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SEEDTIME AND HARVEST,
AND COLD AND HEAT,
AND SUMMER AND WINTER,
AND DAY AND NIGHT
SHALL NOT CEASE**

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Editorial

YAHWEH'S FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Leviticus 23:33-44 – And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, ... The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto Yahweh. On the first day shall be an holy convocation ... On the eighth day shall be an holy convocation ... These are the feasts of Yahweh ... It shall be a statute forever in your generations ... And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of Yahweh.

The Feast of Tabernacles (the feast of ingathering at the year's end, Exodus 23:16, 34:22) has usually been the largest gathering of believers in Yahweh through the years. This also represents the ingathering of Yahweh's people just before Yahshua's return.

When we gather for the commanded eight day event, some come early and some stay on past the eight days, some come to help prepare for the feast and some stay after to help with the clean-up and the host Assembly is always grateful for this extra help. We look forward to the Feast of Tabernacles with much anticipation; some compare it to a family reunion. Yes, it is a family (Yahweh's worldwide family) or we may be bold enough to compare it to (Yahshua's bride) family. Remember this Feast is a great time to invite our neighbors, friends, relatives and even strangers to participate.

Anticipation of seeing our family (brothers and sisters) who have accepted Yahweh's commandments, statutes and ordinances and have been baptized (immersed) into Yahshua the Messiah, is an overwhelming desire or drive to host a Feast or to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. Always a highlight of the Feast are the baptisms/immersions which we are privileged to attend. This year Daniel Harrison, Roger Madrigal, Kaida Church and Holly Wonch were baptized on Sabbath in the Grand River near the Assembly. A large group accompanied the candidates down to the river; the weather had been cold and rainy, then, Praise Yahweh, the rain stopped and the sun came out. It was a beautiful day! There was laying on of hands by the Elders, much prayer, greeting the newly baptized, with many lingering just enjoying it all.

In addition to the regular scheduled worship services were: a ladies' tea and a men's golf outing, a field trip for everyone to the Binder Park Zoo, horseback riding for the young and old alike, the annual hay ride and hot dog roast, plus 2 scheduled nights for plays, testimonies and "sing for Yahweh". The theme this year for the Feast was John 15:4,5 – Abide in Me and I in You. Many sermons (messages) were shared throughout the Feast.

Pastor Samuel Graham opened with a heartfelt welcome to one and all, asking believers to introduce themselves and share how many years they had been attending the Feast, etc.

Robert McDonald spoke – Through the Years with Yahweh's Feasts, and Melchizedek King and Priest of Salem.

Joseph Brechting – Where do we put our Trust?

Mark Allmaras – Proverb 1 – Walking Wise without Compromise.

Jerry Shrader – Yahweh’s Calendar, and Stars and the Galaxy.

Jim Maring – Yahweh is a good Stronghold for us.

Vincent Pace – John 14 and 15.

David Klopfenstein – Messiah is the aim of the Law for the Righteous.

Keith Webb – We should not Fear Man.

Silas Nichols – Wisdom from the Book of Proverbs.

Daniel Harrison – New Earth and Resurrection from Isaiah.

Harvey Feyen – Thy Word Shall not Return unto Me Void (Isaiah 55).

Tom Lanphere – If any Man Sin we have an Advocate Yahshua the Messiah.

The main speakers and their messages are always an important part of being educated by Yahweh’s Set Apart Spirit. We are also educated through the mini Bible studies outdoors or around the table, gaining spiritual knowledge throughout the whole Feast. We all must remember to pass the test – Isaiah 8:20 – To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

It gladdens our hearts when everyone pitches in, helping here, there and everywhere during the Feast; making it a true “family” gathering, one of the best events of the year. We are saddened to have the brethren leave after the Feast, but are looking forward to seeing one and all again at the next feast; the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, or Pentecost, or in another year in the seventh month on the fifteenth day of the month to celebrate the next Feast of Tabernacles. One of the brethren remarked that “We are rehearsing the ingathering of Yahweh’s Saints before that great day of Yahshua’s return.” May Yahweh bless each and every one until we meet again.

Submitted by Samuel Graham

Shalom,

I have returned to my home in Ohio after keeping my 24th Feast of Tabernacles with the Assembly at Eaton Rapids, Michigan. My batteries are filled to over-flowing and I have once again been blessed by Abba Yahweh for keeping the Feast. My journey home took about 6.5 hours and it was filled with tears of joy. My home and family are all safe as he has promised for those of us who keep the feasts. My time with the brethren will carry me through the long winter ahead and I am already looking forward to the feast of 2019 and my return to my family up North. May Yahweh bless each of you who welcomed me and all the other visitors to your little piece of Israel this year. Thank you so much.

Brother Mike Runkel

PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES

Was Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles? If not, who was? Over the years I have known many people who once walked among the Congregations of Yahweh, then later deny the Son of Yahweh as the Messiah. In all cases their path to denial started with questioning if Paul's writings were inspired, and if he was a true or false Apostle.

