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YAHSHUA, THE OBEDIENT ONE

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come; it is written about me in the scroll. To do your will, O my Yahweh, is my desire; your law is within my heart." Psalm 40:7-8

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a stake. Philippians 2:8

... The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather it is the Father, living in me, who is doing His work. John 14:10b

Obedience is very important. Yahshua set the example for us. We should say with Him, "To do your will is my desire. Your law is within my heart." Yahshua was completely obedient to His Father, Yahweh - in actions, words and thoughts.

Now, we know that all children should be obedient. You and I want our earthly children to obey us. Our Heavenly Father wants us, His children, to do the same. His Son, Yahshua, showed us it can be done.

The area of obedience is essential, but how we obey is too! It should be done cheerfully and without grumbling. You remember what happens to grumblers - another trip around Mt. Sinai in the desert. We all have many opportunities, via our obedience, to show the world Yahshua, the Obedient one, living in us.

Submitted by Suzy Norman

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This magazine is published for the sake of truth in honor of our Heavenly Father and His only begotten Son. It upholds the originally inspired Scriptures, teaching to declare all the counsel of The Almighty One. It proclaims the Father's scholarly recognized name, YAHWEH, and the Son's, YAHSHUA, rather than substitutions. It upholds the Ten Commandments, recognizing the name, Yahweh, in the third, and the seventh day Sabbath (not the first day of the week) in the fourth. It stands for baptism (immersion) in the name, Yahshua, the Messiah, according to Acts 2:38 and Matthew 28:19; the ordinance of feet washing and the commemoration of the Messiah's death, at the Passover season; the set times of Unleavened Bread, Weeks (Pentecost), Tabernacles, with all the yearly set apart convocation days of Leviticus 23. It advocates tithing and the observance of Yahweh's laws for our well being including clean foods. It teaches repentance of sin (disobeying Yahweh), and justification by faith in Yahshua, the Messiah, in whom we have redemption through His blood; making right the whole man, physically and spiritually; stressing the importance of the set apart righteous life, and the Power of Yahweh's Spirit of separation teaching the obedient to do His will. It is supported by "called out ones of Yahweh," which is the meaning of "Assembly of Yahweh." It is for those hearing and heeding the call of Revelation 18:4, and is proclaiming to the world that Yahweh reigns, Psalm 96.

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BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO OBEYS THE COMMANDMENTS OF YAHWEH

(Deuteronomy 11:27)

“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of Yahweh cometh, for it is at hand.” Joel 2:1.

“And rend your heart and not your garments and turn unto Yahweh your Elohim; for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.” Joel 2:13.

“Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and those that suck the breast: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber and the bride out of her closet.” Joel 2:15-16.

Those who are Yahweh's without reserve are in every state content; for they will only do what He wills, and desire to do for Him whatever He desires them to do. They strip themselves of every thing and in this nakedness, find all things restored a hundred fold!

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Then the angel said to me, write, blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the lamb, and he added, these are the true words of Elohim." Revelation 19:7 & 9.

And, "But this thing commanded I them, saying, obey my voice, and I will be your Elohim, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you." Jeremiah 7:23.

Since the bride is to share the throne of the universe with Yahshua, the Lamb of Yahweh, she must be trained, educated and prepared for her great calling. Because the crown is only for the bride or overcomers, therefore the bride must learn the art of spiritual warfare of overcoming evil forces in preparation for the task that awaits her, following the marriage supper of the Lamb.

To enable her to learn the technique of overcoming, Yahweh ordained the infinitely wise program of "faith, prayer and walk." It is Yahweh's way of giving His bride on-the-job training in overcoming the forces of evil, which are hostile to Yahweh. In my mind, this world is a laboratory in which those destined for the Kingdom are learning in actual practice how to overcome Satan and his hierarchy. The prayer closet is the arena that will produce "real brides" which can endure and be overcomers. This means the "redeemed" outranks all others of created and born again beings in all the universe. Like angels are created, but born from above, the redeemed are created and reformed through being born by the spirit of Yahweh! These people become sincere members of Yahweh's family. Yahshua is the everlasting and only begotten Son, the brightness of Yahweh's glory (high esteem) and the clear image of Yahweh. Hebrews 1:3.

