

THIRTEENTH New Moon 2016¹



Please note ... this Rosh Chodesh marks the beginning of the [TENTH](#) month, according to the Biblical Hebrew calendar.

Dates to diarize:

- **Chanukah (Feast of Dedication)**
 - **Chanukah (the feast of dedication) is an eight-day festival, starting 24 December 2016 and ending 1 January 2017.**
 - *Don't forget to tap into the open window of this season, and download the anointing you need, in preparation for that which lies ahead, to withstand any upcoming trials and tribulations.*
- New Moon,
 - 29 December 2016, 06:53 UT
- First Quarter Moon,
 - 5 January 2017, 19:47 UT

¹ Please note ... this moon prayer has been edited and revised from the monthly emails sent out by Steve Olumuyiwa [steve@stremco.com]. We thank him for his emails and contribution ... and his heart to keep watch on the walls!

- Full Moon,
 - 12 January 2017, 11:34 UT
- Last Quarter Moon,
 - 19 January 2017, 22:13 UT
- Next New Moon,
 - 28 January 2017, 07:07 UT

New Moon prayers ...

Remember, the monthly New Moon prayers are *not* to be confused with astrology. The Scriptures clearly warn against any/all forms of astrology:

- *And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars—all the heavenly array—do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your GOD has apportioned to all the nations under heaven (**Deuteronomy 4:19**).*
- *... and contrary to my command has worshiped other gods, bowing down to them or to the sun or the moon or the stars of the sky (**Deuteronomy 17:3**).*
- *All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. Here are no coals to warm anyone; here is no fire to sit by. That is all they can do for you—these you have labored with and trafficked with since childhood. Each of them goes on in his error; there is not one that can save you (**Isaiah 47:13-15**).*
- *Hear what the LORD says to you, O house of Israel. This is what the LORD says: "Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the sky, though the nations are terrified by them" (**Jeremiah 10:1-2**).*
- *In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom (**Daniel 1:20**).*

The New Moon prayers are to be used for PRAYER and warfare, as a guideline for prayer and intercession for the coming month, **as the Holy Spirit leads**. If you'd like more information on why we pray for the New Moon, we encourage you to read "**The Believer's Warfare In The Heavlies**", available for order from the office or for download from the website. In the New Moon prayers, we will often refer to "**possessing the GATES**". For more information on this, please see the following link:

<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=299>

This New Moon.

As the calendar year 2016 winds down, we are sending this letter to you so that you can be well informed as you watch and pray.

Please read through the details we have provided below, and pray that the Lord God Almighty will:

- (i) Deliver you from the traumas of 2016,
- (ii) Release fresh oil and anointing on all watchmen so that we can pray with the special unction of the Holy Spirit, and consequently enforce the victory of the Risen Messiah in 2017.

The world is in tumult, in chaos and in the valley of decision. Terrorism is evolving and the enemy is creating surprise attacks, feelings of intense fear, anxiety, panic, hopelessness, etc. Overcomers in this season and the year ahead must WAIT ON THE LORD AND LISTEN (AND OBEY) for new instructions, directions, and strategies. In HIM we must live, move and have our being.

Remember, we are more than conquerors through Messiah Y'shua.

Ephesians 1:17-21 "17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and what is the greatness of His power to us-ward who believe according to the working of His mighty power which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own Right Hand in the Heavenly places far above all principality and power, and might and dominion and every name that is named not only in this world but also in the world to come."

THE LAST NEW MOON OF 2016

This occurs on 29 December 2016, 06:53 UT.

At new moon, praise Y'shua /Jesus, the Root of David, the Bright and Morning Star (**Revelation 22:16**) and be encouraged in the Lord who rides the heavens to help us (**Deuteronomy 33:26-29**).

Arise and praise the LORD of the new month (**Psalms 81:1-7a**). Apply the Blood of Y'shua /Jesus into the heavens, and ask our Elohim to cause these alignments to be reconciled to Y'shua /Jesus (**Colossians 1:20**).

Command the heavens to declare the righteousness and the glory of our God

(Psalm 97:6, Psalm 19: 1-6).

Pray with confidence in the WORD because Elohim says He has put His Word in our mouth to plant the heavens (**Isaiah 51:16**).