The definition of an Apostle - Strong's **Greek #652; from 649; a delegate; ambassador of the Gospel; Officially a commissioner of Messiah: (with miraculous powers): apostle, messenger, he that is sent.** There are men today that would fit that description. They may not call themselves apostles, but they are serving in that calling. The original 12 literally walked with Yahshua before and after his death. When lots were cast to replace Judas, Matthias was chosen by lot over Barnabas. But both men walked with Yahshua. **Barnabas** later was chosen by the Spirit of Yahweh to go with Paul to preach to the Gentiles **Acts 13:2**. If Paul was a false teacher wouldn't Barnabas, who was filled with the Spirit at Pentecost have discerned such. Yet he ministered with him until they parted over a disagreement about John Mark **Acts 15:36-41**.

The original scriptures both Old and New Testament were inspired by the Spirit of Yahweh. Translators inserted their personal beliefs in some of the texts. If there are texts that seem to contradict other texts they may have been copied incorrectly or even changed by the translators to support their doctrine. But the originals were correct and perfect. Unfortunately we do not have access to the originals, all we have are not so perfect copies. I personally believe the Aramaic and The Word of Yahweh based on the KJV are probably the closest (not perfect). So we can compare these with other translations when they say something questionable, like using Easter for Passover in the KJV.

If Paul was a false apostle then all his writings and most of the book of Acts are uninspired and unreliable. That means almost ½ of the NT writings and 20% of the entire bible is false. Even Peter's writings will be suspect because he wrote about Paul. He did say his words would be twisted and misunderstood, as they are today. **2 Peter 3:15,16** **And account that the long suffering of our Master is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.** Peter sends Paul with his approval. **Acts 15:25** **It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our Beloved Barnabas and Paul.** He also warned of those that went out from among us pressuring new converts to be circumcised (**Acts 15:24**) but never once did Peter say Paul was a false teacher or false apostle.

Then there's Yahshua's words in **Acts 9:4-6** – **4 And He fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Master? And the Master said, I am Yahshua whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Master, what will thou have me to do? And the Master said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. Acts 9:11,12** - **And the Master said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth. 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Haniah coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Acts 9:15,16** - **But the Master said unto him, Go thy way:**

for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: 16 For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Luke accompanied Paul on some of his travels **Col 4:14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. 2 Tim 4:11 Only Luke is with me.** Luke is also believed to be the writer of Acts, and of course the gospel of Luke. If Paul was false, wouldn't Luke have discerned this? If so and he didn't warn others then all Luke's writings become suspect also.

Paul was given the commission to bring the message of Yahshua to the Gentiles. But first he ministered to the Jews. **Acts 9:22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is the Messiah.** Paul preached in both Jerusalem and Damascus to the Jews, even before Peter has the vision of the unclean animals. **Acts 9:27,28 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Master in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Yahshua. 28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.** Later the Spirit of Yahshua separates Barnabas and Paul. **Acts 13:2,3 As they ministered to the Master, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work where unto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.**

In **Acts 13:4-47** they are in Gentile nations visiting with Jews and proselytes on the Sabbath in the Synagogues. **43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of Elohim. 44 The next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of Elohim. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spoke against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of Elohim should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath our Sovereign commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.**

It is proven fact many of the places mentioned in his writings were indeed early congregations. There is no evidence the congregations were started by other Apostles. When he was teaching the new Gentile converts, he had to bring the message of Torah to their level of understanding. Unlike the Jewish converts who grew up with Torah the Gentiles were coming into Israel from a Pagan background. Paul's emphasis was first and foremost on Yahshua. Bringing the Torah to them was secondary. He raised up leaders in the local congregations, then went on to the next preaching Yahshua. Sometimes those local congregations did things that to them seemed normal, but to someone who grew up with Torah would be sin. **1 Cor 5** is a perfect example.

Because Paul was highly educated in Torah unlike the other Apostles, his writings were easily misunderstood. Why Yahweh allowed this to happen? I don't know. What I do know is believing Paul is a false Apostle leaves the rest of the New Testament suspect. I want to have childlike faith and believe that The Word of Yahweh Scriptures we have, even though there are translators' errors in them is still what Yahshua gave us to find him and how to walk.

Submitted by T. Wells

FORGIVENESS

There has been much talk about forgiveness in our meetings and private conversations in the recent past and there is a need to understand our obligation to forgive and to offer forgiveness. We need to also understand the difference between Yahweh's forgiveness and that of mankind.

(Gen 50:17) So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the Almighty of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

(Exo 32:32) Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written.

Forgive H5375 *naw-saw'* A primitive root; to *lift*, in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively, absolutely and relatively: - accept, advance, arise, (able to, [armour], suffer to) bear (-er, up), bring (forth), burn, carry (away), cast, contain, desire, ease, exact, exalt (self), extol, fetch, **forgive**, furnish, further, give, go on, help, high, hold up, honourable (+ man), lade, lay, lift (self) up, lofty, marry, magnify, X needs, obtain, **pardon**, raise (up), receive, regard, respect, set (up), **spare**, stir up, + swear, take (away, up), X utterly, wear, yield.

