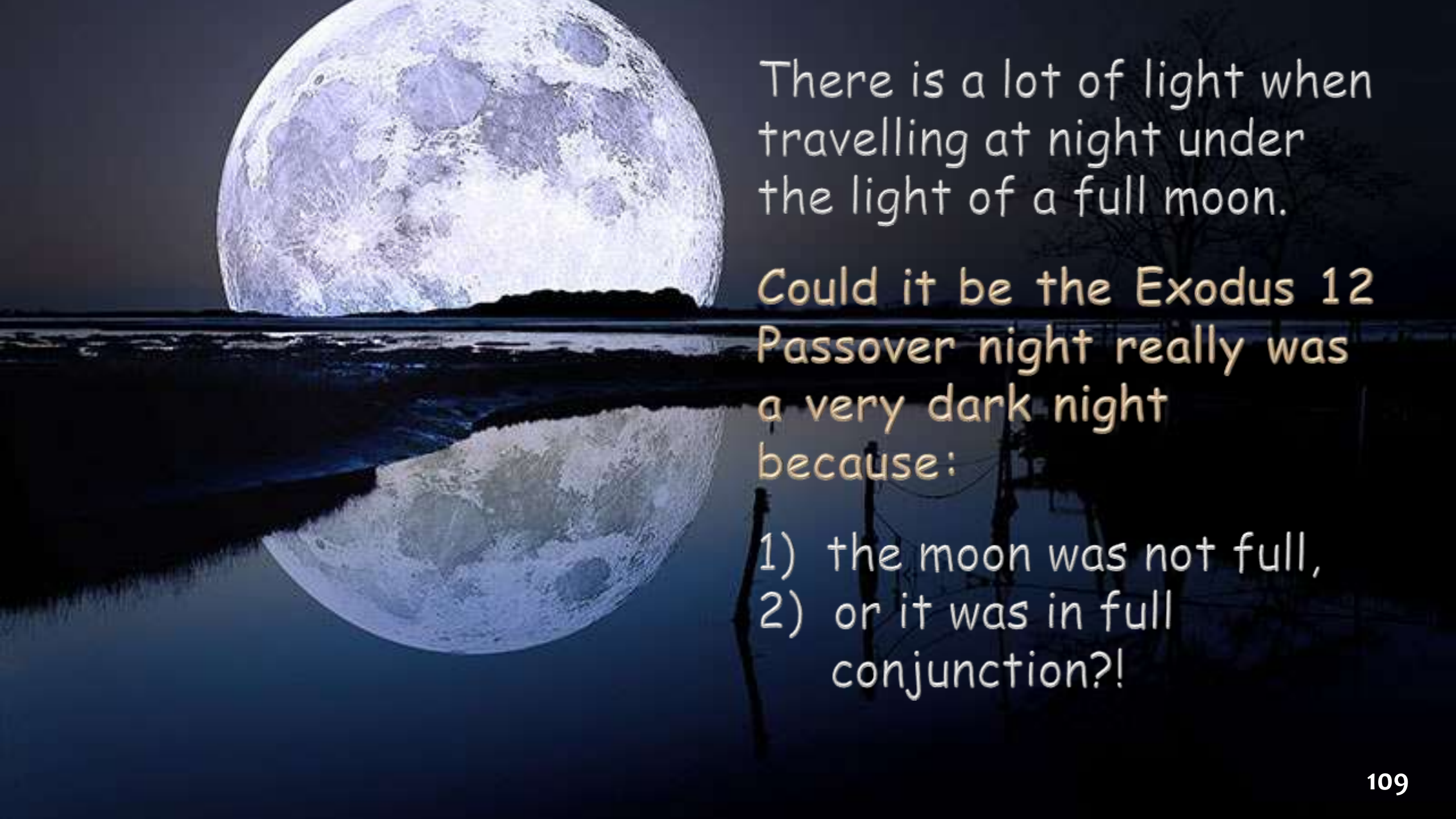
At the cross the sun “blackened out” from noon to the 9th hour on what is considered the very darkest day of the universe!



How do we reason that the night sky of Yahweh's Passover had a bright full moon?

A full moon is visible in the upper right portion of the image, set against a deep blue night sky filled with numerous stars. In the lower left foreground, the dark silhouettes of trees are visible against the lighter blue of the sky.

If the Passover of Exodus 12 had a bright full moon, then why did the people need the "Pillar of Fire" by night to guide their steps when they left Egypt?



There is a lot of light when travelling at night under the light of a full moon.

Could it be the Exodus 12
Passover night really was
a very dark night
because:

- 1) the moon was not full,
- 2) or it was in full conjunction?!

Is it Time to Leave Doubt Behind?



