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*Isaiah 40:4, 5, 8*

*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the honour of Yahweh shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of Yahweh hath spoken it. ...*

*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Elohim shall stand for ever.*

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## **I Will Publish the Name of Yahweh (Deut. 32:3)**

Halleluyah, Halleluyah! We are experiencing a large amount of new inquiries requesting The Faith magazine. What a joy to see a hunger for truth. The Faith has increased the number of printed magazines a substantial amount in the last year.

Is the search for spiritual truth passé (out of date)? Not when the scriptures say, ...“work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” Philippians 2:12. “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have everlasting life: and they are they which testify of me.” John 5:39. It is our duty; each individual on this planet is encouraged to do something to find the way to everlasting life and the kingdom of Yahshua.

The world is on the brink of another war. The U.S.A., NATO and the United Nations are discussing ways for diplomatic resolutions to disarm Iraq. Have any of us prayed and asked Yahweh, “What is your will, Yahweh?” Or have we prayed, “Thy will be done in this matter, Yahweh.” Remember the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16). I hear the voices of some who say, “I am not for this war.” Let’s all look into ourselves. Who likes to see our soldiers injured or killed? The answer of course is, none of us do. Let’s look at another scenario. If the U.S.A. is part of the 10 tribes of Israel and Israel is Yahweh’s battle axe, Woe to Iraq and Saddam (Jeremiah 51:20).

I would like to share a small bit of history of The Faith magazine printed and published from the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, Michigan. In 1969, the Assembly of Yahweh in Morton, Pennsylvania wanted to give The Faith to another assembly in the body of Yahshua. There was a business meeting and consensus was that the Eaton Rapids brethren would take over printing the magazine, and so the local assembly has had the privilege of this task for 34 years.

The Faith magazine was started in 1939 by C. O. Dodd. Elder Dodd saw the importance of the Sabbath and Feast Days of Yahweh, Salvation in Yahshua the Messiah, Baptism in water for the remission of sins, etc. In the early 1940’s Elder Dodd printed a few articles using Yahweh’s Name. At this time, the name of Yahweh, and the name of His son, Yahshua, our Savior, was being re-revealed to this nation.

The Faith magazine has been a witness, a tool for the mission fields of Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean Islands, Philippine Islands, Africa, India, and the U.S.A. The Faith is a small magazine, but what an impact it has made in the 60 plus years of publication. All praise be to Yahweh!

At the 2001 Feast of Tabernacles at the Eaton Rapids Assembly, Michelle Richards, a granddaughter of Elder Gallimore, Jamaica, West Indies, met Mary Dodd Ling, Elder C. O. Dodd’s daughter. Sister Michelle Richards gave a powerful, thankful testimony of how grateful she was for the work C. O. Dodd did 50 years ago in bringing the true Salvation Message to Jamaica, to her grandfather and hence passed the message to her mother and to her. This little magazine has been a powerful voice for these generations. Halleluyah!

The year is 2003 and The Faith is going into many prisons and is helping set the prisoners onto the true, narrow way. Through The Faith office, requests for immersion have been passed onto brethren in their area and Halleluyah, another soul has dedicated his life to Yahshua the Messiah.

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## ABIDING ... “ABIDE IN ME”

The basic purpose of the Word of Yahweh from Genesis to Revelation is to acquaint the reader and the believer with Yahweh’s Almightyness. Great blessings will follow those who, in yielding obedience, abide in Yahweh’s laws.

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and lust of the eyes, and pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of Elohim abideth for ever.” 1 John 2:15-17. The rule of a normal believer’s life should be totally to expel the lust of the world and be completely committed to the love of the Father. Abiding means staying in Yahweh’s unchangeable love. The life and will of Yahweh are unchangeable. Allow no doubt to enter your thoughts.

The grandness of the world is fleeting, it passes away with all its splendor and glory, but the Word of Yahweh and His Commandments are firm and eternal. It was from the beginning Yahweh’s will to send His Son to give His life to deliver mankind from this world. In Romans 12:2, we read not to be conformed to this world. It is evident the power of this world is strong and we feel the conflict between its powers and the power of Yahweh’s Spirit. So, as the believer accepts and does the will of Yahweh in his life, his life will be changed and he will be freed from the instability of the world. He who does the will of Yahweh abides forever.