Both verses are referenced to H5375, one is asking forgiveness from a human, the other is asking Yahweh's forgiveness for another, not their self. As we see here there are many degrees of forgiveness given, most are not what I call forgiveness, yet they are here offered as a form of forgiveness.

(Num 30:12) But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard *them*; *then* whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and Yahweh shall forgive her.

Forgive **H5545** A primitive root; to *forgive*: - forgive, pardon, spare.

This is what I have been taught forgiveness is. This is the forgiveness of Yahweh for those who are forced to sin.

The word pardon referenced me back to forgiveness, so I looked it up in the American Heritage Dictionary:

Pardon v1. To release from further punishment. 2. To pass over (an offence) without punishment. 3. to forgive, excuse, n-1. Exemption from the penalties of an offense or crime. 2. Forgiveness, as for a discourtesy.

Humans can pardon but the ability to forget is another thing.

(Mic 7:18-20) Who *is* an Almighty like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger for ever, because He delighteth *in* mercy. 7:19 He will turn again, He will have compassion upon us; **He will subdue our iniquities**; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 7:20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

This verse does not say Yahweh will remember our sins no more, which is how I had it in my memory. But when we turn our lives over to Him having repented for past sins, He does forgive us, and I have found no scripture where Yahweh calls to remembrance past sins that have been repented of.

(Isa 55:6-11) Seek ye Yahweh while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let

him return unto Yahweh, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our Almighty, for he will abundantly pardon. 55:8 For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways My ways, saith Yahweh. 55:9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 55:11 So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Repentance or forsaking the wicked way is necessary to receive Yahweh's mercy and or forgiveness. We are not perfect, but we are to be striving toward perfection of character all day, every day. These verses state that we are not on a level with Yahweh for He is the Most High. What He says He has the power to bring to pass and He will do just that. You and I have limited abilities, He does not.

(Eze 3:17-21) Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. 3:18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 3:19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 3:20 Again, When a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 3:21 **Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous *man*, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.** 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. 18:21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 18:22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

We need to warn those who are engaged in open sin, but we also must warn each other if we see or think we see evil entering or standing in the wings of their lives. Once again, my memory has mixed two different scriptures. Micah 7 has the rest of what I thought was one scripture. Once a sin has been repented of, turned away from and turned toward Yahweh, it is never used by Yahweh to reproach us. We humans have a hard time with the element of the Most High's forgiveness for we seem to never let sleeping dogs lie.

(Eze 18:23) Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Sovereign Yahweh: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live? (Eze 18:24) But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, *and* doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. (Eze 18:25-30) Yet ye say, The way of Most High is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not My way equal? Are not your ways unequal? 18:26 When a righteous *man* turneth away from his

righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. 18:27 Again, when the wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. 18:28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 18:29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of Most High is not equal. O house of Israel, are not My ways equal? are not your ways unequal? 18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith Most High Yahweh. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. (also see chapter 33)

Scriptures teach that with repentance comes forgiveness from Yahweh. This is not always true of humans, for some it is more than their hearts can bear.

(Mat 12:43-45) When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 12:44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Those that turn from the truth are promised their sins will increase and their separation from Yahweh will be greater than before their conversion.

(Luk 19:22) And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, *thou* wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

Each of us will be judged by our own actions, not those of others. Each will stand before Yahweh either as a bride to be welcomed, or as an unrepentant sinner awaiting judgment.

(Luk 6:37,38) Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

This is the only verse in scriptures that I could find that implies we shall be forgiven when/if we forgive. Does this apply to man's or Yahweh's forgiveness? I can only forgive sins that are committed against me. I cannot forgive for others, including Yahweh. My forgiveness has nothing to do with Yahweh's forgiveness for the offense. If we do not forgive, we are holding sin in our hearts, it is for our preservation and protection that Yahweh requires us to forgive each other. Unforgiveness is harmful to your spiritual, mental, and physical health. Ask Yahweh to help you when it is just too much to forgive, remembering that all sin is sin and we all sin. We all want the full cup and it is available to all when we allow Yahweh to change us from the heart outward. When our hearts are full of our love for Yahweh and Yahshua it will not be so easy for us to be offended, nor will we be so quick to give offense.

(Joh 1:10-13) He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 1:11 He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of Yahweh, *even* to them that believe on His name: 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of Yahweh.

This is the door to Yahweh – His son Yahshua the Messiah.

(Joh 17:2) As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him.

Notice that the pronouns denoting both Yahweh and Yahshua are capitalized, that is because at this point Yahshua has received power from Yahweh that is almost equal to Yahweh's. Yahshua's promises are as if they came from the mouth of Yahweh for they certainly came from Yahweh's heart.

(Rev 3:16-20) So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see. 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.

Our Father is doing everything possible to bring us into the kingdom while allowing us freewill. It is foolish to blame Him for our evil tendencies since He will cure those if we ask and allow Him entrance to clean our hearts.

(Joh 3:16-18) For Almighty so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 3:17 For Almighty sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. 3:18 He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of Yahweh.