The Hebrew Month of DAN

In the Hebrew calendar, this is the month of Dan. Dan was Jacob's fifth son. His name means "judge of the people" (**Deuteronomy 33:16**). Although the inheritance of Dan is to provide justice for Israel (**Genesis 49:16**), we see how the devil opposed this heritage repeatedly as follows:

(1) When the Israelites came into the Land of Canaan, the Bible records the early chapters of the Book of Judges that "in those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes". **Judges 18:1-31** tells the story of the people of Dan falling into idolatry. They also did not like their territory, so they sent out spies to find a better area. In the north, some representatives of Dan learned of an area where a peaceful group of people lived. The Tribe of Dan took things into their own hands and wiped out the people of that Land so that they could then move the entire tribe up to a region close to the sources of the Jordan River, just south of present day Lebanon. There they established their main city and called it Dan.

(2) Samson was a Nazarene from the tribe of Dan (**Judges 13-16**). He was raised by GOD to deliver his people from the oppressive grip of the Philistines. However, he was subdued because of his sexual lusts for Delilah, a Philistine woman.

(3) In **1 Kings 12:25-33**, when King Jeroboam was afraid that those who lived in his kingdom in the north would still go down to the southern kingdom to worship at Jerusalem, since that was where the Temple that GOD had authorized was located, he built two additional altars for the people of his nation to worship. He established worship in the south at Bethel and in the north at Dan. He built a golden calf at each location, and instituted special days and feasts where people would meet. Sadly, this man-made worship at Dan has been one of its lasting legacies.

(4) GOD hates idolatry and said it repeatedly in the Books of Moses. It is therefore in this light that we view as significant and regrettable the fact that the name of Dan is excluded from the list of 144,000 sealed tribes in Revelation 7.

This month of Dan, we need to pray the following:

- Repent and ask the LORD to forgive us for our idolatry and other sins that have hindered us from fulfilling the Plan of GOD. The Bible says in **Proverbs 16:25** that "there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death".
- Repent of any way in which you have followed your own way rather than

the Way of GOD. Remember, rebellion provokes GOD (**Joshua 22:19**). It provokes Messiah (**1 Corinthians 10:9**), and it vexes the Holy Spirit (**Isaiah 63:10**).

- Ask for cleansing and atonement by the Blood of Y'shua (**1 John 1:7, Hebrews 9:12-14**).
- Ask the LORD to bring you out of every pit and trouble by the Blood of the Covenant (**Zachariah 9:11, Psalm 25:22**).
- Ask the LORD to restore His appointment and call upon your life (**Joel 2:25-32**).
- Thank God for His ability to do the seemingly impossible. Pray for creative miracles and God's supernatural intervention this month of Dan and in 2016. Pray **Isaiah 43**.
- Pray that the Righteous Judge company will arise to overthrow the thrones of iniquity (**Psalm 94**). Pray and ask the LORD to raise the Daniel (DAN of EL) Company, a company of righteous judges who will live righteous and stand unafraid before kings and rulers to proclaim the truth and counsel of GOD in our generation. Please read and pray the Book of Daniel.

Upcoming celestial² events:

Remember to apply the Blood of the Lamb of GOD into the heavens (**Colossians 1:19**) and command the heavens to declare the Righteousness and Glory of GOD (**Psalm 97:6, Psalm 19:1-6**) during the following events:

- ✓ New Moon, **29 December 06:53 UT**
- ✓ First crescent Moon. In esoteric circles, the first crescent moon is called "Diana's Bow" and is invoked to shoot moon arrows for causing death to amass blood for healing and renewal.
- ✓ Last crescent Moon, so-called "Hecate's Sickle":
 - ➔ Proclaim **Revelation 14:14** to break any evil bow or sickle programmed to shoot arrows of sickness and death ... INSTEAD, lift up Y'shua /Jesus, our KING Who sits on the white cloud with a sharpened sickle in His Hand (**Revelation 14:14**). Ask Y'shua /Jesus to visit His enemies with His Special Righteous Sickle. Declare **Hebrews 2:14-15** and proclaim the defeat of satan and his hosts.
- **December 29 - New Moon.**
 - The LAST NEW MOON OF 2016 occurs on **29 December 06:53 UT**.
 - The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 06:53 UTC. This is

² Taken from <http://www.seasky.org/astrometry/astrometry-calendar-2015.html> and Steve Olumuyiwa's monthly New Moon report.