Elohim created man with a will, but when we adhere to the Father’s will, when we prevail over our enemies, overcoming the obstacles that come our way, and stay on the straight and narrow pathway, it is then that Yahweh becomes the strength in our lives. If men and women accept Yahweh’s will, He can work through them making them fellow workers.

When Yahshua came to this earth He restored human nature to its original destiny. He showed us the blessedness and high esteem that comes when we are living and doing the Father’s will. Many are convinced they are doing the will of Yahweh, but their spiritual eyes are blinded. Doing good works, feeding the hungry, clothing the ones who are cold, visiting the old and the sick, these are all praiseworthy duties in human eyes, but what does Yahshua say to those who are busy with such activities and yet are not obedient to His Father’s will? The answer is found in Matthew 1:21-27. “Not every one that saith unto me, Sovereign, Sovereign, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Sovereign, Sovereign, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”...

There is no uncertainty in Yahshua’s walk on earth; He gave us the perfect example to walk according to the Father’s will. He kept His Father’s laws, demonstrating love to everyone, but gave warnings to those who would not do all the commandments of Yahweh. Matthew 5:17-20, ... “Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”... Yahweh’s Sabbath was made for Yahweh’s creation (Genesis 2:2-3); six days we shall labor, the seventh day is for rest and worship. Isaiah 58:13-14 says we are to turn away from doing our pleasure on His holy (separated) day. We are to

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# THE MARK OF THE BEAST

We read of the mark of the beast at Revelation 13:16 and 17, 14:9 and 11, 15:2, 16:2, 19:20, and 20:4. At Chapter 13, verse 17 we read of a time that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name; note in verse 16 that everyone is caused to receive the mark.

The Greek word for “mark” here is “charagma” meaning impressed mark, engraving, scratch, etching. Strong’s and Young’s concordances consulted for meaning.

It is received in the right hand OR forehead (one place or the other). Thus any theory is eliminated that would require it to be in both places, such as working the Sabbath, needing it to be in the mind AND using the hand. Neither would that be a scratch or etching.

It is noteworthy that Leviticus 19:28 in the King James reads: you shall not print any marks upon you. “Mark” here means “a mark branded on the skin” (Gensenius), “a cross mark” (Young’s), “incision, gash, + mark” (Strong’s). Leeser’s translation reads: “any etched-in writing shall you not fix on yourselves.”

When the beast enforces the mark (or the name of the beast or the number of his name) to be able to buy or sell, would it likely be something contrary to the Word of Yahweh? Could a cross on us be the mark, or part of it, against Yahweh’s command?

A cross mark would be quite acceptable to most people of the world. Many already wear a cross on a chain around their neck. It could be etched-in such as by a tattoo, or maybe invisibly etched-in by some means, but made visible electronically quickly, such as at a check-out counter at a grocery store. It could be small on the webbing between the thumb and forefinger – not normally seen except the fingers be spread.

Seemingly it must be an identification quickly seen. Check-out counters work swiftly these days. It would take too long to show proof of working the Sabbath, worshiping the beast or his image, etc. Neither would showing a card be practical. It could have been stolen. A mark on the skin would instantly prove everything.

Notice the bad news for those receiving the mark (Revelation 14:9-11, 16:2).

Also note that the beast has a number, the number of a man. It is 666 (Revelation 13:18). Although erroneously we believe, by many the Greek text is considered the inspired New Testament. At Revelation 13:18, Berry’s Greek interlinear shows the Greek letters khi xi sigma (ΧΣϚ) to represent 666. As you likely know, the X stands for Christ, as in X-MAS (Christ mass, Christmas). And ΧΣϚ can be pronounced Christ GZ S according to a booklet by Elder Norman Warner, from which I quote: “ALL COUNTERFEIT RELIGIONS will unite under the Beast Power and will acknowledge the false Messiah whose name is ΧΣϚ (Christ GZ S) because they are deceived and love not THE TRUTH. Therefore, only those who have the NAME OF THE FATHER AND HIS SON written in their foreheads will overcome the GREAT DECEPTION. Read Rev. 14:1 which is just THE OPPOSITE of Rev. 13:1-18 where the WHOLE WORLD follows the BEAST, with ITS NAME, NUMBER, AND MARK on their right hand or on their forehead.”