The belief spoken of here is a verb and calls for action. Your mental assent to Yahshua's existence and claim to your obedience is fine but it is not enough. What must happen for you to claim this promise is to allow Yahweh and Yahshua to change you from the inside out. No more excuses for falling short, nor for outright disobedience.

(Act 10:42) And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of Yahweh *to be* the Judge of quick and dead. 10:43 To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.

(2Cor 13:11) Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the Almighty of love and peace shall be with you.

We are not all preachers or teachers, but we are all called to show forth Yahweh's character by the lives we live publicly and privately. When we find it difficult to forgive another we need to act in obedience to the commandment, so act as a friendly person and ask Yahweh to heal your hurt so you can also be a really friendly person. Be kind, polite with warmth - not ice. As you yield your heart to Yahweh to heal you, you will find the presence of the old enemy to become less and less of an irritant to you. What their response is - that is between them and Yahweh, your responsibility is to obey Yahweh with your actions and trust Him to change your heart. We are called to love one another. In other words, to not cause or wish harm to each other. That is verbal as well as physical. This is the beginning of true love – it is not the end all of end all. When we learn to love we will learn to forgive.

M. Hayes

Is Our Savior's Birth The Origin of Christmas?

All we hear and are being told is that our Savior was born on the 25th of December, in the dead-cold of winter, some 2,000 years ago; without even proving from the Bible the date exactly on which He was born and the command to observe, commemorate or celebrate His birth. But December 25 is a Roman calendar dating. The Gregorian-Roman calendar vastly differs from the calendar in the Bible given by this our very same creating Savior whose birth-transformation into the flesh is supposedly being observed in the celebration of Christmas. Had He meant for us to or instructed that we observe/celebrate His birth and on the very same date that He was born IF celebrating birthdays is an acknowledged practice by our Creator's worshipers in the Bible, wouldn't he have preferred that the date we celebrate in honor of His birth be the Hebrew Bible lunar calendar date on which He was born IF the Bible tells on its calendar what this date is seeing it is He who has created and given to man the calendar in the Bible from the heavens of His Father's own designing?

Yes, indeed, for a surety, our creating Savior was indeed born from the womb of a virgin into this world of sin in the form of a human being to have become our heavenly Father's provided atoning sacrificial Passover lamb for the remission of our sins. But on what Bible calendar date was He born? Is there any evidence anywhere at all whatsoever throughout the New Testament writings in the Holy Bible where He pin-pointedly declared to His disciples the date on which He was born with the command that it is to be observed in honor of His birth as He gave command to observe His death? If not, then the following quoted authorities which are probably taking dust on your in-home library bookshelf are altogether correct in what they are saying in connection with the yearly celebration in winter supposedly in remembrance of the birth of our Savior and the origin of Christmas. These are but merely a few that might be available at a free public library in or not too far from your local home town, city, or village of residence or perhaps on your in-home library bookshelf as well as from the various publishers of this wealth of information.

Where does the word Christmas come from? "Christmas predates the Messiah by 2,000 years. It was first observed in rites of idolatrous pagans, and the Creator punished Israel for becoming involved in these rites. He also warns you not to learn heathen ways. The word Christmas derives from the old English Cristes-masse, a Catholic mass that grew out of a feast day established in the year 1038. A mass is a prayer for a dead person. Why is it applied to the birth of the messiah?" (The Real Story of CHRISTMAS, inside front cover and page 4; a booklet published by Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah, 401 N. Roby Farm Road, Rocheport, Missouri 65279, U.S.A.).

When was a feast supposedly in celebration of our Savior's birth first instituted? "Christmas was according to many authorities not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian Church as the Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons rather than their birth. A feast was established in the memory of the birth of the Savior in the Fourth Century." **Who ordered the celebration, supposedly in honor of our Savior's birth, for a particular day?** "In the Fifth Century the Western Church [Roman Catholic] ordered it to be celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman Feast of the birth of Sol [the sun]." (Encyclopedia Americana, 1942 edition, volume 6, page 623).

What was that date chosen on which to observe our Savior's birth, and by whom? "...The Latin Church...placed it on the 25th of December, the very day on which the ancient Romans celebrated the feast of their goddess Bruma. Pope Julius I was the person who made this alteration." (Clarke's Commentary).

Is it our Savior's birth which brought about the feasting on December 25th, which we are witnessing today, in honor of Christmas? "Long before the fourth century, and long before the Christian era itself, a festival was celebrated among the heathen at that precise time of the year, in honor of the birth of the son of the Babylonian queen of heaven; and it may fairly be presumed that, in order to conciliate the heathen, and to swell the number of the nominal adherents of Christianity, the same festival was adopted by the Roman Church, giving it only the name of Christ." (The Two Babylons, page 93).

"December 25 was the date of the Roman pagan festival inaugurated in 274 as the birthday of the unconquered sun which at the winter solstice begins again to show an increase in light. Sometime before 336 the Church in Rome, unable to stamp out this pagan festival, spiritualized it as the feast of Nativity of the Sun of Righteousness." (New International Dictionary of the Christian Church, page 223).

"Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church." (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1946 edition).

"For the first 300 years, the religious writers are silent regarding the Christmas observance. An Armenian writer of the eleventh century states that the Christmas festival was first celebrated in Constantinople in 373. In Egypt the western birthday festival was opposed during the early years of the fifth century, but was celebrated in Alexandria as early as 432." (The Real Story of CHRISTMAS, page 4).

"The well-known solar feast of Natalis Invicti [The Nativity of the Unconquered Sun] celebrated on 25 December, has a strong claim on the responsibility for our December date." (Catholic Encyclopedia, volume 3, page 727).

Christmas is taken into custody, tried and imprisoned with rejection for a while on the grounds of being of pagan origin. ... "In England, for example, the Puritans could not tolerate this celebration for which there was no biblical sanction. Consequently, the Roundhead Parliament of 1643 outlawed the feast of Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, along with the saints' days." (Celebrations, page 312).

"In 1644 the English Puritans forbade any merriment or religious services by act of Parliament on the grounds that Christmas was a heathen festival. They were so opposed to its observance that they ordered a fast on December 25. Why didn't the early converts celebrate Christmas and what made it a heathen festival?" (The Real Story, page 4). ...

The December 25th festivity claimed in honor of our Savior's birth today originates from ancient idol-sun worshipers. "In the Julian Calendar the twenty-fifth of December was reckoned the winter solstice, because the day begins to lengthen and the power of the sun to increase from that turning point of the year. Now Mithras was regularly identified by his worshipers with the Sun, the Unconquered Sun, as they called him; hence his nativity also fell on the twenty-fifth of December." (The Golden Bough, page 416).

"Between 1400 B.C.E. and 400 C.E., Persians, Indians, Romans, and Greeks worshiped the deity Mithras. He was particularly important in the Roman Empire in the 2nd and 3rd centuries." (Encyclopedia of World Religions, page 94). "The Persian Mithras was a god of contract, a mediator between gods and man, and was closely connected with both the sun and the kingship, the principle of law and order in society." (Page 97).

“Mithraism, in fact, was one of the last of the oriental ‘mystery cults’ to reach the West. It became the chief rival of Christianity. Altars to Mithras, dating from the first to the fifth century, are common in England. The pagan feast of the Saturnalia, which the Romans celebrated in honor of the deity Saturn from December 17 to 24, eventually encompassed the feast of Mithras. Many of the practices of Christmas trace to the Saturnalia celebration. At the Saturnalia, Romans lavishly decorated their homes with evergreens. Men discarded their togas for more festive holiday garments. Families and friends exchanged gifts of candles and clay dolls. Nero enjoyed having himself appointed ‘Lord of the Misrule,’ or the one who presided over Saturnalia merrymaking. He is reported to have led the grand parade, playing his harp and singing bawdy ballads. And even today, Christmas time--like the Saturnalia--lasts seven days. The Saturnalia was instituted under the name Brumalia, which meant ‘Winter solstice.’ How, then, did these rankly pagan festivals of sun worship become entwined with the worship of the Savior of men? The same way December 25 came to be accepted.” (The Real Story, page 11).

Usage of Babylon-based idol-sun worship practices called Christmas in observance of our Savior’s birth spread the world over from ancient Rome. “Gradually, through trade, influence of Babylon spread to other nations as they incorporated its government and religious system. ...the customs, practices, and beliefs of these heathen Babylonians have survived to this day and are found in nearly every nation on earth.” (The Real Story, page 5).

How did the Babylon-based Christmas idol-sun worship come to be employed by Bible believers supposedly in observance of the Bible accounted birth of our Savior? “The pagan Saturnalia and Brumalia were too deeply entrenched in popular custom to be set aside by Christian influence. The recognition of Sunday (the day of Phoebus and Mithras as well as the Lord’s Day) by the emperor Constantine as a legal holiday, along with the influence of Manicheism, which identified the Son of [Yahweh] with the physical sun, may have led Christians of the fourth century to feel the appropriateness of making the birthday of the Son of [Yahweh] coincide with that of the physical sun. The pagan festival with its riot and merrymaking was so popular that Christians were glad of an excuse to continue its celebration with little change in spirit or in manner. Christian preachers of the West and the Nearer East protested against the unseemly frivolity with which [Yahshua’s] birthday was celebrated, while Christians of Mesopotamia accused their Western brethren of idolatry and sun-worship for adopting as Christian this pagan festival.” (The New Schaff-Jerzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, page 48).

“Merely to placate the heathen and bring them into the Church, the pagan festival of Christmas was adopted. In other words, they could have their cherished old Saturnalia as well as their new faith—merely cloaked in a different name!” (The Real Story, page 12).

“The heathen winter holidays (Saturnalia, Juvenalia, Brumalia) were undoubtedly transformed, and, so to speak, sanctified by the establishment of the Christmas cycle of holidays; and the heathen customs...were brought over into Christian use.” (Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, page 276).