Yahweh has exalted the redeemed to a sublime height as the bride of Yahshua! It is the highest elevation Yahweh can bestow upon "earthly beings." This is for the divine. Psalm 8:5, "For thou has made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honour."

The bride, or overcomer, through the use of her weapons of prayer and unwavering faith, holds in this present moment the balance of power in world affairs in spite of all her

lamentable weaknesses, failures and shortcomings. The only force that is contesting Satan's total rule in human affairs is the Living Yahshua and His bride. Giving testimonies in our dark world about Yahweh's greatness and His unlimited Powers; that He was, that He is, and that He will be! Therefore, bride, be steadfast and let your heart be fixed. Psalm 57:7, "My heart is fixed, O Elohim, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise." Oh yes, praise Yahweh! By the way, fixed means: solid, immovable, made firm, it is settled, a secure attachment. Faithfully praising and praying. Read Psalm 93.

The life of a waiting bride is: to be in love, joyful in all situations, having a peaceful heart, praying and praising your bridegroom Yahshua. Right now! Every day spend enough time with Yahshua if He is indeed your bridegroom. Do you know you will be on His heart at all times? He longs for you. He suffered for you and He gave His life for you, and is resurrected for you. And He wants to share with you His greatness and His throne.

Hear the words of life. I hope you understand the calling. To be a real bride you will know your bridegroom's name. Come out of this world and come closer to Yahshua. Love Him, let Him have your heart. If chosen, your inheritance will be with your bridegroom, Yahshua, in the Father's Kingdom. Praise is the "detergent" that purifies faith and purges doubt from your heart. The secret of answered prayer is faith without doubt. Mark 1:23-24.

The bride is and should be the finished "faith-product" of the ages. Yahweh wants it and Yahshua, the bridegroom, is completely devoted to His bride. Since prophecy is history written in advance, we have history's final chapter in the book of Revelation. Revelation 19:6-8, "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying Halleluyah: for Yahweh our El Shaddai reigneth." Yes, Yahweh reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory (high esteem), for the wedding of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean was given her to wear. Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.

Unwavering faith comes by claiming Yahweh's promises and praising Him for answering our prayers. Yes, the secret of overcoming Satan (the adversary) lays in the bride's endurance and steadfastness of her prayers. Yahshua came to earth for one purpose to claim His beloved, the one who came to Calvary to be washed and cleansed from sin and iniquity. With them will Yahshua reign in His Father's Kingdom! These words in the scriptures are not merely empty phrases. They are truth. John 8:32 says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The bride, His overcomers, are joined with Yahshua, their bridegroom. Coming back to Revelation 19:9, those in fine linen are those who know their bridegroom's name, Yahshua.

These people keep holy (separate) those days He tells us about in His word. His set aside days are separate from the holidays of the world. Worldly holidays do not magnify Yahweh our Father. 2 Corinthians 6:14:18.

This royalty and rulership is no hollow, empty, figurative or a symbolic thing. It is not vain imagination. The bride, the everlasting companion will sit with Yahshua, redeemer and bridegroom on His throne. We are joint heirs with Yahshua the Messiah. Romans 8:17-19, Matthew 16:24 and Luke 14:27.

Yes, His bride, the overcomers, will worship Yahweh on the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. If you are a bride of Yahshua, you will abide with the scriptures. It is Yahweh's word, Yahweh's word is truth and we have to uphold it. Please read Genesis 2:2-3. Oh that you may be fixed on His eternal true word and keep it. If you are His bride, you will have no complaints. Only "doers" of His word can be His bride.

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THE FIRST RESURRECTION

Sabbath Greetings - Reading Time 12 Minutes

Dear Friends in Yahshua,

We've been talking about the basic doctrines: Hebrews 6:1-2, ... Let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward Yahweh, 2. of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, and of eternal judgment.

