

FIRST New Moon 2017¹



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

Dates to diarize:

- New Moon,
 - 28 January, 00:07 UT
- First Quarter Moon,
 - 3 February, 11:19 UT
- Full Moon,
 - 10 February, 07:33 UT
- Last Quarter Moon,
 - 18 February, 02:35 UT
- Next New Moon,
 - 26 February, 10:00 UT

New Moon prayers ...

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!

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 Heavens**", 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.

We bring you greetings in the Excellent Name of our Precious Saviour and soon coming King – the King of Righteousness, our LORD Y'shua Messiah.

MANY blessings for 2017, to you and your family!!

This is just a reminder!!! The New Year 5777

God's times are built around harvest seasons! As we enter a new Hebraic year, we receive an anointing and vision to enter into the Harvest Fields ahead! The Head of the Year 5777 was celebrated on October 6-9 2016

This is the Year of the Sword of the LORD Opening Up Portals of Vision! This is a year the SWORD of the LORD WILL CONTEND for the WELLS of REVIVAL in the Earth! The year ahead is a year of War and Worship! This will be an incredible time of understanding the conflicts and strategies of triumph that will impact the remainder of this decade. This is a time of completing purposes and bringing them to fullness. Be one of those who attends and receives revelation that will help direct us for the next several years.

There are three "7" in this Hebrew new year. Interestingly, the number "7" in Hebrew is the letter "zayin" which represents both the number "7" and the word "sword."

What we are looking at in 5777 is, "The year of supernatural grace (5) to engage the clashing of swords (7)."

The clashing of heaven and hell will show up in the conflict of ideologies. This collision of kingdoms has already started.

"There are spirits being dispatched to put blindfolds on the minds of Christians." We are so easily manipulated through media mind control: sound bites, talking heads, and an onslaught of progressive liberal ideologies baked into our entertainment.

"Zayin" means more than just "sword" or "weapon." It also connects with a modern Hebrew word "mazon," meaning "food" or "sustenance," and "nourishment," both coming from the same root as Zayin.

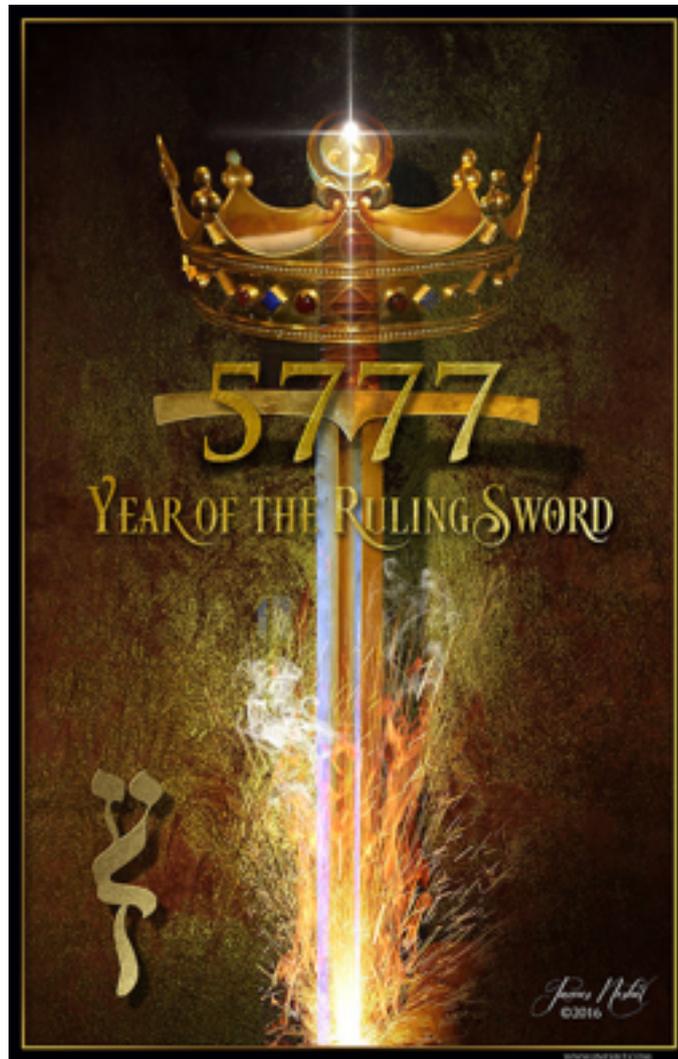
5777 is the year of the clashing of swords! We are taking on giants just like the children of Israel did. I choose to believe what Caleb said in Numbers 14:9, "Do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them."