Remember the beast is expected to have power, signs, lying wonders, and deception (Matthew 24:4, 11, 24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9; Revelation 13:13-15, and 19:20). Let’s remain what a saint ought to be (see article, “A Saint Is”); and pray for the victory. “And

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# **A Framework for Unity in The Calendar**

## **A Proposal from the 2002 Unity Conference**

### **Part 1 of 2**

By: Michael A. Banak

The year 2002 motivated many of us to seek a unified calendar. Nearly every choice, decision and judgment that could be made was a very close call that year. Yet most approached that difficult year with strong feelings of goodwill towards those who observed these precious Feasts in a different time frame. Most importantly, evidence of Yahweh's sweet presence at each campsite was undeniable. Despite these blessings, some brethren experienced frustration, struggling to decide among a patchwork of fellowship opportunities. Many now believe that something has got to be done to establish a unified calendar. The Unified Calendar Movement is a response to this need.

The present disorder has caused a measure of confusion in our circles of fellowship. Often within the same region, brethren of goodwill have kept the Feasts on different days. We seem to come together for optional things like congregational outings. But when it comes to the Feast Days the desire to get it right is strong. Thus, differences are not caused by the mere collision of personal tastes. When opinions diverge like this, the participants hold firm out of reverence for what has been revealed to them, or so they believe. And this is a very reasonable thing to expect.

Individually, many of us have already been motivated to find the answer to the calendar, otherwise there would be no disagreements derived from such in-depth, personal investigation. We should harbor even greater motivation, though, to do it together. Yahshua said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." (Matt 12:30). Yahshua's call to unity should be sufficient motivation to seek the answers together, not to mention the blessings that would accrue to our children and those to whom we witness. While being sensitive to the need to stand for the Truth, the Unified Calendar Movement recognizes how insignificant these differences are. Are you willing to pray and work towards unity in this? I and others are so inclined, and on their behalf and mine, this proposal is shared with the worldwide fellowship of Sacred Name believers. Please give this article every possible consideration. While touching a little on calculations and methods, we will focus on the framework through which a unified calendar can be attained. In this scheme, every one of us must be humble, have a servant's attitude, (as did Yahshua), accept the answers Yah gives, and not merely pay lip-service.

There are 4 essential elements in our quest for a unified calendar:

- A) Our futility on coming together on this must be frankly admitted.
- B) The need for order through Heavenly ordained authority is critical. All households must have order and the Household of Faith is no exception. A framework for calendar authority can be established, one which invites support, encouragement and fervent prayer, rather than criticism.
- C) Yahweh is willing to bless a Feast observance that is innocently ill-timed. This is derived from the Hezekiah principle, where the entire Feast, not just Passover, was

observed in the 2nd month by him and the Israelites, with Yahweh's blessing. [See 2 Chronicles Chap. 30]. This is mentioned only to neutralize any fear of blameless error.

- D) More importantly, Yahweh's willingness to bless us in this effort is foundational. We have experienced the awe of answered prayers, healings and other reversals of natural law, to the benefit of Yah's people. Why, then, is it such a stretch to expect His guidance in this? This call to a Faith is consistent with Scripture, and all of our other collective experiences in crying out for answers. Might we err? Yes. But a balanced and healthy view is that we will always stand on grace (unmerited favor) if we do err, but more importantly, we must apprehend the blessing by Faith.