the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

- **January 3, 4 - Quadrantids Meteor Shower.**
 - The Quadrantids is an above average shower, with up to 40 meteors per hour at its peak. It is thought to be produced by dust grains left behind by an extinct comet known as 2003 EH1, which was discovered in 2003. The shower runs annually from **January 1-5**. It peaks this year on the night of the 3rd and morning of the 4th. The first quarter moon will set shortly after midnight leaving fairly dark skies for what could be a good show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky.
- **January 12 - Full Moon.**
 - The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This phase occurs at 11:34 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the **Full Wolf Moon** because this was the time of year when hungry wolf packs howled outside their camps. This moon has also been known as the Old Moon and the Moon After Yule.
- **January 12 - Venus at Greatest Eastern Elongation.**
 - The planet Venus reaches greatest eastern elongation of 47.1 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Venus since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the bright planet in the western sky after sunset.
- **January 19 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation.**
 - The planet Mercury reaches greatest western elongation of 24.1 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view **Mercury** since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.
- **January 28 - New Moon.**
 - The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 00:07 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. Let's PRAY:

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Please organize all night prayer meetings to possess the gates of the times highlighted in this report. Pray also during the set times for the events. Remember, scripturally speaking, the summer is a time for harvest, battles and watching and praying!

🙏 Praise God for His faithfulness in ordaining the seasons (**Genesis 8:22**,

Ecclesiastic 3:1). God created light and darkness (**Genesis 1:3-5, Isaiah 45:7a**). Let us thank the Lord for the Winter / Summer. The winter is a time of rest, a type of Sabbath.

- 🕯 See **Matthew 24:20** where the Lord groups winter and Sabbath together. If we look at nature, we will see that winter is indeed a time of rest: trees shed their leaves, animals hibernate; in olden times, there is no planting because harvest time is over and everyone is looking forward to the end of winter, etc. We have longer nights during winter because it is not supposed to be a time for hard labour.
- 🕯 Consequently, it is a time to seek God more, especially in the nights. We need to seek Him through His Word and prayer (**Psalm 63:6, Psalm 119:48**). Even during the day, everything done during the Sabbath should be done: reading God's Word, praying and blowing of the trumpet (**Num. 10**). Let us ask the Lord to strengthen us to watch and pray on a daily basis. Let us blow the trumpet to the Lord.
- 🕯 Bring repentance of personal sins, especially rebellion/disobedience, which is like the sin of witchcraft. (**Psalm 15, Psalm 19:12-14**, etc.) Bring repentance of family sins (**Ephesians 5:21-25, 6:1-9**, etc.) Repent on behalf of the Church (**Isaiah 56:9-12** etc.) Repent on behalf of the society (**Deuteronomy 4:15-19**, etc.) Ask the Lord for forgiveness and mercy. Bring atonement by the Blood of Jesus Christ (**Psalm 51, Hebrews 9:12-14**, etc.)
- 🕯 Apply the Blood of Y'shua /Jesus on the sun and its features (its heat, its rising in the east, going forth on the equator, its setting in the west, its interplanetary magnetic field that sends heat to all creation, its light which is derived from Y'shua /Jesus the Light of the world. Command the sun to declare the glory of the Lord (**Psalm 19:1-6**).
- 🕯 Ask the sun to arise with the anointing of the Sun of righteousness on yourself, family, your nation, the Church, etc. (**Malachi 4:2**). Apply the Blood of Y'shua /Jesus on the moon.
- 🕯 Apply the Blood of Y'shua /Jesus on the darkness and shadows in the moon, silver rays, the seas of the moon, moon mountains, bay of rainbow, rocking and shaking movement of the moon, the terminator of the moon, which is prominent in the first and last quarter phase of the moon).
- 🕯 Apply the Blood of Y'shua /Jesus to cancel all manners of crisis and shaking that the enemies may want to program into your life and that pertains to you.
- 🕯 Command the Moon to declare the glory of the Lord (**Psalm 19: 1-6**). Command the terminator of the moon to TERMINATE all satanic activities in the solstice season.
- 🕯 Seal your life and everything God has given you with the Blood of Y'shua / Jesus. Seal the gates of your life with the Blood of Y'shua / Jesus : eyes, mouth, ears, nose, pineal gland, spinal cord, umbilical cord, etc.
- 🕯 Ask the Lord to be your Passover. Ask the Lord stand to watch over you

and everyone that is named by the Name of Y'shua /Jesus in this season (**Exodus 12:13**). We shall not die but live to declare the works of the Lord (**Psalms 118:17**).