Caleb saw the giants in the land not as obstacles but as bread. I believe that as you take on your Giants and defeat them they will become nourishment for you! What you bow to will increase your bondage but what you overcome will increase your power!

The enemy will be bread for you IF YOU FEED YOUR SPIRIT on the Word of God. Jesus says in:

Matthew 4:4: "But He (Jesus) answered and said, it is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the Mouth of God."

The Word of God, is the bread you eat that becomes a sword in your mouth! In this new year, 5777, God will open up His Word to you and reveal a “Sword” in the scripture! When you see it—grab it. Speak what God gives you. Prophecy and proclaim what you see. Expect your utterance to authorize angelic activity through your prayers!



Psalm 16: 5-11 “5 The Lord is my chosen and assigned portion, my cup; You hold and maintain my lot. **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places**; yes, I have a good heritage. I will bless the Lord, Who has given me counsel; yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons. I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory [my inner self] rejoices; my body too shall rest and confidently dwell in safety, For You will not abandon me to Sheol (the place of the dead), neither will You suffer Your holy one [Holy One] to see corruption. [Acts 13:35.] You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your Right Hand there are pleasures forevermore. [Acts 2:25-28, 31.]”

Praying For Our Children.

Psalm 127 verses 3-5. This is the year of the Almighty God working mightily through His Archers and Arrows on Earth. We are God's Archers and our Children are God's Righteous Arrows:

***Palm 127: 3-5** "3 Behold, children are a heritage and gift from the Lord, The fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. How blessed [happy and fortunate] is the man whose quiver is filled with them; They will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies [in gatherings] at the [city] gate."*

We need to watch over our children in prayer in a special way this year. Fast and pray at least one day a week to achieve this purpose. Note that as in:

I Samuel 3: The Samuel generation is arising; Child leaders will be called and trained by the Voice of YHVH, the Lord God Almighty.

GOD'S WORD AS A HAMMER.

This is also the Year of the Hammer of God's Word as in:

***Jeremiah 23:29** "Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test]?" says the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks the [most stubborn] rock [in pieces]?"*

HEBREW MONTH OF ASHER.

This new moon ushers us into the Hebraic month of Asher. Moses proclaimed the following blessing on Asher in:

***Deuteronomy 33: 24-25** "Of Asher he said, More blessed than sons is Asher; May he be favored by his brothers, And may he dip his foot in oil. Your strongholds will be iron and bronze, And as your days are, so will your strength, your rest and security be."*

Beloved, let us possess the gate of the first lunar cycle of 2017 with the help of Y'shua (Jesus), who is the Beginning and the End – the ALEF and the TAV (**Psalm 24, Isaiah 26:3, Ps 100**, etc.). Let us dedicate the year to the Lord and ask Him to crown the year with goodness and fulfillment (**Psalm 65, especially verse 11**).

- Apply the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) on this month's alignments;
- Pray that all plants our Heavenly Father has not planted shall be uprooted – **Matthew 15:13**;
- Ask the Lord to lay an axe to every ungodly tree or plant in the heavens and in your life **Matthew 3:10**;

- Command the heavens to declare the righteousness and the glory of God (**Psalm 97:6, Psalm 19:1-6**).

➔ **IMBOLC - THE SABBAT OF FIRE - WOMB-BASED SORCERY
(NORTHERN HEMISPHERE)**

- *2 February every year.*

Another reason for intense intercession at this time is that another witchcraft sabbat is around the corner. This demonic Sabbath is called "Imbolc". "Imbolc, the sabbat of fire" will be celebrated by witches/pagans during 23 January to 8 February. This time coincides with the mid-point between the winter solstice and vernal equinox.

The so called Imbolc sabbat is used for **womb-based sorcery**. Womb-based sorcery can be used to nurture pregnancy or purge it. "Enemies" are targeted for the latter (miscarriages and premature birth, for example). Womb-based sorcery can also be used to initiate a baby in the womb. Pray against these devices. The **fire element** in this demonic sabbat is a crucial element of **enchantment and prognostication**. Begin to pray now for the LORD's special covering for you, your family, community ... please use the materials you already have on these issues (the moon and all its phases and what they portend, addressing the army of satan during their evil sabbats, and so forth) to pray.