Considering just the main areas of inquiry, you can identify 5 different calendar variables:

- What determines a New Moon? 2 Choices: Crescent or Conjunction
- What makes a New Moon "Abib"? 3 Choices: Closest to Equinox, After Equinox or Crop conditions.
- Where is the New Moon Reckoned? 3 Choices: Locally, Regionally, or in The Promised Land
- Which Night is Passover? 2 Choices: 14th vs. 15th of Abib
- Which day is Pentecost? 2 Choices: Count from a Shabbat or count from a High Day

It can be shown mathematically that there are 72 possible combinations among these choices! At best, only one of these could be "correct". And we have not even considered fringe calendars like the Jewish calendar, which the rabbis admit is wrong, nor the Lunar-Sabbath system, that inadvertently makes the count to Pentecost at least 52 days. But here is what these 72 possible calendars mean for you and me: The vast majority of us will have to forsake our own pet calendar some day. Indeed, for the sake of unity, many of us will be observing a calendar which we are not observing today, nor fully persuaded of, when the day of unity comes. This is the hard part for many. What we have found over time is that there are abundant counterbalancing arguments for each choice, with numerous Scriptures and historical facts used to provide weight to any particular side.

Often, a congregation is challenged with a disruptive, new calendar theory. Question: Knowing that the odds of your pet calendar being correct are statistically only 1 in 72, would you dare to disturb an otherwise well-run assembly with your "knowledge"? And since your odds of getting it right are only 1 in 72, how can a minister rationally halt the calendar in-play, and countenance a disruptive appeal from one of the members? In practice, a noble ministry should prayerfully consider all inputs, but not at any cost, and not at a moment's notice. It is understandable that we had to be somewhat independent to come out of churchianity. But when this independence spills over into anarchy, it has gone too far.

Brace yourself: There is absolutely nothing in the Scriptures to extend to you the authority for calculating your own calendar. Nothing. Still, if you insist on jumping into this arena, you will find that the starting point in your favorite calendar "proof" plays the key role in determining the outcome. That's because there are a number of rational-sounding premises out there. Consider the following list of presuppositions: We want

the calendar Moses had; We want the calendar Joshua had; We want the calendar David had; We want the calendar Ezra and Nehemiah had; We want the calendar which the Maccabees had; We want the calendar that the Apostles had; We want a calendar that works while we are running in persecution. We want a calendar that works if we are isolated in a jungle in communist China. We want a calendar that works if we can see the new Moon; We want a calendar that works if we can't see the new Moon; We want a calendar based on simple observation of the environment, using the most primitive means. We want a calendar that can be calculated in advance, in case we can't see anything. We want a calendar that let's our group publish its dates way in advance; We want a calendar that works if we are migrating west of The Promised Land, each year distancing ourselves from Jerusalem. Finally, we want the calendar in effect in The Kingdom to Come. We must formally ask Yahweh which of these premises apply in our circumstances.

Consider just one riddle. How much of the calendar decision should embrace or deny the benefit of modern technology? Notice the traps here. Many, including me, have insisted on a calendar discernible only with primitive means. But we happily used email, telephones, almanacs and computers to confirm New Moons at far away places on the American Continent, and then used planes, cars and trains to fulfill a Feast pilgrimage to yet another far away place. We even schedule time off from our work in "Babylon", months in advance, for Feast Days determined by "primitive" means. Might you be one of these?

In the past, the calendar decision rested with the priests and prophets. This style of Feast management continued throughout Bible history. Therefore, whether in the past or in the kingdom to come, the calendar is always cascaded down through some authoritative agent. There is utterly no Scriptural basis whatsoever for each of us to individually calculate our own calendar, especially in light of the uncertainties. Yes, in the case of hardship, a decision might be made by someone in isolation, using the best available resources. But that is no reason to leverage the entire issue as though it is the best you can do in the present circumstances. Even households in seclusion should seek wider fellowship in these things.

It is common to interpret Deuteronomy 16:1 as a basis for private Feast calculations derived from individual sighting of the New Moon. "Watch for the New Moon of Abib, and then keep the Passover unto Yahweh thy Elohim: for in the "Month" of Abib Yahweh thy Elohim brought thee forth out of Egypt by night." This suggests that the New Moon of Abib is set by direct observation. Does this now extend calendar-setting authority to each individual? Hardly. You see, for the overwhelming vast majority of people seeing this New Moon, it is a mere formality, since the New Moon was already witnessed by 2 others back east, in a prior sighting. Furthermore, that is exactly how it will be in the kingdom to come. As Kingdom families step outside to see the New Moon of Abib, it will already have been declared a New Moon by Headquarters. There is no way that an individual observing (or missing) a critical New Moon observation can skew the reality of what is already up there, and confirmed by others just prior.