There are three main resurrections:

1. The resurrection of the Messiah.
2. The first resurrection.
3. The second resurrection.

Today we'll be discussing - THE FIRST RESURRECTION!

Luke 14:13-14, "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. 14. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

What is this "resurrection of the just?" When and how does it happen?

Before Yahshua raised Lazarus He was talking with his sister: John 11:23-26, Yahshua said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24. Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection AT THE LAST DAY." 25. Yahshua said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

The ancient Sadducees did not believe in any resurrection: Luke 20:34-38, And Yahshua answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35. But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; 36. nor can they die anymore, for they are like the angels and are sons of Elohim, being sons of the resurrection. 37. But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called Yahweh 'the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob.' 38. For He is not the Elohim of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him."

Isaiah 25:8-9, He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Yahweh will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for Yahweh has spoken. 9. And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our Elohim; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is Yahweh; We have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

John 5:19-29, is a beautiful passage that tells us a lot about the resurrection as well as giving us some other important information.

John 5:19-29, Then Yahshua answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does;

[What a picture! - the Father teaching His son about everything the Father does!] and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. 21. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. 22. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23. that all

should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. 24. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 25. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of Elohim; and those who hear will live. 26. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27. and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

[How loving our Father is - to send for our judge one who has been a man!]

28. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29. and come forth; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."

1 Corinthians 15 is called The Resurrection Chapter. Let's look at some verses:

1 Corinthians 15:20-23, But now the Messiah is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22. For as in Adam all die, even so in the Messiah all shall be made alive. 23. But each one in his own order: The Messiah the firstfruits, afterward those who are the Messiah's at His coming.

1 Corinthians 15:35-58 NLT, But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?" 36. What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. 37. And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a dry little seed of wheat or whatever it is you are planting. 38. Then Yahweh gives it a new body--just the kind he wants it to have. A different kind of plant grows from each kind of seed. 39. And just as there are different kinds of seeds and plants, so also there are different kinds of flesh--whether of humans, animals, birds, or fish. 40. There are bodies in the heavens, and there are bodies on earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the beauty of the earthly bodies. 41. The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their beauty and brightness. 42. It is the same way for the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies, which die and decay, will be different when they are resurrected, for they will never die. 43. Our bodies now disappoint us, but when they are raised, they will be full of glory. They are weak now, but when they are raised, they will be full of power. 44. They are natural human bodies now, but when they are raised, they will be spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, so also there are spiritual bodies. 45. The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam--that is, the Messiah--is a life-giving Spirit. 46. What came first was the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. 47. Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth, while the Messiah, the second man, came from heaven. 48. Every human being has an earthly body just like Adam's, but our heavenly bodies will be just like the Messiah's. 49. Just as we are now like Adam, the man of the earth, so we will someday be like the Messiah, the man from heaven. 50. What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of Yahweh. These perishable bodies of ours are not able to live forever. 51. But let me tell you a wonderful secret: Not all of us will die, but we will all be transformed. 52. It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, the believers who have died will be raised with transformed bodies. And then we who are living will be transformed so that we will never die. 53. For our perishable bodies must be transformed into bodies that will

never die. 54. When this happens--when our perishable bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die--then at last the Scriptures will come true: "Death is swallowed up in victory. 55. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56. For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. 57. How we thank Yahweh, who gives us victory over sin and death through Yahshua the Messiah our Master! 58. So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and steady, always excelling in Yahweh's work, for you know that nothing you ever do for Yahweh is useless.

More about the First Resurrection. Revelation 20:1-6, Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3. and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. 4. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yahshua and for the word of Yahweh, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with the Messiah for a thousand years. 5. (But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.) This is the first resurrection. 6. BLESSED AND HOLY IS HE WHO HAS PART IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Yahweh and of the Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Matthew 24:29-31, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30. "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31. "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

So we see that those who are in the first resurrection:

At the last day.

After the great tribulation.