- 🕯️ Take all the elements of heavens one by one (e.g., the Sun, Moon, Venus, Mercury, all planets, the Pleiades, Orion, Arcturus, other stars) and seal them with the Blood of Y'shua /Jesus. Command these stars to declare the Glory of the Lord (**Psalms 19:1-6**).
- 🕯️ Let us pray that the counsel of the Lord will stand and that the kingdom of darkness will not hijack these events to their advantage. Let us insist that our God who makes the seven stars and Orion will overturn the sentences of the sorcerers against our families, businesses, nations, and the church.

Amos 5:7-9 "For those [shall be consumed] who turn justice into wormwood (bitterness) And cast righteousness down to the earth." 8 He who made the [cluster of stars called] Pleiades and [the constellation] Orion, Who turns deep darkness into the morning And darkens the day into night, Who calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the surface of the earth, The Lord is His name. 9 It is He who causes [sudden] destruction to flash forth on the strong So that destruction comes on the fortress."

- 🕯️ Pray that the Lord will mercifully turn the shadow of death situations in our lives and circumstances into the morning. Pray for the strength of God that comes through His joy. Let Him strengthen us against the army of satan and their strong networks.
- 🕯️ 6. Use your superior priestly authority to break all satanic covenants which your family, the ancients, satanic prince, satanic watchmen, politicians, religious leaders, occultists, etc have made over your life, family, business/job, state, nation, the Church, etc. (**1 Peter 2:9, Isaiah 28:14-18**, etc.)
- 🕯️ Renounce the invocation made around coven circles. Cancel the sorcery invoked using the four elements: wind, fire, earth and water. Command these elements to rebel against witches and wizards. Proclaim **Jeremiah 10:11**. Command the elements to praise Yahweh Elohim, the Creator of Heaven and earth (**Genesis 1, Psalms 148**).
- 🕯️ Pray against witchcraft activities. Pray against any activity by witches to heal themselves through afflictions sent to the Church. The Word of God says witches and other sorcerers cannot be healed of their wounds.
- 🕯️ Let us enforce God's Word during the winter / summer solstice (**Nahum 3**, especially verse 19). They cannot renew their strength either because it is only by waiting on the Lord that one's strength is renewed (**Isaiah 40:31**).
- 🕯️ Ask the Lord to break the "yule yoke of the year," a programming of negativity and evil. Let the anointing of the Lord destroy this yoke in our lives and situation (**Isaiah 10:27**).
- 🕯️ Let us ask the Lord to frustrate the tokens of witches (pine tree for evergreen life, pinecone for mind manipulation, pine ash for protection,

fire for light, moonstones and sunstone for vision, magical oils for drawing strength, etc., **Isaiah 44: 24-25**).

🕯️ Pray that there shall be no vision for the army of satan.

Micah 3:6-7 "Therefore it will be night (tragedy) for you—without vision, And darkness (cataclysm) for you—without foresight. The sun shall go down on the [false] prophets, And the day shall become dark and black over them. 7 The seers shall be ashamed And the diviners discredited and embarrassed; Indeed, they shall all cover their mouths [in shame] Because there is no answer from God."

🕯️ Winter solstice is a time for high level necromancy, i.e.. communication with the dead. These things are carried out using :

(1) the Book of shadows and (2) the Book of the dead.

🕯️ Apply the Blood of Y'shua /Jesus to blot out the handwriting of ordinances recorded against you, your family, business, nation, the Church etc. using these dangerous books (**Colossians 2:14**). As many as indulge in graveyard consultation, ask the Lord to make their case like that of Saul (**1 Samuel 28: 5**).

🕯️ The winter is a vulnerable in time (**Matthew 24:20**). That is why the kingdom of darkness tries to take advantage of this time. Thus, we need to pray against all works of darkness (**Ephesians 5:11**).

🕯️ What are the works of darkness? The works of darkness are all manners of sin and wickedness done under covering of darkness.

For example:

a) the works of those who rebel against God (**Job 24: 13-17**)

b) terror and pestilence (**Psalms 91:6**)

c) blindness (**I John 1:11**)

d) satanic exchange (**I Kings 3: 16-22**)

e) perpetual sleep/death (**Acts 20: 7-9**)

f) destroyer (**Exodus 12:12**).