Some may think that individual calculation is found in Leviticus 23, and Deuteronomy 16, where the count toward Pentecost is described. Though every Israelite participates in this count, they are required to do it together. Note the inclusive flavor of this Feast: Deut 16:11 "And thou shalt rejoice before the Yahweh thy Elohim, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is



within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which Yahweh thy Elohim hath chosen to place his name there."

In their zeal to get the calendar "just right", independent-minded types have forsaken the other commands for set-apart Convocation. Thus, a private calendar calculation, lacking authority, and having a mere 1-in-72 chance of being right, is used to thwart the commandment for convocation.

If we are honest with ourselves, we will find that the Scriptures are somewhat unclear in the biggest areas of disagreement. Since there are no moral imperatives at risk, except perhaps the doctrine of humility, this is precisely where deference to authority is necessary. Otherwise, you have chaos over questionable issues, which is exactly what you see today. We do not question the inevitability of finding the right answer to any of these points. Here we are questioning the means whereby we find the answer. Let us consider just 2 examples where a measure of uncertainty is quite understandable.

- 1) Specific Scriptural guidelines for our present circumstances are lacking in The Scriptures. You will find nothing in the Written Word telling you how to calculate The Feast calendar in the 21st century, living in North America. It's just not in there.

Now, it turns out that there are numerous areas of fulfillment in the Messianic life which are also not specified in The Scriptures. In each of these cases it is reasonable to expect each one of us to prayerfully follow the dictates of his conscience, as these can be terribly personal and unique situations. But when it comes to the Feast Calendar, we have something altogether different. The call to have a Set-Apart Convocation immediately dictates that we work through the uncertainties and levels of interpretation together. Thus far, the philosophy of "each man does what is right in his own eyes" has produced the bad fruit of needless division and confusion. Somebody, somewhere, has to decide how the principles of the Calendar apply to us under these circumstances today, for the benefit of us all.

- 2) There are many areas of interpretational uncertainty with regards to the calendar. We believe the answer is within reach for each one of these cases, if we go about it together. But here we consider just one question, to show how sincere worshippers can have divergent opinions. The case we study here was purposely chosen for illustration and for its simplicity. Let us consider how a New Moon is declared as Abib-1. As stated earlier, there are three choices: New Moon closest to Equinox; the one after Equinox or the New Moon cited in conjunction with favorable crop conditions. Even though there are 3 choices, the debate often comes down to simply choosing a later Feast or an earlier one. We will now look at 2 opposing and counterbalancing arguments to see how this can unfold.

One rather compelling argument to support a later Feast is an historical note made by the Jewish historian Josephus. He reports that, during the Fall Feast of Tabernacles, the Israelites made booths for themselves, to protect themselves from the cold (Antiquities 3:10:4). This at once suggests that the Fall Feast, along with all Feasts, occurs on the late side, simply because the later Feast timing would necessitate special attention to the cold at Tabernacles. This sounds rock solid.

But on the other hand, there is a countervailing argument. To see this, you have to review the story of Yahshua's arraignment on the night he was arrested. Might you recall what Peter was doing that night? He was warming himself by the fire (Mark 14:54).

This immediately suggests that the Spring Feast and all other Feasts are on the early side, since that would make for a cold night during the Passover season. This, too, looks rock-solid.

How do we resolve this tiny set of facts? Hopefully you see how a narrow and incomplete view of the facts can lead to a premature and wrong decision. Frankly, I would use neither of these arguments to support a particular calendar scheme. Sufficient to say, both of the arguments have weaknesses, making them ideal candidates for this example. Hopefully we all see that legitimate areas of uncertainty exist and they elude easy resolution. In light of this and other factors covered earlier, the value of private interpretations in resolving the calendar borders on the absurd. What we have now is that each man does what is right in his own eyes, with the inevitable, hopeless mish-mash of opinions. This begs for a unified solution.