Having been judged by Yahshua.

Believers will hear His voice from their graves.

Are resurrected by Yahshua, the son.

Are similar to the angels in that they do not die.

They do not marry.

They have a wonderful, eternal spirit body.

They reign with Yahshua for 1000 years.

For more about the first resurrection see: Dan 12:1-3, Hosea 13:4-14, Matthew 24:3-31.

Friends, may Yahweh bless you with Yahshua's righteousness and love on this Sabbath Day.

Shabbat Shalom from Tom and Cathy Schattke BrTom11@home.com

GREEN EARS & THE FIRST MONTH

By Voy Wilks

Many times we have heard the statement, "Abib is the month of green ears." But do Scriptures make this claim? No. Both Scriptures and reference books indicate the month of Abib occurs in the spring of the year, so naturally there will be a profusion of green vegetation, but the month of Abib occurs when the barley grain is **ripe** or **ripening**, not green. Only **two Scriptures** in the King James Bible speak of "green ears," so let us examine these two Scriptures:

"And if thou offer a meat offering <<cereal offering, RSV>> of thy **firstfruits** unto Yahweh, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy **firstfruits** <<green>> **ears** of corn dried by the fire, <<even>> corn beaten out of **full ears**" (Lev. 2:14, KJV),

The word **green** is an added word, so does not appear in the Hebrew text.

This instruction, of course, would include the firstfruits (the wave sheaf) of Lev. 23. The barley beaten from **full ears** was to be further dried over the fire. Please note: **green ears** and **full ears** are a contradiction. They cannot exist at the same time. Green ears come first. Only later do the full ears appear. Now for the other Scripture:

"And ye shall eat neither bread nor parched corn, nor <<green>> ears until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your Elohim ..." (Lev. 23:14, KJV).

Again, **green** is an added word and does not appear in the Hebrew text. Even so, this added word seems to have misled many sincere people, even to establishing a calendar by "Green Ears." This is not the Biblical way to reckon the calendar as given by Yahweh.

Abib: Name of The First Biblical Month

From the Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, Harris, Archer & Waltke, Moody Press, Vol. 1, page 3. "Abb, assumed root of the following: 1a = aeb, freshness, fresh green. 1b = **abib, barley**."

"This noun [1b] refers to barley that is **already ripe**, but still soft, the **grains** of which are eaten either rubbed or roasted (Koehler & Baumgartner). The ASV and RSV agree (but see Lev. 2:14). The seventh plague brought ruinous hail upon Egypt's barley crop at least two weeks before it was fully ripened and ready for harvest (Ex. 9:31). Abib was also the **NAME** of the **first month** of the Jewish Calendar (the month of Passover). In that month the **barley came to ear**, but the usual time of harvest was the second month (Iyyar). According to Lev. 2:14 the grain harvest was to consist of firstfruits of abib."

- Abib is the **name** of the **first Biblical month**.
- To be the month of Abib, the barley stalks must have **grain on them**; ears, **full** kernels. Stalks without grain will never do.

Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies, McDonald Pub. Co., 1990, page 2. "Abib, the **name** of a **month**, so called because corn [grain] was then forming the ear, a few weeks before harvest, falling somewhere about March or April, afterward called Nisan, the first month of the Hebrew year."

Yardman's New Bible Dictionary, 1979, page 178. "Abib, **ripening** of corn (Ex. 13:4);"

Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary, 1967, page 3. "Abib (abib, Heb. aviv, an ear of corn), the pre-exilic **NAME** for the **first month** of the year (Ex. 13:4; 23:15; 34:18)."

Harper's Bible Dictionary, Harper & Row Pub., 1973, page 2. "Abib, (an **ear of corn**), the **first month** of the Hebrew year (March-April); ..."

Gesenius Hebrew Lexicon, Baker Book House, 1984, page 5. "Abib [#24], an ear of corn; a <<green>> * ear Lev. 2:14; 9:31; the barley was in the **ear**; that is, the **ears were developed**: ... the month of <<green>> **ears** ... beginning at the new moon of April (of March, according to the Rabbins), the **first month** of the old year (as instituted on coming out of Egypt) Ex. 13:4. Lev. 23:15; Deut. 16:1."

