

The Scriptural Calendar of YHUH

This article is part 2 of the previous article, [Wheel Within a Wheel](#), and is offered as a full study follow up to part 1 and the “big picture” overview of how the cycles of the luminaries work together as signs to mark the Time of YHUH’s Scriptural Calendar.

Scriptural Calendar Study

1Thes 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness...

This calendar offering is the result of a series of revelations from YHUH and in Scripture during much seeking in prayer, study and wrestling with the ‘new’ ideas being revealed. It was motivated by the simple desire to humbly walk according to the Time of YHUH and with the goal of bringing all the Body of Messiah into one accord. The keeping of YHUH’s Sabbaths and appointed times (Feasts) marks us as His people and is the primary reason we are given the signs with which to know and follow His Time (*Exodus 31:13; Ezek 20:12, 20*).

As seekers and lovers of the truth, we should have no agenda except to know the Father YHUH, His will, and His ways through His Word and Son YHUSHa with the guidance of His Set-Apart Spirit (Ruach haKodesh). Since Scripture is the Word of YHUH, there can be no discrepancies or contradictions, for it is the final authority.

This Scriptural Calendar of YHUH is not based any other calendar. Compiling a calendar that harmonizes with all that is revealed in Scripture requires us to re-examine some concepts and clarify the definitions of some terms, all of which will be covered here. Any who wish to know and follow the Time of YHUH can utilize this framework for themselves, with no need to rely on any man.

YHUH Has Made a Way and How To Know It

Psalms 19:1-6 The heavens declare the glory of Elohim and the firmament shows his handy work. Day unto day utters speech and night unto night shows knowledge; there is

no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The constellations, or Zodiac (*mazzaroth* in Hebrew), are the star formations that tell the Way of Salvation through their positions and order in the heavenly scroll that man cannot change, and that every eye can see.

Genesis 1:14-18 And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night and let them be **for signs and for seasons (appointed times) and for days and years**. And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth and it was so. And Elohim made **two great lights**, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night and he made **the stars** also. And Elohim set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth and to **rule over the day and over the night** and to divide the light from the darkness and Elohim saw that it was good.

Jeremiah 31:35-36 Thus says YHUH, which gives **the sun for a light by day**, and the **ordinances of the moon and of the stars** for a light by night, which divides the sea when the waves thereof roar; YHUH of hosts is his name: If those **ordinances** depart from before me, says YHUH, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

YHUH not only gave us the Way of Salvation, but He also gave us signs for the path along the Way. The sun, moon and stars (constellations/*mazzaroth*), are like hands on a clock. The positions and movements of the luminaries in the firmament are set in unchanging ordinances (“laws of nature”) and are the signs given to know the seasons, or appointed times (*moedim* in Hebrew), days and years.

Jeremiah 10:2 Thus says YHUH, Learn not the way of the heathen, and **be not dismayed at the signs** of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

We are called to know and understand the signs given for us and their purpose. The “heathen” respond to the heavenly signs with misplaced worship, perplexity and confusion because they don’t know what they are given for or how to follow them. But, for the people of YHUH, the signs will not change nor depart from the courses which are ordained for them to follow and for us to know.

How the Way Was Lost

Ezekiel 32:7-8 And when I shall put thee out, I will *cover the heaven*, and make the *stars thereof dark*; I will *cover the sun* with a cloud, and the *moon shall not give her light*. All the bright lights of heaven will I *make dark* over thee, and *set darkness* upon thy land, says the Master YHUH.

Isaiah 13:9-13 Behold, the day of YHUH cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the *stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light*: the *sun shall be darkened* in his going forth, and the *moon shall not cause her light to shine*. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

Therefore I will *shake the heavens*, and the earth shall remove out of her place [literally: *standing*], in the wrath of YHUH of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Matt 24:27-30 For as the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the *sun be darkened*, and the *moon shall not give her light*, and the *stars shall fall* from heaven, and the *powers of the heavens shall be shaken*: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with *power and great glory*.

Mark 13:24-26 But in those days, after that tribulation, the *sun shall be darkened*, and the *moon shall not give her light*, And the *stars of heaven shall fall*, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with *great power and glory*.

When we hear these prophecies, we tend to expect, and look for, a catastrophic physical fulfillment. Looking deeper into the translation, they speak of a “darkening” as the obscuring of our understanding or a covering of the eyes; the stars “falling” more literally means a loss of their authority and the powers are “shaken” so as to be cast down, or overthrown – usurped by men given over to vain imaginations.