“There can be little doubt that the Church was anxious to distract the attentions of Christians from the old heathen feast days by celebrating Christian festivals on the same days. On December 25 was the dies natalis solis invicti or the sol novus (new sun) especially cultivated by the votaries of Mithraism.” (Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics, volume 3, page 607).

“December 25, the birthday of Mithra, the Iranian god of light and contract and the day devoted to the invincible sun, as well as the day after the saturnalia, was adopted by the Church as Christmas, the nativity of [Yahshua], to counteract the effects of these festivals.” (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 15th edition, volume 7, page 202).

“Mithra, the Iranian god of light and sacred contracts, is described as being born from a rock, the birth being witnessed by shepherds on a day (December 25) that was later claimed by Christians as the nativity of [Yahshua].” (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 15th edition, volume 4, page 552).

Not pinpointed or commanded in the Bible, can the date or time of year when our Savior was born be arrived at? “There is no historical evidence that our [Savior’s] birthday was celebrated during the apostolic or post-apostolic times.” (The New Schaff-Jerzog Encyclopaedia, “Christmas,” page 47).

“The day was not one of the early feasts of the Christian church. In fact the observance of birthdays was condemned as a heathen custom repugnant to Christians.” (The American Book of Days, by George W. Douglas, page 658).

“Inexplicable though it seems, the date of the [Messiah’s] birth is not known. The Gospels indicate neither the day nor the month.” (The New Catholic Encyclopedia, volume 3, page 656).

“The fathers of the first three centuries do not speak of any special observance of the nativity. No corresponding festival was presented by the Old Testament ... the day and the month of the birth of [the Messiah] are nowhere stated in the Gospel history, and cannot be certainly determined.” (Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature, “Christmas,” page 276).

During what time of the year could our Savior have been born? “Historians have long recognized that Yahshua the Messiah was born in the autumn and not in the dead of winter. The sheep were still in the open fields.” (The Real Story, page 8).

“It was a custom among Jews to send out their sheep to the deserts about the Passover [early spring], and bring them home at the commencement of the first rain. The first rain commences in October or November. As these shepherds had not yet brought home their flocks, it is a presumptive argument that October had not yet commenced, and that, consequently, our Savior was not born on the 25th of December, when no flocks were out in the fields ... the flocks were still in the fields BY NIGHT. On this very ground the nativity in December should be given up.” (Clarke’s Commentary, by Adam Clarke, volume 3, page 370).

“Furthermore, at the time of the Savior’s birth, Caesar Augustus was collecting taxes from Palestine, Luke 2:1-5. Each had to make a journey to ‘his own city’ to pay his taxes. Joseph and Miriam (Mary) traveled to Bethlehem. Requiring the people to make such journeys at the severest time of the year—in the dead of winter—would have sparked a revolt against the hated Roman Empire. The simplest and most logical policy would be to collect taxes after the fall harvest, when store houses were full and resistance would be the least.

Then there is the fact that the Jews would be congregating in the autumn anyway, ‘going up’ to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:8-10, Acts 18:21). Perhaps this is the reason the parents of Yahshua found ‘no room for them in the inn:’ the cities were swollen with travelers to the Feast of Tabernacles.

We can determine the approximate date of the Savior’s birth by knowing when John the Baptist was born. Worship at the time centered on the temple at Jerusalem, where priests were required to perform duties for a week twice in the year, 1 Chron. 24:1-18.

John's father Zacharias was from the family of Abiyah, and had his turn on the eighth week of the year, 1 Chronicles 24:10.

Beginning the count from the Days of Unleavened Bread at the beginning of the year, we come to the third Hebrew month Sivan. It was at this time that the angel of Yahweh told Zacharias he would become the father of a son, Luke 1:13. When his duties were finished he went home, verse 23. At that time Elizabeth conceived, verse 24. This was about the middle or end of our June. Moving forward nine months in the gestation period we come to March and John the Baptist is born. Luke 1:36 notes that Yahshua was six months younger than John. So six months later, the Savior was born—at the end of September or first part of October.

It is commonly recognized that our Savior's ministry lasted three and a half years. He began when He was 30 years of age, Luke 3:23, Numbers 4:3.

Therefore, He was put to death at the age of 33½ and died at Passover—which falls in the spring at about April. Starting in April and counting back six months to His birthday, we end up with an autumn birth date." (The Real Story, pages 8-9).

With no apparent existing command to observe our Savior's birth being found in the Bible, and Christmas at the pens of historians and scholars fails with its supposed Gregorian-Roman December date of our Savior's birth, but as having originated from ancient idol-sun worshipers, what is now left to be done? "Thus says Yahweh; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against Me, a destroying wind; And will send to Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of Yahweh's vengeance; He will render to her a recompence." (Jeremiah 51:1-2, 6 KJV).

... "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. ... Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and [Elohim] has remembered her iniquities." (Revelation 17:5, 18:4-5 KJV).

... "for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what concord has [the Messiah] with Belial? And what agreement has the temple of [Yahweh] with idols? For you are the temple of the living [Elohim] ... Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says [Yahweh], and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says [the] Almighty [Elohim]." (2 Corinthians 6:14-16, 17-18 KJV).