The Revell Concise Bible Dictionary, Fleming H. Revell Co., 1984, page 2. "Abib (ah-bib, an ear of corn), the **first month** of the Hebrew ceremonial year, ..."

The New Brown, Driver, Briggs Hebrew-English Lexicon, Hendrickson Publishers, 1979, page 1. "Abib: #1 Fresh, young **ears** of barley (Ex. 9:31); #2 Month of **ear-forming**, or growing <<green>>, ..."

Strong's Concordance #24. "Abib, tender, <<green>>; i.e. young ears of grain, hence the **NAME** of the **first month**, Abib or Nisan: abib, <<green>> * ears of corn."

Summary

This reference material indicates the following points:

- **Abib** is the **name** of the first Biblical month of the year (Several Reference Works).
- Observe the **month of Abib** and keep the Passover (Deut. 16:1).
- This day you are to go forth in the **month of Abib** (Ex. 13:4).
- Only two references speak of **green ears** in the KJV (Lev. 2:14; 23:14).
- The word **green** does not appear in the Hebrew Texts (Lev. 2:14; 23:14).
- **Green** is a **supplied** (added) word which misleads (Lev. 2:14; 23:14).
- Instead, the grain was to have **full** ears (mature or nearly so), not <<green>> ears (Lev. 2:14). As all farmers know, when ready for harvest, barley is no longer green, but has turned a golden color.
- **Green** ears and **full** ears are a contradiction. They cannot exist at the same time in the same crop.
- Green stalks come first, then later the **full** (mature) ears appear.

I respectfully suggest, the Biblical Calendar is determined by the **sun and moon** (Gen. 1:14-16), not by "Green Ears."

Brethren, let us follow the Biblical way.

End Note

The << >> * used here are only to remind the reader that the word **green** does not appear in the Hebrew text. Emphasis throughout was added.

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A TESTIMONY

I want to share my testimony with your assembly. Three months ago, I came to this jail unsaved. I was here for one week when I heard something, and then I asked to be saved and accepted Yahshua into my heart and life.

I had three class A felonies, each one carried 25 years to life in prison. I had one class D that carried 1-5 years and one class C that also was 1-5 years in prison. Well, on November 5, 2001, I went to court and everything but one class D was dropped. Court date was set for December 3, 2001 for sentencing; (I was slapped on the hand so to speak), nine months in this county jail.

You see, I am 36 years old as of November 26, 2001 and I have been in trouble since I was eleven years old. I have three prison numbers and have been to prison 19 times. I thought my life was over, but Yahshua saved me. I saw Yahweh's work in that courtroom on December 3.

I am on fire and anything you can help me with to learn more about Yahweh and the Messiah, my Savior, please send it to me. I can only hope my testimony will touch someone and inspire them to seek out Yahweh the Father.

Love in the Name of our Father,
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YAHSHUA – MY BANNER

In Exodus 17:8-16, we are told about Israel's battle with the Amalekites and how Yah's people were victorious as long as Moses' hands were upheld. At the end of the day's battle, it is recorded how Moses built an altar and called the name of the altar, "Yahweh - nissi," or Yahweh, my banner. The word for banner, Strong's No. 5251, means banner, or flag, and symbolically means a flagpole. It derives from another Hebrew word, 5264, meaning to gleam from afar. (Who do we know who was the light of the world and who came from afar?) It also means to be conspicuous. And, again, who do we know who is conspicuous, and when He is lifted up, draws all men to Himself?

Isaiah uses this same word (5251) when referring to the Messiah in chapter 11:

"In that day the root of Jesse will stand as an ensign to the people;

Him shall the nations seek." Isaiah 11:10 and 12.