🕯️ Note, we are not supposed to work in the dark / night **John 9:4**, but workers of darkness like to work in the night because they have stubbornly set themselves against God, hence, they cannot enter into God' rest (**Hebrews 3-4:8**). That is why they parade themselves day and night working evil (**Job 24:13-17**). Pray against all the evil highlighted above.

🕯️ Let us pray that:

🕯️ a) We are in Christ and there is no darkness in Him (**I John 1:5**), therefore we are not of darkness (**I Thessalonians 5:5**). Darkness can never overcome the Light of Christ (**John 1:5**). The night will always be light about us (**Psalms 139:11**). Therefore, we will not stumble. We will

not be blindfolded.

- 🕯 b) We will seek the Lord more at night in this season (**Psalm 63:6, Psalm 119:48**).
- 🕯 Pray around the **summer heat** - the dangers during this time for fires and destruction in the Southern hemisphere. Pray against spiritual fires called up to burn God's work / harvest.
- 🕯 Pray around the **worship of JANUS**³ - the god who is worshipped on 1 January. (See details in footnote)
- 🕯 c) As we prepare to go into 2017, let us pray that the Lord will reveal His knowledge to the Church at this time. Ask Him for understanding concerning the laws of heaven and how to implement them on earth. As His knowledge is revealed, we will praise Him like the wise men from the east who saw the star of Y'shua / Jesus / the shepherds who gave glory to God and worshipped Christ. Let the Lord blindfold the likes of Herod (wicked ones) who will like to abort the plan of God (**Matthew 2**).
- 🕯 d) Ask the Lord to give us songs in the night (**Job 35:10, Psalm 42:8**).
- 🕯 e) Pray for our children (**Lamentation 2:19**).
- 🕯 f) Pray for God's mercy, protection, provision, guidance, restoration, etc. (**Psalm 121, 125, 126, Deuteronomy 28:1-14**, etc.)
- 🕯 g) Pray and receive the precious things released by the heavens (**Deuteronomy 33:14**).
- 🕯 Proclaim **John 14:6, Revelation 11:15**. Remember to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (**Psalm 122**).
- 🕯 Other events in the heavens—apply the Blood of the Lamb of God on the heavens and command the heavens to declare the glory of Elohim!

³ In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, doorways,[1] passages, and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the future and to the past. It is conventionally thought that the month of January is named for Janus,[2] but according to ancient Roman farmers' almanacs Juno was the tutelary deity of the month.[3]

Janus presided over the beginning and ending of conflict, and hence war and peace. The doors of his temple were open in time of war, and closed to mark the peace. As a god of transitions, he had functions pertaining to birth and to journeys and exchange, and in his association with Portunus, a similar harbor and gateway god, he was concerned with travelling, trading and shipping.

Four reasons to blow the Shofar!



1. ***For the calling of the assemblies Numbers 10:2-4.***

This is therefore a season for GOD's saints to gather either as leadership or as groups in solemn assemblies unto the LORD to hear what the Spirit is saying unto the Body at this Appointed Time.

2. ***For the journeying of the camps Numbers 10:5-7.***

As Israel was compelled to keep moving forward in their journeying to their Land of Inheritance, so must we individually and collectively insist that in this period, there must be a moving forward in GOD's Purposes. Reject in this season every form of stagnation — spiritual, financial, material, as well as destiny and general fulfillment of GOD's Redemptive Purposes.

3. ***At the times of war to invite GOD into the battle, Numbers 10:9.***

As we pass through this so called ember seasons, we need to invite the LORD of Hosts as the LORD of the Battle into our personal and national battles as the Church in the nations, so that the LORD will remember us against the strong onslaught of the forces of satan and witchcraft.

4. ***At the times of our Feasts [solemn days] and start of new seasons, Numbers 10:10***

Psalm 20 "MAY THE LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the GOD of Jacob set you up on high [and defend you]; 2 Send you help from the sanctuary and support, refresh, and strengthen you from Zion; 3 Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah [pause, and think of that]! 4 May He grant you according to your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans. 5 We will [shout in] triumph at your salvation and victory, and in the name of our GOD we will set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions. 6 Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. 7 Some trust in and boast of chariots and some of horses, but we will trust in and boast of the name of the LORD our GOD. 8 They are bowed down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright. 9 O LORD, give victory; let the King answer us when we call."

The following sections include traditional Jewish commentary and thoughts on the upcoming new month ...