Submitted by: Augustus Paul

For whatsoever is born of Elohim overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Yahshua is the Son of Elohim?

1 John 5:4,5

LETTERS TO THE FAITH

Dear Friends in Yahshua,

I deeply believe that your fellowship of believers may very well be the closest to adhering to a pure practice of Yahweh's Word.

I have enjoyed receiving "The Faith" publication and wish to continue receiving it; and I thank you again for the bible donated to myself.

I attend a 7th Day Adventist service here at the facility due to its adherence and understanding to most scripture. Some of my views differ ...

I am sending you this title as a recognition of my appreciation of your fellowship and ministry.

May Yahweh bless you all abundantly.

Yours sincerely,

Greg List
Kincheloe, Michigan

Dear Assembly of Yahweh,

I'm writing to request "The Faith" magazine. At one time I was receiving it, then it just stopped coming. There are very few True Name believers here on this unit. And those I speak to about the True Names either think I'm nuts or I'm in some kind of cult. Some just get downright mad and refuse to listen.

The Faith is very uplifting to me in the sense that like-minded believers in the True Names share their ideas and beliefs. It helps me to not feel so secluded and outcast. Thank you for supporting me spiritually through my time of trial. Please send me a list of literature you can send me and again, please add me to your mailing list.

Your Brother in Yahshua,

Jefferey W. Adams
Rosharon, Texas

Assembly of Yahweh

Shalom. I have been wanting to write and thank you for The Word of Yahweh sacred scriptures, and also for "The Faith" magazine. I am truly grateful for all the wisdom, knowledge and understanding you continue to provide.

I know it's not much, but I pray that it may help with the financial burden of sending current tracts and pamphlets to incarcerated inmates. I can only say they have helped me, and I pray Yahweh will continue to help and bless you in this endeavor. Keep up the good fight. Our Savior is soon to come.

Praise Yahweh,

Jack E. Weeks
Ontario, Oregon

YAHSHUA'S JEWELS



Yahshua's Young People

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim 4:12)

YAHSHUA WANTS



TO SAVE YOU!

The name Yahshua means Yahweh's salvation. Yahshua is Yah's gift to the world that **"whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life"** (John 3:16). He just asks us to **REPENT** and he will transform our lives into a masterpiece. But what does it mean to **REPENT?**:

R→ **Really** feel sorry for the bad things you have done.

E→ **Everything** we do is seen by Father Yah. We cannot hide from Yah (Ecc12:14).

P→ **People** that we have hurt, we should tell them we are sorry.

E→ **Empty** all your sins at Yahshua's feet. Tell him everything.

N→ **Nothing** can be done without Yahshua (John 15:5). Ask Yahshua to help you not to do the same things over again.

T→ **Turn** from your wicked ways. Ask him to change your life.

Remember no one is perfect. We all have sinned and come short of the glory of Yah; but Yahshua died to help us win! Yahshua died to help us overcome anything, gain eternal life, blessings, joy and to give us his perfect love.

REPENT daily and really start living.



TRUE OR FALSE GAME!!

- | | T | F |
|--|---|---|
| 1. I have sinned too many times and there is no hope for me. | — | — |
| 2. Yahweh doesn't know my secret thoughts and actions. | — | — |
| 3. I can't do it on my own. I need Yahshua's help to do what's right. | — | — |
| 4. Satan wants to destroy me and steal my blessings. | — | — |
| 5. I should repent daily because sometimes I do not know that I have sinned. (Remember no one is perfect). | — | — |
| 6. Yahshua doesn't understand me. | — | — |
| 7. Yahshua wants to save me. | — | — |

Answers: 1. F, 2. F, 3. T, 4. T, 5. T, 6. F, 7. T

THE GUESS WHO GAME!!

I BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN!!

_____. (Clue: With Yah, I am very strong).



PLEASE REMEMBER TO FORWARD YAHSHUA'S JEWELS TO
YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR ASSEMBLY.

CHRISTMAS

What the Encyclopedias are Saying

The word “Christmas” is derived from “Mass of Christ” or “Christ-Mass”. The Christmas festival came to the Protestants and the secular world from the Roman Catholic church. However, the Roman Catholic church did not get Christmas from the original Apostles. It’s not even in the Bible!!

Now just in case you may think I just have something personally against Christmas; or as the psychologists saying, I just had a bad childhood so I feel bad about Christmas; or worse, I belong to a religious cult!; let us see what the Catholic and secular Encyclopedias themselves are saying about Christmas.

“Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church...the first evidence of the feast is from Egypt.”

“Pagan customs centering around the January calends gravitated to Christmas.”

“...In the Scriptures, no one is recorded to have kept a feast or held a great banquet on his [the Savior’s] birthday. It is only sinners who make great rejoicings over the day in which they were born into this world.” *Catholic Encyclopedia, 1911 Edition, published by the Roman Catholic Church*

“...Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church...”
Encyclopedia Britannica, 1946 edition

“Christmas... It was, according to many authorities, not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian church, as the Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons (e.g. Communion – death of Chr-st) rather than their birth...”