There is more to cover in our quest for a unified calendar. But Part 2 of this 2-part series must be presented in the next issue. As we work towards the conclusion of these arguments, we will learn that we have been losing a lot of precious time in pursuing our private calculations, to the detriment of other Scriptural commands. We will also find that the calendar calculation does involve one moral imperative which all men must follow. On these bases, a reasonable framework for Unity in the Calendar will be proposed to the brotherhood at-large.

For a copy of this entire article and a forum for those wishing to dialogue on the matter visit <http://www.unityinthecalendar.org>. Though I cannot sustain a casual correspondence, those who have no Internet access may write to: M. A. Banak, 10013 S. Kildare, Oak Lawn, IL, 60453. A CD of the presentation from the 2002 Unity Conference may be obtained as well.

Please pray, write and dialogue until Yahweh's blessings break through, and the unity that Yahshua prayed for be fulfilled in this matter.

HalleluYah.

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## YHWH'S POEM

To hear You Father YHWH  
Just to do Your Will  
To do those things that please You  
Your Truth ... Your Spirit fill  
Teach me to be humble  
Teach me to be strong  
Grant Your Wisdom ... Your Discernment  
Your Strength to carry on  
Resolve Your Word within me  
An anchor error proof  
Through all the mix and turning  
Grant Your Love to follow Truth  
YHWH, if I ever stumble  
Whenever I would fall  
Please restore me in forgiveness  
That I would hear Your Call

David Perry

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### **Thank You Letter**

Dear Pastor Graham and George Kinney;

I just want to thank you for helping us get baptized here at Union Correctional Institution in Raiford, Florida. On January 16, 2003, four of us inmates were baptized in Yahshua's Name and laid hands on. It was so wonderful. There are three others who are still waiting for baptism as soon as Elder Frank Crews can get everything approved.

We are also going to have Bible studies with Elder Crews in the near future, at least once a month. Without your help we would never have been baptized in Yahshua's saving name.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,  
David Hartlep

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### **I Will Publish the Name of Yahweh (Deut. 32:3)**

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We are hoping these few words of history, of what we feel is The Faith magazine's invaluable contribution to the spreading of the glad tidings to the world, will encourage each and every one of us to help keep this work of Yahweh alive; a valid reminder of the hope that is within us. Please send your articles, suggestions, and financial help. Let us all do our part.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

**Psalm 68:11 – Yahweh gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.**

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Ruth Ayers, 5211 Eagle Creek Road, Jacksons Gap, AL 36861, would like to purchase three Holy Name Bibles (by A. B. Traina). If there are any copies of this version available, please contact Ruth Ayers at the above address or telephone her at 256-825-2174.

## 2003 CALENDAR CALCULATIONS

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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)

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Conjunction January 2 – 20:23 GMT plus 2 hours equals 22:23 LST (p.m.).

Sunset January 2 – 16:47 (Conjunction is 5 hrs 36 min after sunset).

Sunset January 3 – 16:47 (22:23 Jan. 2 to 16:47 Jan. 3 = moon is 18 hrs 24 min old).

Moonset January 3 – 17:21 (moon is up 34 min).

Sunset January 4 – 16:48 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 42 hrs 25 min old).

Moonset January 4 – 18:25 (moon is up 1 hr 37 min).

**\*January 5, 2003 (1-05-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction February 1 – 10:48 GMT plus 2 hours equals 12:48 LST (p.m.).

Sunset February 1 – 17:13 (12:48 to 17:13 = moon is 4 hrs 25 min old).

Sunset February 2 – 17:14 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 28 hrs 26 min old).

Moonset February 2 – 18:13 (moon is up 59 min).

**\*February 3, 2003 (2-03-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction March 3 – 02:35 GMT plus 2 hours equals 04:35 LST (a.m.).

Sunset March 3 – 17:38 (04:35 to 17:38 = moon is 13 hrs 3 min old).