It is the same word for when Moses lifted up among the people a bronze serpent upon a pole (nissi), Numbers 21:8-9, a rallying point of healing and life among the people. And likewise, in the battle with the Amalekites, the banner and the pole were the rallying point around which Israel was delivered.

Yahshua is the banner around which His people rally. He said in John 3:14 and 12:32, that if He be lifted up, He would draw all men unto Him - again referring to the pole (nissi, no. 5251) on which the bronze serpent was lifted in the wilderness. And in Phil. 2:9, it is stated that Yahweh highly exalted (lifted up) Yahshua and gave Him a name which is above every name.

YAHSHUA - OUR BANNER - the gleam from afar, the one who is clearly conspicuous.

Submitted by Roger Norman

THE DANGER OF ASPARTAME

Brand names are NutraSweet, Equal, Spoonful

DO NOT USE IT

Information in this report is gleaned from *HEALTHY HEALING* by Linda Rector, Page, N.D., Ph.D., and from *HEALTH & HEALING* by Julian Whitaker, M.D.

The FDA has received more complaints about adverse reactions to aspartame than from any other food ingredient in the agency's history. The agency rescinded its initial approval of it because studies showed it caused seizures and brain tumors in lab animals; but they eventually capitulated to political and monetary pressure and approved it in 1981.

It has been linked to PKU seizures, high blood pressure, headaches, insomnia, memory loss, vision problems, ovarian cancer, and brain tumors. John W. Olney, M.D., notes that animal studies reveal high levels of brain tumors in aspartame-fed rats. The sharp rise in malignant brain tumors in humans coincides with the increased use of aspartame.

Retina damage is attributed to methyl alcohol, known as wood alcohol, released when aspartame breaks down. This alcohol, a main ingredient in moonshine, was notorious during Prohibition for causing blindness. Aspartame damage is likely cumulative and is particularly harmful to children and the developing fetus. It can upset brain chemistry.

Aspartame is used much in so-called diet soda and diet foods; but from the mid 1980's to the present the percentage of overweight Americans has more than doubled. Dr. Whitaker has reviewed scores of documented cases of patients with symptoms mistakenly diagnosed with one of multiple sclerosis, chronic fatigue, rheumatoid arthritis, depression, and other mood disorders, only to have all signs of disease completely vanish after getting off aspartame.

Many carbonated beverages which do not contain aspartame are loaded with other sweeteners such as sugar, corn syrup, etc., which is not good either. Water is probably the best drink. A little lemon juice can be added to it for flavor. Fruit drinks without added sweeteners are also available. Adding sparkling water is an option. Remember Proverbs 25:27. Too much sugar renders our bodies more susceptible to disease.

Stevia, from health food stores, is a non-caloric herbal sweetener one may consider. Clinical studies indicate it is safe to use even in cases of severe sugar imbalance. Research shows it can actually regulate blood sugar. Other studies demonstrate that Stevia lowers high blood pressure but does not affect normal blood pressure.

Thankfully, adverse effects from the use of aspartame are reversible when consumption is stopped. So the thing to do is to quit consuming it if you have been.

Elder George Kinney

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO OBEYS THE COMMANDMENTS OF YAHWEH

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May you decide today to be the bride of Yahshua, Yahweh's only Son. What a privilege, what an honour and what a faith you should show forth. May the blessings of Yahweh be on you.

Elder Otto H. Miesel

2002 CALENDAR CALCULATIONS

Military time - in Jerusalem, Israel (LST).

LST (Local Standard Time) equals GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) plus two hours.

Source of Reference - Photographer's Almanac of the Sun and Moon (from Jerusalem).

"New Moon is generally not visible until at least 15 minutes after sunset." (Robert Victor)

Conjunction January 13 - 13:29 GMT plus 2 hours equals 15:29 LST (p.m.).

Sunset January 13 - 16:56 (15:29 to 16:56 = moon is 1 hr 27 min old).

Sunset January 14 - 16:57 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 25 hrs 28 min old).

Moonset January 14 - 17:45 (moon is up 48 min).