- There are many people searching for Yahweh's Covenant Calendar. The complete moon/month study shows **beyond a shadow of any doubt** that **the moon is not involved with the calculation** or the month **commencement** of Yahweh's annual feasts and festivals. The moon/month is connected to the agricultural ordinances to bless this earth and mankind ~ a very important mandate for us.
 - **Satan will use every possible method to place our sacred regard - for the moon - where it does not belong.**

Is the **Moon** really in charge of the **Biblical Month**?

REVIEW

A short review: Moon worship, or sacred regard for the moon, along with sun worship has had a huge impact on Yahweh's people all through the ages including many Feast Calendars today. Here is a short review of what has been brought forth so far:

- 1. In the Garden:** The **"fallen Lucifer"** was given sacred regard in the garden. From the old word "leuk" the name Lucifer connects to the moon through the words "lunar & lunation." The moon is linked to **worship of the moon goddess** – especially in the **Asherah [garden] groves** and **"high places."** Today, sacred regard is still being given to the moon through the moon-month commencement on the feast calendars.
- 2. Adam to Noah:** The patriarchs remained free from worship of other gods.
- 3. After the Flood:** Nimrod became the **sun god**; Semiramis became **the moon goddess**.
- 4. Terah/Abraham:** Called out of Ur of the Chaldees ... an area of **pagan sun god and moon goddess worship**.



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REVIEW

5. **Haran:** Terah resides here ... a center dedicated to **moon goddess worship**.
6. **Terah/Laban:** Both were attached to their [**teraphim**] **moon images**, very likely a family business.
7. **Abraham:** Yah's patriarch "called out" from moon worship, to reside in Canaan.
8. **Shechem Oak Tree:** Jacob buries the **family idols** that Rachel stole from her father. **These "teraphim" images link to Terah.**
9. **Egypt:** Great multitude of **pagan Egyptians (and their gods)**, leave with Moses.
10. **Mt Sinai:** Sacred regard given to the pagan gods including the **moon goddess** through the altar and golden calf in this moon worshipping area, the Wilderness of Sin. Before Moses died he gave strict instructions in Deut 4 & 17 to **NOT** look to and **worship the [gods of the] sun, moon, stars, etc.**
11. **Jericho:** Joshua was commanded to destroy this **moon worshipping city** before settling in Canaan..



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- 11. Shechem Commitment:** Joshua encouraged the people to put away their family idols of **sun and moon gods**.
- 12. Old Testament history:** **Ashtoreth moon goddess worship** was a huge problem in the groves and high places for both Israel and Judah.
- 13. Hezekiah:** Sun dial miracle had a direct affect on moving the moon out of its 30 day orbit as Yahweh tried to move His people away from the pagan ways of **moon goddess worship**.
- 14. Return from Babylon:** Judah's exiles incorporated the Babylonian **sun and moon** components into Yahweh's calendar. **For most: sunset begins the day; the crescent moon commences the month!**
- 15. Today:** The majority of Feast calendars all honour the sunset for "day-start," but even more serious they honour a variety of moon sightings for month start. The moon component in these feast calendars gives honour to **Lucifer's moon goddess**. Nothing is documented in Scripture.



IT'S TIME TO EXPOSE THE MOON

IS IT ...

A Lunar Deception?

A Lunatic Authority?!

... or both?!

Review from previous
slides:

**Old Testament
entries for:**

1. Sun god worship
(Baal/Baalim) = 87.

2. Moon goddess
worship (Ashtoreth;
Queen of heaven;
high places &
groves) = 129.

Does it look like the moon
goddess has authority

WALK IN THE LIGHT

A composite image featuring a hand holding a glowing, open book that emits a bright light, and another hand holding a dark, smooth stone. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a night sky or a dark surface.

Eph 5:8, 11

For you were once
darkness,

but now you are light
in Yahweh.

Walk as children
of light;

have no fellowship
with the

unfruitful works
of darkness,

but rather
expose them.

NKJV

Let it go!



Deut 4:23

Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget
the covenant of Yahweh your *Elohim* (the LORD your God) ...

With this study, it is hoped many will grasp the fact that
Yahweh's Elegant Calendar not only:

- Follows Biblical patterns and is part of His Covenant;
- It's simple, orderly and easy to understand.
- You don't have to worry about the moon anymore!

Blessings to everyone on your studies!

Numbers 6:24-26

YHVH bless you and keep you;
YHVH make His face shine upon
you, and be gracious unto you;
YHVH lift up His countenance
upon you, and give you peace
In the name of Yahusha, the
Messiah, the Prince of Peace!





The End

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A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, a large, textured tree trunk is on the left. The ground is covered in fallen leaves and pine needles. In the background, more trees are visible, some with yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. A white rectangular box with orange text is in the upper right, and two green rectangular boxes with white text are in the lower half.

THE END

**Supreme Provider
Yahusha Ha Mashiach**

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