PLEASE NOTE! There are MANY Jewish traditions — including those for celebrating the Feasts, the New Moons/months, as well as many other celebrations and customs ...

While there is NO problem in using the traditions — MANY of them are beautiful and can be used as guidelines for Feasts/celebrations — it is IMPORTANT that we keep in mind they are only *TRADITIONS*, and not *GOD-Given Instructions*.

We encourage everyone to FIRST study the Scriptures, to know/understand the Instructions the FATHER has given us ...

Interestingly, often times you'll find that the Scriptures give very little Instruction as to HOW to celebrate or keep the Feasts (as in the case of Shabbat, where there are only a few direct Instructions given) — this causes us to truly worship in Spirit AND Truth ...

To study the Scriptures for the TRUTH (Instructions), and then to be led by the SPIRIT in how the *Father* would like us to celebrate/keep His Appointed Times ... this results in us having to develop and walk in **RELATIONSHIP** with our Father, which is His very Heart ... the reason mankind was created in the first place — to walk in **FELLOWSHIP** with GOD, as back in the Garden ...

So, if there are traditions you find helpful — again, there is no problem in using the traditions ... we simply encourage everyone to research these traditions out (their history, origin, and meaning), and TEST them against Scriptures.

We need to be AWARE of and AVOID those traditions (including *BOTH* the Jewish and Constantine/"Christian" traditions/customs) that go AGAINST the Father's Instructions ...

Keep in mind, this was OFTEN the argument Y'shua had with the Pharisees and religious leaders in the New Testament, where their traditions were going against and nullifying the *Father's* Instructions (Mark 7:1-13 for example) ...

Be encouraged! As you learn to discern and differentiate between what is MAN-MADE tradition, and MAN-MADE customs/doctrines ... you discover that the Father's Yoke truly is LIGHT and EASY ...

That His Instructions are a BLESSING!

- 🕯️ ***Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray that the Two Sticks of Judah and Ephraim will become ONE (Psalm 122, Ezekiel 37).***
- 🕯️ Let us pray that the on-going shakings in the Middle East will draw Jews to their True Messiah, our KING Y'shua /Jesus.
- 🕯️ Thank Him for His Shalom. He has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love, power and a sound mind. Cover your mind with the Blood of the Lamb and keep looking to Y'shua /Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith.
- 🕯️ Thank ABBA FATHER and bless His Name (**Psalm 105, 118**).
- 🕯️ He is called Faithful and True (**Revelation 19:11**).

Shalom and GOD's Richest Blessings on you and your household as you watch and pray, SHALOM SHALOM!!

The tenth⁴ Hebrew month ..."

*May You give us long life,
A life of peace — Shalom,
A life of goodness — Tovah,
A life of blessing — Bracha,
A life of sustenance — Parnassa,
A life of physical health — Hilutz Atzamot,
A life in which there is a fear of heaven and fear of sin
— Yirat Shamayim ve'Yirat Chet,
A life in which there is no humiliation — Ein Busha u'Chlimah,
A life of wealth and honor — Osher ve'Kavod,
A life in which we will have love of Torah and awe and reverence of GOD
— Ahavat Torah ve'Yirat HaShem,
A life in which Adonai, the LORD, fulfills our heartfelt requests for good.*

Amen.

Selah.

The Hebrew month of Tevet⁵ begins during the last days of Hanukkah. While we enjoy the radiant final lightings of the candles, we remember that we are facing the prospect of the dark months of winter to come. Thus, we are all the more grateful for the bright, dancing flames of the Hanukkah menorah, and we are encouraged and strengthened by the rededication of our lives to the One GOD who is above all false gods. Our deepest hearts rejoice that we can press forward in the light of our Savior and Messiah, Y'shua, who promised, *"I will never leave you nor forsake you! I am with you always, to the close of the age"* (Matthew 28:20).

We can look forward to the month of Adar, when we happily celebrate the beginning of spring and are set free from the constraints of winter with the joyous festival of Purim; however, at the moment we are entering the somber month of Tevet.

⁴ Taken from the mailing list of Keren Hannah Pryor - *"Appointments With GOD"* - www.jcstudies.com.