***January 15 (1-15-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction February 12 - 07:41 GMT plus 2 hours equals 09:41 LST (a.m.).

Sunset February 12 - 17:23 (09:41 to 17:23 = moon is 7 hrs 42 min old).

Sunset February 13 - 17:24 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 31 hrs 43 min old).

Moonset February 13 - 18:25 (moon is up 1 hr 1 min).

***February 14 (2-14-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction March 14 - 02:02 GMT plus 2 hours equals 04:02 LST (a.m.).

Sunset March 14 - 17:46 (04:02 to 17:46 = moon is 13 hrs 44 min old).

Sunset March 15 - 17:47 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 37 hrs 45 min old).

Moonset March 15 - 19:02 (moon is up 1 hr 15 min).

***March 16 (3-16-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction April 12 - 19:21 GMT plus 2 hours equals 21:21 LST (p.m.).

Sunset April 12 - 18:06 (Conjunction is 3 hrs 15 min after sunset).

Sunset April 13 - 18:06 (21:21 April 12 to 18:06 April 13 = moon is 20 hrs 45 min old).

Moonset April 13 - 18:45 (moon is up 39 min).

***April 14 (4-14-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction May 12 - 10:45 GMT plus 2 hours equals 12:45 LST (p.m.).

Sunset May 12 - 18:27 (12:45 to 18:27 = moon is 5 hrs. 42 min old).

Sunset May 13 - 18:27 (plus 24 hrs = moon is 29 hrs 42 min old).

Moonset May 13 - 19:31 (moon is up 1 hr 4 min).

***May 14 (5-14-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction June 10 - 23:46 GMT plus 2 hours equals 01:46 LST (a.m.) on June 11.

Sunset June 11 - 18:44 (01:46 to 18:44 = moon is 16 hrs 58 min old).

Sunset June 12 - 18:45 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 40 hrs 59 min old).

Moonset June 12 - 20:21 (moon is up 1 hr 36 min).

***June 13 (6-13-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction July 10 - 10:26 GMT plus 2 hours equals 12:26 LST (p.m.).

Sunset July 10 - 18:47 (12:26 to 18:47 = moon is 6 hrs 21 min old).

Sunset July 11 - 18:47 (plus 24 hrs = moon is 30 hrs 21 min old).

Moonset July 11 - 19:59 (moon is up 1 hr 12 min).

***July 12 (7-12-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction August 8 - 19:15 GMT plus 2 hours equals 21:15 LST (p.m.).

Sunset August 8 - 18:30 (conjunction is 2 hrs 45 min after sunset).

Sunset August 9 - 18:29 (21:15 Aug. 8 to 18:29 Aug. 9 = moon is 21 hrs 14 min old).

Moonset August 9 = 19:21 (moon is up 52 min).

***August 10 (8-10-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction September 7 - 03:10 GMT plus 2 hours equals 05:10 LST (a.m.).

Sunset September 7 - 17:56 (05:10 to 17:56 = moon is 12 hrs 46 min old).

Sunset September 8 - 17:55 (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 36 hrs 45 min old).

Moonset September 8 - 19:08 (moon is up 1 hr 13 min).

***September 9 (9-09-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction October 6 - 11:18 GMT plus 2 hours equals 13:18 LST (p.m.).

Sunset October 6 - 17:18 (13:18 to 17:18 = moon is 4 hrs old).

Sunset October 7 - 17:17 (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 27 hrs 59 min old).

Moonset October 7 - 18:13 (moon is up 56 min).

*** October 8 (10-08-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction November 4 - 20:34 GMT plus 2 hours equals 22:34 LST (p.m.).

Sunset November 4 - 16:47 (conjunction is 5 hrs 47 min after sunset).

Sunset November 5 - 16:47 (22:34 on Nov. 4 to 16:47 on Nov. 5 = moon is 18 hrs 13 min old).

Moonset November 5 - 17:22 (moon is up 35 min).

Sunset November 6 - 16:46 (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 42 hrs 12 min old).