Then... the light “appears” or becomes clear, is revealed, made evident. The glory is “great” as that of the – sun! moon! stars! This pictures the opening of our eyes to, and an unveiling of, the lights of the heavenly scroll being returned to our understanding. HalleluYah!

Isaiah 30:25-26 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover the *light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun*, and the *light of the sun shall be sevenfold*, as the light of seven days, in the day that YHUH binds up the breach of his people, and heals the stroke of their wound.

Rivers of the living water of the Word are being poured out even as our high minded “*towers*” fall! And, in His great mercy, YHUH is binding up the breach by restoring to us the light of His Way and His calendar - where the moon is like the sun and the sun, to those coming out of such darkness, is as the brightness of seven days!

How to Read the Signs

The Creation of a Day

Genesis 1:1-5 In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without form and void and **darkness was** upon the face of the deep and the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters and Elohim said, ‘**Let there be light**’, and there was light and Elohim saw the light that it was good and Elohim divided the light from the darkness and Elohim **called the light Day** and the darkness he called Night **and** it was evening and it was morning - day one [*echad* - unified]

Here we see that darkness “was” and Elohim began the creation of a “day” when He said, “Let there be light...” which He separated from the darkness. He called the light “Day” (first) and the darkness He called “Night”. During the light of Day is when He accomplishes his work throughout the first six days.

After the working hours of Day, the light transitions into evening or fades toward darkness, the meaning of *ereb* in Hebrew, and the darkness is Night in which there is nothing to report as there is no work being accomplished. Night ends in the morning at the dawn of the next day or at ‘daybreak’, the literal meaning of *boqer* in Hebrew.

Evening or “going toward darkness” is a description of the sun “even-ing” itself with the horizon. This can only happen when there is light first and so, as a transition from light to darkness, evening is part of Day. Then with the light gone the darkness falls, and after the darkness of Night the appearance of first light at dawn is the transition into morning and the “breaking” of a new day.

This is the template of a complete day: the first light of morning transitions into full daylight - daylight into evening - evening into night - and night ends as another day begins again at morning = *echad*: one unified “24 hour” day.

Gen 15:9-18...Take me an heifer of three years old and a she goat of three years old and

a ram of three years old and a turtledove and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these ... And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. And when *the sun was going down*, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and lo a horror of great darkness fell upon him ... And it came to pass, that, when *the sun went down*, and it *was dark* behold a smoking furnace and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. *In the same day* YHUH made a covenant with Abram...

Num 11:32 And the people stood up *all that day, and all night, and all the next day*, and gathered the quails

Judges 19:25 ... so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night *until the morning: and when the day began to spring*, they let her go

ISam 9:26 they arose early: and it came to pass *about the spring of the day*, that Samuel called Saul ...

Jonah 4:7 Elohim prepared a worm when *the morning rose the next day* and it smote the gourd ...

Matt 28:1 In the end of the Sabbath, as it *began to dawn* toward the first day of the week...

Mark 16:1-2 ...*when the Sabbath was past*, Mary Magdalene, and Mary mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very *early in the morning* the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre *at the rising of the sun*.

Luke 24:1 Now upon the first day of the week, very *early in the morning*, they came unto the sepulcher...

We can see a parallel pattern with the word usage that refers to the “spring” of the day. The dawn of the morning is like the spring season of the year, the heat of the day is as the summer; evening is a transition into night just as fall is a transition into winter.

The cycle of a “Week”

Genesis 1:31-2:3 And Elohim saw everything that he had made and behold it was very good and it was evening and it was morning- day six. Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them. And *on the seventh day* Elohim ended his work which he had made and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And Elohim *blessed the seventh day* and *sanctified it* because in it he had rested from all his work which Elohim created and made.

A “cycle” by definition repeats or is continuous. In Hebrew, *shabuwa* means “literally, sevens; a period of seven, a week”. The first seven days of creation were established as a week, and this continuous cycle of seven is independent of the luminaries that were not ordained until Day four. This set-apart cycle, or *shabuwa*, comes from the word *shaba* which means “to swear as an oath”. The seventh day Sabbath is an oath YHUH has sworn to us and all of creation, and is why it is called a “perpetual covenant forever”, one that YHUH can and does keep:

Exodus 31:16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a *perpetual covenant*.

Exodus 20:8-11 Remember *the* sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But *the seventh* day is *the sabbath of YHUH* thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in *six days* YHUH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested *the seventh day*: wherefore YHUH blessed *the sabbath day*, and hallowed it.