⁵ PLEASE NOTE Kanaan Ministries does not agree with the Babylonian names for the months - i.e. Nissan, Kislev, and so forth. We only use the Biblical names for the months. Please see the article: INFLUENCE OF BABYLON ON BIBLICAL FEASTS <http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=479>

Why is Tevet a time of mourning? A consideration offered in Jewish literature:

Behold, that the retribution [in the era of the first Holy Temple, when Jerusalem was besieged, leading to its destruction] began in this month, was surely for a reason. It seems to me that this was because [Tevet] corresponds to the tribe of Dan, who were the first people to worship an idol ... (Bnei Yissachar, Maamarei Chodesh Kislev-Tevet 14:2)

It was on the tenth of Tevet, 586 B.C.E., that King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon began the siege of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:1). This led to the tragedy of the eventual fall of the city, the destruction of the Holy Temple and the exile of Israel. Traditionally, the month of Tevet is associated with the tribe of Dan and as they were the first to worship idols the destruction is attributed to idolatry.

What can we understand from the relationship between Dan and Hanukkah and the month of Tevet? Let us begin by examining the blessing that Jacob bestowed on Dan.

Dan will judge his people like the unique one of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward. I wait for Thy salvation, O LORD. (Genesis 49:16-18)

The name Dan is derived from the Hebrew root word **din**, to judge. Before David was instituted as the first king of Israel, the judges and prophets were recognized as the leaders of the people. The traits of the tribe of Dan were most clearly reflected in one of its most famous descendants, Samson.

Israel was united under his leadership, and he avenged his people by bringing retribution upon the Philistines. Just as a snake attacks the rider by striking his horse, so did Samson bring down the Philistines without actually touching them. Jacob's cry, "For Your salvation do I long, O LORD," can be seen to echo the blinded Samson's desperate plea that GOD restore his lost strength as he toppled the pillars of the pagan temple (Judges 13-17). GOD heard his cry and the temple of Dagon collapsed killing Samson and all the Philistine governors, as well as three thousand people who had come to scornfully watch the spectacle of the captured Israelite leader.

Dan and Yehudah – and Y'shua?

Dan and Yehudah were the largest tribes numerically, and also the strongest physically and both are compared to lions. As the tribes of Israel travelled through the wilderness, Yehudah was at the head and Dan travelled last, to guard the rear. The Midrash deduces a partnership between the two tribes from the verse, "Dan will judge his people like the unique one [k'echad] of Israel". The Hebrew word k'echad is related to ha'meuchad — the unique or special leader of Israel. The great leader Samson was actually the offspring of a union between Dan and Yehudah. His father, Manoach, was from Dan and his mother from Yehudah. The unique one, however, can only refer to King

David, who was a descendent of the tribe of Yehudah, and who is the predecessor of Messiah Y'shua — the Lion of the Tribe of Judah!

We see another connection between them in that two members of the tribes of Dan and Yehudah were chosen by GOD to be instrumental in the building of the Tabernacle.

Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, Adonai has proclaimed by name Betzalel ... of the tribe of Yehudah ... and Oholiav ... of the tribe of Dan" (Exodus 35:30 & 34).

King Solomon also chose a descendent of Dan to oversee the building of the Temple in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 2:13). The Midrash explains that the people of Dan were experts in carving and weaving.

A Challenging Month

Historically, Israel faced and endured tragic calamities during the month of Tevet. The great tragedy of the siege of Jerusalem, the destruction of the Temple and the exile to Babylon is commemorated each year by fasting during the day on the tenth of Tevet, Asarah b'Tevet (**1 January 2015**). To Orthodox Jews, the importance of this fast is such that, together with Yom Kippur, it is even observed should it fall on Shabbat. It is considered a time to reflect and to purify one's soul before GOD, trusting Him to expose and cleanse any form of idolatry in one's heart. The chief rabbinate of Israel has named 10 Tevet as Yom Kaddish, a remembrance day, for the millions of Jewish victims of the Holocaust whose exact date of death is unknown.

Many other tragedies that occurred during Tevet are recorded. For example, in 1496 the Jews of Portugal, many of whom had immigrated there after their expulsion from Spain only four years before, were presented with the edict that they must be baptized into Catholicism or leave the country within a year.

How fitting, then, that the dark days of Tevet are illuminated by the light of Hanukkah. At Creation, GOD created the light and saw that it was good. As we kindle the lights, we see and we remember that His light dispels every darkness. His deliverance is always at hand. Interestingly, it was on Rosh Chodesh Tevet that, after their ordeal in the Ark, Noah finally saw a sign of their deliverance,

... in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen (Genesis 8:5).