Moonset November 6 - 18:08 (moon is up 1 hr 22 min).

***November 7 (11-07-02) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction December 4 - 07:34 GMT plus 2 hours equals 09:34 LST (a.m.).

Sunset December 4 - 16:35 (09:34 to 16:35 = moon is 7 hrs 1 min old).

Sunset December 5 - 16:35 (plus 24 hrs = moon is 31 hrs 1 min old).

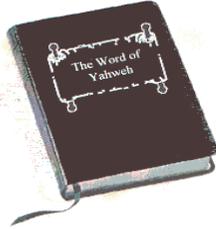
Moonset December 5 - 17:38 (moon is up 1 hr 3 min).

***December 6 (12-06-02) is New Moon Day.**

PASSOVER/MEMORIAL SUPPER

March 29, 2002 (Celebrate March 28, 2002 after sunset)

“In the 14th day of the first month at even is Yahweh’s Passover.” Lev. 23:5



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IN MEMORIAM

DIANE MASTROPAOLO (Fort Smith, Arkansas), died of cancer October 31, 2001 at the age of 57 (she was born January 2, 1944). She is survived by her husband Michael; her four children, Leah, Anna, Aaron and Sarah; and her mother and sister.

Diane was a devoted mother and remained strong in the faith. First baptized in the early 70's then later into Yahoshua's Name, she served her family and the assembly looking forward to the resurrection of the just. She helped teach her children at home and all four remain in the faith. Diane trusted Yah for her healing and looked to Him to work all things together for good because she loved Yah and was called according to His purpose.
Submitted by Michael Mastropaolo

SUZY JANE NORMAN (Fort Worth, Texas), a loving wife, mother and grandmother, died at home January 1, 2002, surrounded by her husband and sons (she was born October 3, 1940). Surviving are her husband Roger; two sons, R. Blair and wife, Catherine and Alan and wife, Jodi; and four grandchildren, Savannah, Jason, Jackson and Jillian.

For years Suzy taught the glad tidings to inner city underprivileged children in community housing projects using child evangelism fellowship materials. When her sons were young she would take them with her. She also was a volunteer for many years at a nationally known children's hospital where she would do crafts and play games with children who were suffering from cancer. She was an active member in garden clubs and societies for many years.

Suzy was a true servant of Yahweh. She was born again when she personally accepted the Savior into her life at age twelve. Suzy for many years worked with the younger children at the Feast of Tabernacles and started the Ladies Tea several years ago during the Feast at Eaton Rapids. She and her husband Roger were involved in a sexual abstinence ministry which was so vital and important for people of all ages. Suzy was a wonderful friend and sister in the Messiah. She will be greatly missed by her family and by all those whose hearts she touched.
Submitted by Roger Norman

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Therefore, all that precedes the marriage supper of the Lamb of Yahweh, His beloved Son Yahshua, is preparatory. Only thereafter will Yahweh's program for the everlasting ages to come begin to unfold. Up until then, the entire universe under the Son's regulation and control is being manipulated by Yahweh for one great purpose: To prepare and train His Son's bride to overcome, to believe and be fixed on His mighty true Word.

Surely Yahweh is master of all history. He will set His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, as king and ruler in His Father's kingdom and with Him, His Bride! Blessed is the man to whom Yahweh will not impute iniquity. Romans 4:8

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Yahweh's

2002 Calendar

New Moon Days	Annual Convocation Days	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 15	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) MARCH 29 Celebrate MARCH 28 after sunset	March 30
Feb. 14	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD MARCH 30 through APRIL 5	April 5
Mar. 16	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 19 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 19
April 14	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 9	Sept. 9
May 14	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 18	Sept. 18
June 13	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) SEPTEMBER 23 through SEPTEMBER 29	Sept. 23
July 12	LAST GREAT DAY SEPTEMBER 30	Sept. 30
Aug. 10		7 days
Sept. 9		in all - the
Oct. 8		number of
Nov. 7		completeness
Dec. 6		

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