“...A feast was established in memory of this event (the birth of [the Savior]) in the fourth century. In the fifth century the Western Church ordered it to be celebrated forever ON THE DAY OF THE OLD ROMAN FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF SOL (SUN), as no certain knowledge of the day of [the Savior’s] birth existed.” (EMPHASIS MINE) *Encyclopedia Americana, 1944 Edition*

Christmas was not celebrated by the Church UNTIL the FOURTH CENTURY. Christians did NOT celebrate Christmas for the first 300 years – longer than the entire history of the United States of America!

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~gregga/xmasency.html>

THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH

Genesis 2:3 – And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which Elohim created and made.

Leviticus 23:3 – Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of Yahweh in all your dwellings.

Isaiah 58:13,14 – If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of Yahweh, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shall thou delight thyself in Yahweh; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of Yahweh hath spoken it.

Webster's Dictionary 1828 – SABBATH-BREAKER, one who profanes the Sabbath by violating the laws of G-d or man which enjoin the religious observance of that day. SABBATH-BREAKING, a profanation of the Sabbath by violating the injunction of the fourth commandment, or the municipal laws of a state which require the observance of that day as holy time. All unnecessary secular labor, visiting, traveling, sports, amusements and the like are considered as Sabbath-breaking.

Matthew 12:1-8 – At that time Yahshua went on the Sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were hungry, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath day. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was hungry, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of Elohim, and did eat the showbread (of Yahweh's table), which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests: Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. **For the Son of man is Master even of the Sabbath day.** Mark 2:28, Luke 6:5

Give of yourself as YAHSHUA did

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How to Estimate the Season of The Messiah's Birth

[Yahshua] is generally thought to have served a three and one-half year ministry, after which He was crucified at Passover time (Matthew 26). Since Passover occurs, at the latest, in April, simply count back three and one-half years and we come to October, when His ministry would have begun. Count back another 40 days to allow for His temptation in the wilderness (Luke 4), and we arrive at the time He was baptized – undoubtedly in early September. And what does the Bible say in this regard?

“And [Yahshua] himself began to be about 30 years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, ... (Luke 3:23).

Yes, “He began to be” about 30 – that is, He passed His 30th birthday – at the time of His baptism, which was some time in September.

So [Yahshua] was not born in the wintertime after all. And, that being true, Christmas cannot be considered as commemorating His birth.

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YAHWEH'S 2019 CALENDAR

NEW MOON DAYS

January 8 th	August 3 rd
February 7 th	September 1 st
March 8 th (Borderline)	September 30 th (Borderline)
April 7 th	October 30 th
May 7 th	November 28 th (Borderline)
June 5 th	December 28 th
July 4 th (Borderline)	

CALCULATED FEAST DAYS

Yahshua's Memorial/Passover
(Celebrate either March 20 after sunset or April 19 after sunset)

Yahshua's Memorial/Passover	March 21 st	OR	April 20 th
1 st Day of Unleavened Bread	March 22 nd	OR	April 21 st
Last Day Unleavened Bread	March 28 th	OR	April 27 th
Feast of Weeks	May 11 th	OR	June 10 th
Feast of Trumpets	Sept. 1 st	OR	Sept. 30 th or Oct. 1 st
Day of Atonement	Sept. 10 th	OR	Oct. 9 th or Oct. 10 th
1 st Day Feast of Tabernacles	Sept. 15 th	OR	Oct. 14 th or Oct. 15 th
Last Great Day	Sept. 22 nd	OR	Oct. 21 st or Oct. 22 nd

Begin YAHWEH's days with the sunset preceding the indicated Roman days lasting till the next sunset.

The Faith Editor and staff apologize for the uncertainty of the dates for the Passover/Memorial and Feasts for the year 2019. Our normal calculations in the past have centered on the sighted new moon of Abib falling closest to the vernal (spring) equinox (with the Passover/Memorial celebrated on or after the vernal equinox).

The question is whether the green ears of Abib will be found at this time in Israel. There are believers who travel to Israel each year searching for Abib (green ears). That leaves the decision undetermined at this time. We must therefore prayerfully ask all who are concerned to make their own decisions regarding these set times. Yahweh knows we are endeavoring to do His Will only. May Yahweh bless us in doing so.

The early church, as the Apostle Paul said, kept the Passover in its season that is the fourteenth day of Nisan, counting from the new moon nearest the spring equinox. (A History of the True Religion by Dugger and Dodd.)

It is called Nisan, meaning "budding," in records of Nehemiah 2:1 and Esther 3:7. In other words, the names both in Hebrew and Chaldee denote that the month is located in the springtime, at budding time, when the trees shoot forth their buds, and at "earring" time, when the barley grain first comes to the head. This coincides with the latter part of our month of March and the first part of our month of April. It begins with the visible new moon, nearest (sometimes before and sometimes after; but always the nearest) to the time when day and night equal one another; that is, when the sun crosses the Equator in the spring. (The Forgotten Faith of the True Worshipers by Haig Mardrossian)

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