Sunset March 4 – 17:39 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 37 hrs 4 min old).

Moonset March 4 – 18:56 (moon is up 1 hr 17 min).

**\*March 5, 2003 (3-05-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction April 1 – 19:19 GMT plus 2 hours equals 21:19 LST (p.m.).

Sunset April 1 – 17:58 (Conjunction is 3 hrs 21 min after sunset).

Sunset April 2 – 17:59 (21:19 April 1 to 17:59 April 2 = moon is 20 hrs 40 min old).

Moonset April 2 – 18:37 (moon is up 38 min).

**\*April 3, 2003 (4-03-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction May 1 – 12:15 GMT plus 2 hours equals 14:15 LST (p.m.).

Sunset May 1 – 18:19 (14:15 to 18:19 = moon is 4 hrs 4 min old).

Sunset May 2 – 18:19 (plus 24 hrs = moon is 28 hrs 4 min old).

Moonset May 2 – 19:17 (moon is up 58 min).

**\*May 3, 2003 (5-03-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction May 31 – 04:20 GMT plus 2 hours equals 06:20 LST (a.m.).

Sunset May 31 – 18:39 (06:20 to 18:39 = moon is 12 hrs 19 min old).

Sunset June 1 – 18:39 (plus 24 hrs = moon is 36 hrs 19 min old).

Moonset June 1 – 20:01 (moon is up 1 hr 22 min).

**\*June 2, 2003 (6-02-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction June 29 – 18:39 GMT plus 2 hours equals 20:39 LST (p.m.).

Sunset June 29 – 18:49 (Conjunction is 1 hr 50 min after sunset).

Sunset June 30 – 18:49 (20:39 June 29 to 18:49 June 30 = moon is 22 hrs 10 min old).

Moonset June 30 – 19:43 (moon is up 54 min).

**\*July 1, 2003 (7-01-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction July 29 – 06:53 GMT plus 2 hours equals 08:53 LST (a.m.).

Sunset July 29 – 18:38 (08:53 to 18:38 = moon is 9 hrs 45 min old).

Sunset July 30 – 18:38 (plus 24 hrs = moon is 33 hrs 45 min old).

Moonset July 30 – 19:49 (moon is up 1 hr 11 min).

**\*July 31, 2003 (7-31-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction August 27 – 17:26 GMT plus 2 hours equals 19:26 LST (p.m.).

Sunset August 27 – 18:10 (Conjunction is 1 hr 16 min after sunset).

Sunset August 28 – 18:09 (19:26 Aug. 27 to 18:09 Aug. 28 = moon is 22 hrs 43 min old).

Moonset August 28 – 18:57 (moon is up 48 min).

**\*August 29, 2003 (8-29-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction September 26 – 03:09 GMT plus 2 hours equals 05:09 LST (a.m.).

Sunset September 26 – 17:31 (05:09 to 17:31 = moon is 12 hrs 22 min old).

Sunset September 27 – 17:30 (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 36 hrs 21 min old).

Moonset September 27 – 18:32 (moon is up 1 hr 2 min).

**\*September 28, 2003 (9-28-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction October 25 – 12:50 GMT plus 2 hours equals 14:50 LST (p.m.).

Sunset October 25 – 16:57 (14:50 to 16:57 = moon is 2 hrs 7 min old).

Sunset October 26 – 16:56 (plus 23 hrs 59 min = moon is 26 hrs 6 min old).

Moonset October 26 – 17:40 (moon is up 44 min).

**\*October 27, 2003 (10-27-03) is New Moon Day.**

Conjunction November 23 – 22:59 GMT plus 2 hours equals 00:59 LST (a.m.) on November 24.

Sunset November 24 – 16:36 (00:59 to 16:36 = moon is 15 hrs 37 min old).

Sunset November 25 – 16:36 (plus 24 hrs = moon is 39 hrs 37 min old).

Moonset November 25 – 17:56 (moon is up 1 hr 20 min).

**\*November 26, 2003 (11-26-03) is New moon Day.**

Conjunction December 23 – 09:43 GMT plus 2 hours equals 11:43 LST (a.m.).