In Leviticus 23, we should note a distinction that is often missed which clears up a point of confusion regarding the appointed times of the Sabbath day and the yearly feasts:

Lev 23:2-5 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of YHUH, which ye shall *proclaim to be holy convocations*, even these are my feasts. 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 YHUH* in all your dwellings. [Full stop.]

These are the feasts of YHUH, even holy convocations, which ye shall *proclaim in THEIR seasons (appointed times)*. In the *fourteenth day of the first month* at even is YHUH’s Passover... etc.

Notice that we are to *proclaim* the feasts to be holy convocations. The first one mentioned is *the sabbath of rest* after six days that work shall be done, and it’s appointed time is *the seventh day*. Every *seventh day* is the **appointed time** of the Sabbath Day.

THEN, there are the feasts which we are to proclaim as holy convocations in *THEIR* appointed times because they are not normally Sabbaths - the first of these being the fourteenth of the first month, Passover, and etcetera as the others are listed. These proclaimed appointed times that are numbered from their respective *chodesh*, or new moon, are specific to each feast.

If we continue on through the chapter, we get to verses 37-38 which reiterate:

Lev 37-38 These are the feasts of YHUH, which ye shall *proclaim* to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto YHUH, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, everything upon his day [as prescribed]:

BESIDE the *sabbaths of YHUH*, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto YHUH.

This tells us that the feasts that are proclaimed in their own relative appointed times are something different and are besides the Sabbath day, or the “sabbath of YHUH”. The command to “Remember the Sabbath Day...” takes us back to the very first seven day cycle of time and YHUH’s covenant with creation. This sabbath cycle later becomes a test of faith for the Israelites coming out of Egypt...

[Note: This passage is also another witness for the day starting at dawn.]

Exodus 16:4-5 YHUH said unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

Exodus 16:12-30 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am YHUH your Elohim. And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host. And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they knew not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which YHUH hath given you to eat. This is the thing which YHUH hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take you every man for them which are in his tents.

And the children of Israel did so and gathered some more, some less. And when they did measure it with an omer he that gathered much had nothing over and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. And Moses said, Let no man leave of it **till the morning**. Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. And they gathered it **every morning**, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. And it came to pass that on **the sixth day** they gathered twice as much bread: two omers for one man and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

And he said unto them, This is that which YHUH hath said, **Tomorrow** is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto YHUH; bake that which you will bake and seethe that you will seethe and that which remains over lay up for you to be kept **until the morning**. And they laid it up **till the morning** as Moses bade and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that **today for today is a Sabbath** unto YHUH; today you shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it but on the seventh day the Sabbath in it there shall be none.

And it came to pass there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather and they found none. And YHUH said unto Moses, How long do you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that YHUH hath given you the Sabbath, therefore he gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day.

For those who keep it, the Sabbath is a mark on them, the sign of belonging to YHUH:

Exodus 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel saying, Verily ***my Sabbaths ye shall keep*** for it is ***a sign*** between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am YHUH that does sanctify you.

Exodus 31:16-7 Wherefore, the children of ***Israel shall keep the Sabbath*** to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations for a ***perpetual covenant***. It is ***a sign*** between me and the children of Israel forever, for in six days YHUH made heaven and earth and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.

Ezekiel 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths to be ***a sign*** between me and them that they might know that I am YHUH that sanctifies them.

Ezekiel 20:20 And hallow my Sabbaths and they shall be ***a sign*** between me and you that ye may know that I am YHUH your Elohim.

What is Chodesh?

Genesis 1:16-18 Elohim made ***two great lights***, the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night and the stars. And Elohim set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth. And to rule over the day and over the night and to divide the light from the darkness and Elohim saw that it was good.

Picture yourself there with Abba during the week of creation...

The light of Day three has faded into the evening, night passes and morning breaks the new day. Day four begins and in it YHUH has made TWO GREAT LIGHTS that He places in the firmament. He ordains them to give light upon the earth and to mark appointed times, days and years.

What would two great lights look like?

We know from Scripture that the greater (great) light will rule the day and is called the “sun” (*shemesh*) and the lesser (great) light called the “moon” (*yerach*) would depart until it’s time to rule the night, according to its ordinance.