Hanukkah, the "Festival of Lights" shines the hope of GOD's Final Redemption, conceived and birthed anew in His Son, the Light and Hope of the world, during this very month. We can go forward into the unknown and often dark and threatening future in the knowledge that in the GOD of Israel lies the overcoming against all odds.

He has provided the triumph of light over darkness, of victory over Israel's enemies; the many are delivered into the hands of the few, the strong into the hands of the weak, the wicked into the hands of the righteous. All in order that His Name be lifted up in the earth and all darkness be banished forever.

You deliver a humble people, but Your eyes are upon the proud to bring them down. You are my lamp, O LORD, and my GOD lightens my darkness. (2 Samuel 22:28-29)

It is the LORD who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the LORD comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from GOD. (1 Corinthians 4: 4-5)

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, with all endurance and patience, with joy giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:11-14)

Hallelu Yah!

Highlighted points⁶ regarding the TENTH month:

Every Hebrew month is TRADITIONALLY linked with:

- A letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- The constellations (the stars). Psalm 119:1-3 says that the heavens declare the Glory of GOD.
- One of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

The following points regarding this new month are based on these principles.

- Month of the Tribe of Dan — Dan means to judge, grow up and mature. GOD intends for us to be able to judge/lead and be able to cause the enemy to fall backward. GOD wants us to grow up and mature. Declare that you are maturing to be a righteous judge.
- Samson's weakness were an inability to take control over his flesh.
- He never took his calling and vows seriously. Note how he ate honey from a bee's nest on the lion's carcass which meant that he broke the Nazarite vow (to eat nothing unclean - Judges 13:4; 14:9).
- A month to war and break the power of evil. Note the passage in Acts 13 when Elymas the sorcerer hindered Barnabas and Paul. Paul prayed, and the LORD struck him with blindness. Similarly, we can pray and ask the LORD to close the eyes of the enemy so we are not hindered.
- GOD gives us people to lead and guide. Be sure to pray for political leaders of your nation. Psalm 18:33. GOD is enabling us to go to higher and higher places in Him. Habakuk 3:19.
- A time to leap like a deer. Often we think of maturing as a very slow, slow process. Isaiah 35:6, "Then the lame shall leap like a deer ..." Psalm 18:33, "He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and sets me on my high places."
- Month of Hebrew letter AYIN (looks like a "Y") — Purity of heart leads to purity of the eyes of our heart.

Shalom and blessings!

⁶ Chuck Pierce, "Glory of Zion", <http://gloryofzion.org/webstore/Scripts/prodView.asp?idproduct=981>

Blessings, Bride & Bridegroom relationship

The Tenth Hebrew month - prophetic meaning:

We want to see you enter into the fullness of the blessings the Lord would choose to release in this month. The Lord designed time with a built-in blessing for us to claim and walk in. When you give in the Hebraic month of Tevet⁷, there are several key issues for you to pray, watch and receive. This is the month that marks the end of the Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights.

It also is the month of PROPHECIES.

This month is like:

- the call **Samson** had.

A call from birth - but because of fleshly desires, he lost it for a while - but at the end he turned back and once more was used mightily in his original GOD-given calling.

- the call of **Esther**.

She knew her calling as her only focus and to be obedient to GOD. She was fully led by the Holy Spirit, (Mordecai as the human representative) and through prayer and fasting and being intimate with GOD, she won the KING's heart. Through the act of prayer and fasting and coming before the king, a whole nation was kept from destruction - her people, the Jews.

Blessings,

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⁷ PLEASE NOTE Kanaan Ministries does not agree with the Babylonian names for the months - i.e. Nissan, Kislev, and so forth. We only use the Biblical names for the months. Please see the article: INFLUENCE OF BABYLON ON BIBLICAL FEASTS <http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=479>

The Priestly Blessing ...

Numbers 6:24-26

“²⁴ The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
²⁵ The LORD make his face shine upon
thee, and be gracious unto thee: ²⁶ The
LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.”

The Priestly Blessing ...

Hebraic Translation⁸

"YHVH will kneel before you presenting gifts, and He will guard you with a hedge of protection, YHVH will illuminate the wholeness of His Being toward you, bringing order, and He will provide you with love, sustenance, and friendship, YHVH will lift up the wholeness of His Being and look upon you, and He will set in place all you need to be whole and complete."

⁸ Translation by Jeff A. Benner, for more information, please see http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12_blessing.html