Sunset December 23 – 16:40 (11:43 to 16:40 = moon is 4 hrs 57 min old).

Sunset December 24 – 16:41 (plus 24 hrs 1 min = moon is 28 hrs 58 min old).

Moonset December 24 – 17:44 (moon is up 1 hr 3 min).

**December 25, 2003 (12-25-03) is New Moon Day.**

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### ADDRESS CORRECTION

The article “Can Homosexuals be Healed? – Yes!” was printed in The Faith 7-9, 2002. The new address for Exodus International is P.O. Box 540119, Orlando, FL 32854, phone 407-559-6872. The website is still the same.

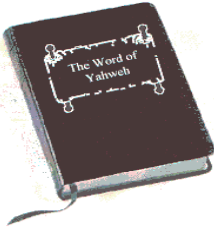
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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR CONGREGATION OF YESHURUN

...A request for help in the form of a letter was printed in The Faith 7-9, 2002. “Our request is to everyone and anyone who could and may assist us to fulfill this vision by contributing just \$1.00 in an envelope. With sufficient \$1.00’s, it would enable us to purchase the correct facilities and ground.”... The new address is: Congregation of Yeshurun, P.O. Box 113, Groot Marico 2850, Republic of South Africa.

# AN UPDATE ON THE WORD OF YAHWEH

The New Sacred (Kodesh) Name Bible (Scriptures)



The Word of Yahweh (Second Edition) is being prepared for printing and publication. Corrections are being made and a Concordance is being prepared to be included in this edition.

Please be patient since there will be a period of time before the new edition is available.

With the second edition we plan to have Paperbacks available along with Hard Cover and Leather copies. Costs/prices are not known as yet for any of these.

We plan to publish all necessary information for ordering the new edition of The Word of Yahweh in the next issue of The Faith magazine (Volume 67, 4-6, 2003, Number 2).

In His Service,  
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## The Assembly of Yahweh Wellness Center Eaton Rapids, Michigan

The Wellness Center will open for the current year on March 30, 2003. The 2003 schedule for the two-week program is as follows:

March 30 – April 11	April 27 – May 9	June 8 – June 20
July 27 – August 8	Aug. 17 – Aug. 29	Sept. 14 – Sept. 26

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvest Feast will be held November 27, 2003. The Center will be closed from December 2003 to March 2004; however, we will open on special request for two or more people.

The Wellness Center is in need of a retired individual who is experienced in organic gardening and maintenance to commit to 3 to 6 months of energy exchange for the current year. An individual on energy exchange will contribute \$75.00 per week toward food and utilities and will work a minimum of 6 hours per day 5 days a week. Interested persons can contact Hiawatha Cromer at (517) 663-1637.

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### **ABIDING ... “ABIDE IN ME”**

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call the Sabbath a delight, honoring Him; and He will cause us to ride upon the high places of the earth.

Take time to read Yahweh’s Word. All your questions will be answered. Look into yourselves and find out how much you love Yahweh and are willing to do His Will. When we love the heavenly Father and want His blessings, then we will want to be obedient to His laws. May every one who commits himself to the Master be zealous to do the Father’s will and abide in it. Yahweh’s blessings will be bestowed and peace and love will fill our hearts.

By: Elder Otto Miesel

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### **THE MARK OF THE BEAST**

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I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Yahshua, and for the Word of Elohim, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with the Messiah a thousand years.” (Revelation 20:4). See also Revelation 15:2.

By: Elder George Kinney

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2003 Calendar

New Moon Days	Annual Convocation Days	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 5	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 16 Celebrate APRIL 15 after sunset	April 17
Feb. 3	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 17 through APRIL 23	April 23
Mar. 5	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS JUNE 6 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	June 6
April 3	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 28	Sept. 28
May 3	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT OCTOBER 7	Oct. 7
June 2	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 12 through OCTOBER 18	Oct. 12
July 1	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 19	Oct. 19
July 31		7 days
Aug. 29		in all - the
Sept. 28		number of
Oct. 27		completeness
Nov. 26		
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