Jer 31:35-36 Thus saith YHUH, which giveth *the sun for a light by day*, and the *ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night*, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; YHUH of hosts is his name: If those *ordinances* depart from before me, saith YHUH, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

Although the moon is not named in the Genesis passage, by knowing the definitions of the related words we can find several other verses that give evidence that the reference to the lesser great light is the moon. It has been claimed that *chodesh* merely means ‘month’, but here we see that the words for moon and new moon/month are used to refer to the same thing:

1Kings 6:38 And in the eleventh year, in the *month* [*yerach* - moon] Bul, which is the eighth *month* [*chodesh* – new moon, month], was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

1Kings 8:2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the *month* [*yerach*] Ethanim, which is the seventh *month* [*chodesh*].

The moon we now experience has phases and will lose light for a time until it goes dark; it then gains it back again until it is “like new” - restored to its original fullness when it was created as a *great light*.

Isaiah 30:26 Moreover the light of *the moon shall be as the light of the sun*, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that YHUH bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

Num 29:1 And in the seventh month, on the *first of the month* you shall have a holy convocation you shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the *trumpets* unto you.
Psalm 81:3 Blow up the *trumpet* in the *new moon* in the appointed time* on our solemn feast day.

*[*kece*’ – fullness, full moon; from *kacah* – to plump, fill up]

The only lunar cycle that rules all night is the full moon that rises in the east as the sun sets in the west. It can be clearly seen as a bright beacon ruling all night. Then it can be found on the horizon in the west at dawn, opposite the sun when it returns in the east. The sun will witness the moon’s going down. This “renewal” or *chodesh* in Hebrew of the two great lights that were given for signs and appointed times just as they were on Day four, are the “two witnesses” that herald the dawn of every New Moon Day!

Psalm 89:35-37 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David. His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as *the sun* before me. *Like the moon* it shall be established forever, *a faithful witness* in the skies.

Psalm 104:19 He made the *moon* for appointed times, the *sun knows it’s* going down*.

**it's* [the moon's (subject of the sentence)]

Scriptural Pictures

The full moon is a picture of the fully gathered Bride, all dressed in white, awake and alert early, her lamp brightly lit and prepared for the return of the Bridegroom.

As John the Immerser said, "He must become greater; I must become less". John the Aharonic High Priest, like the lesser light of the moon, belongs to the previous "day", while YHUSHa is the Melchizadok Great High Priest and "Great Light" of the New Day.

John 3:29-30 He that hath the *bride is the bridegroom*: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. *He must increase, but I must decrease.*

Psalm 19:1-6 The heavens declare the glory of Elohim, and the firmament shows his handy work. Day unto day utters speech and night unto night shows knowledge; there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for *the sun* which is as a *bridegroom* coming out of his chamber and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heavens and *his circuit** unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Exodus 34:22 And thou shall observe the feast of weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the *year's end**.

**circuit/year's end* [tequwphah - a coming around, circuit (of the sun)]

The sun has a circuit or *tequwphah* in Hebrew. Starting with its rise in the east gate at the vernal equinox, it moves northward unto its peak, or the solstice of summer, then it returns southward back through the east gate where it "turns" at the autumnal equinox and continues further south unto the peak, or solstice of winter. The sun then again returns northward back to the east gate, completing its circuit.

The lunar cycle of renewal, or *chodesh*, is from full moon to full moon; and the *shabuwa*, or seven day week cycle, is complete unto the covenant Sabbath day. All components must complete their respective cycles - "*wheel within a wheel...*"

Exodus 12:1-2 And YHUH spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, *This month* shall be unto you the *beginning of months*: it shall be the *first month* of the year to you.

Exodus 13:4 This day came ye out in the *month Abib*.

Deut 16:1 Observe the *month of Abib*, and keep the Passover unto YHUH thy Elohm: for in the *month of Abib* YHUH thy Elohim brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

The sun rises due east ('vernal equinox') as the *first witness* of the transition of winter to spring. Then, the monthly *chodesh* or renewal of the lunar cycle must also be complete unto the full moon, and the sign of the appointed time of Abib must appear in the stars. The new year starts only after all these events that complete the circuits of each of the luminaries.

All the stars have names and the *mazzaroth* tells His-story. The constellation known as Virgo represents the "sign" of "the virgin" holding a "wave sheaf", and the brightest star in this cluster is Spica, which is noted in various languages as "the branch" or "seed", all of which point to Abib (green/spring)!

So, the new full moon (*chodesh*) after the completion of the sun circuit that passes the "branch/seed" star (Spica) in the constellation of Virgo is the "sign of the Abib" and the beginning of months that start the new year.

The Feasts of YHUH are truly the main reason for us to guard/observe the month of the Abib, and in turn the whole of the Calendar. Since the full moon is the new moon and day 1, then 14 days of waning later there is no moon on the night of the Passover and the dark moon rises with the sun on the day of the 15th on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and also in the seventh month at the Feast of Tabernacles. We observe the Feasts as rehearsals of the Kingdom, where we will have no need of sun or moon for He will be our Light!

Rev 21:22-23 And I saw no temple therein: for YHUH Elohim Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had ***no need of the sun neither of the moon*** to shine in it: for the glory of Elohim did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Rev 22:5 And there shall be ***no night*** there; and they need no candle, neither ***light of the sun***; for YHUH Elohim giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.

This explains how it can be a dark moon at the time of the Feasts.

Exodus 13:21-22 And YHUH went before them by ***day in a pillar of a cloud***, to lead them the way; and by ***night in a pillar of fire***, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Who needs a full moon when you have a pillar of fire! There is no need of watching for a moon when we are rejoicing in the Feasts of YHUH's way of Salvation!

Messiah fulfilled the ways of YHUH and was always right on time. The total solar eclipse during His crucifixion confirms this since it can only happen during the dark phase of the moon.

Luke 22:53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the *power of darkness*.

Luke 23:45-46 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a *darkness over all the land* until the ninth hour. And *the sun was darkened*, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

A Change in Time

There was a time when it seems the days of the month were all 30 days each...

Gen 7:11, 24; 8:3-4 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the *second month*, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. ... And the waters prevailed upon the earth an *hundred and fifty days*. ... And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the *seventh month*, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

But, there have been events since then that have caused a change in the length of the months, and also consequently, the year. We now find the sun circuit or solar year to be 365.25 days and the lunation or moon phase cycle to be 29.53 days from full moon to full moon.

Joshua 10:12-13 Then Joshua spoke to YHUH in the day when YHUH delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, *Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon*; and thou, *Moon, in the valley of Ajalon*. And *the sun stood still, and the moon stayed*, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is this not written in the book of Jasher? So the *sun stood still* in the midst of heaven and hastened not to go down *about a whole day*.

2Kings 20:9-11 Isaiah said, This *sign* shall you have of YHUH that YHUH will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto YHUH and he *brought the shadow ten degrees backward*, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

[Note: These are just two of many accounts that describe the movement of the luminaries and/or the earth as fixed and stationary.]

With the lunar cycles coming about 10 days short of the solar cycle in the year, every 2-3 years

the signs will confirm that an additional 30 day month is required to start the new year with the sign of the Abib.

Noting the time stamps throughout Luke chapter 1, the announcement to Zachariah would have come in the last month, though he was serving in the priestly course of Abiyah. This reference noting a shift in the priests times of service, as well as the account of Ezekiel's "time on his side" for the judgment of Israel, shows that there must be occasions for a 13th month. [*Please refer to Ezekiel Chapters 1-8; 1Chronicles 24 and Luke Chapter 1*]

When we allow ourselves to see what the Scriptures are actually saying and we step back to take in the whole picture while allowing the Scriptures to harmonize, we then see the cycles and how they all work together. Thus, we can better understand and feel how we naturally follow these cycles in many ways and can now walk in the light and fully be in the Way of YHUH and His Appointed Times.

In conclusion:

Although the details that confirm YHUH's Calendar are many, the overall concept is simple enough for a child to understand and follow*.

The sun is the first witness when it reaches the end of its circuit in the east, then the lunar cycle must also be complete to the great light of the full moon greeting the sun as the second witness.

When the full moon has reached the "sign of the Abib" in the constellations – or, has past the star Spica as the seed in the hand of the virgin, or Virgo - appearing "at her feet", the signal of the fullness of time for "spring" - this is the sign of the beginning of months.

You can expect to add a 13th month every 2-3 years and the positions of the heavenly signs will bear this out.

Each subsequent full moon that rules all night and sets after dawn will be the sign of the chodesh (renewal) or New Moon Day that begins each month. The New Moon of the 7th month coming after the autumnal equinox (sun's return to east gate) will further confirm you are in the correct season.

*Please see the Scriptural Calendar of YHUH format that accompanies this study.

May YHUH bring this most important understanding to “light” for you and guide you as you seek Him and His Ways, through our Messiah YHUShA.

“Every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” James 1:17