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Pray for Israel (**Romans 10:1**). Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (**Psalm 122**). Please pray for **America** as they enter into the year of the US presidential elections. Pray for Godliness and the fear of God in the choice of the next president.

➔ **LAMMAS OR LUGHNASADH (SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE)**

- *2 February every year.*

Lammas marks the cross-quarter day **halfway** between the summer solstice and the fall equinox.

Lammas — "Loaf Mass" or "Lamb Mass" — marks the middle of summer and the beginning of the harvest. It is the first of three harvest festivals and is usually associated with ripening grain. It heralds the coming of autumn. This harvest is used to kill in order to amass blood for healing and renewal of satanic strength.

The crucial themes of the demonic Lammas gatherings are:

- Possessing the **gate** of the New Moon by witches to ensure that the moon is enchanted maximally for their benefit. The Church should overthrow these gatekeepers by possessing the gates of this New Moon by prayer force.
- Healing of wounds from spiritual battles of the past year.
 - **Exodus 22:18** “18 You shall not allow a woman to live who practices sorcery.”
- Renewal of strength with blood. Why should we allow that when the LORD says:
 - **Isaiah 48:22** “22 There is no peace, says the Lord, for the wicked.”
- Proclaiming bondage and captivity for followers of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ), as in the days of Peter and Emperor Nero. This is contrary to our destiny.
- All these demonic desires are to be given maximum force from the New Moon to the full Moon.

Beloved, we must:

- Possess the multiple gates of 2017 with the help of Y’shua, Who is the Beginning and the End (**Psalm 24, Isaiah 26:3, Ps 100, etc**).
- Dedicate the year to the LORD.
- Ask the LORD to crown the year with goodness and fulfillment (**Psalm 65, especially verse 11**).

Remind the LORD of His Promise from **Isaiah 63:4**, “for the day of vengeance is in Mine Heart, and the year of My Redeemed is come”.

Other significant alignments are as below. We encourage you to apply the Blood of Y’shua on the alignments and also pray that all plants our Heavenly Father has not planted shall be uprooted (**Matthew 15:13**). Ask the LORD to lay an axe to every un-Godly tree or plant in the heavens and your life (**Matthew 3:10**).

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 Glory of GOD

² Taken from <http://www.seasky.org/astrometry/astrometry-calendar-2013.html> and Steve Olumuyiwa’s monthly New Moon report.

during the following events:

- ✓ New Moon, **28 January, 00:07 UT**
- ✓ 33rd hour of the Moon.
- ✓ 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.
- **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.
- **February 11 - 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 00:33 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. Since hunting is difficult, this moon has also been known by some tribes as the Full Hunger Moon, since the harsh weather made hunting difficult.
- **February 11 - Penumbral Lunar Eclipse.**
 - A penumbral lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes through the Earth's partial shadow, or penumbra. During this type of eclipse the Moon will darken slightly but not completely. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of eastern South America, eastern Canada, the Atlantic Ocean, Europe, Africa, and western Asia.
- **February 26 - 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 14:59 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:

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!

- 🕯 Give thanks/praise to YHVH, the KING of all seasons for the transition. Enter His Gates with thanksgiving (**Psalm 8, 19, 100, 136,148**). Rejoice in YHVH (GOD) our KING for His Faithfulness and Loving-kindness!
- 🕯 Declare the Kingship of Y'shua (Jesus), our Messiah, over all things (yourself, family, business/job, community, Church, Africa, principalities, powers, witchcraft spirits, water spirits, mountains, hills, winds, sun, moon, stars, planets, constellations, strongmen, satanic watchmen, and so forth).
- 🕯 Bring repentance of personal sins, especially rebellion/disobedience, which is like the sin of witchcraft (**Psalm 15, Psalm 19:12-14**).
- 🕯 Bring repentance for family sins (**Ephesians 5:21-25, 6:1-9**), also repent on behalf of the Body of Messiah. Repent especially for our sleeping and slumbering (**Isaiah 56:9-12**).
- 🕯 Ask YHVH GOD for forgiveness and mercy. Bring atonement by the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) Messiah (**Psalm 51, Hebrews 9:12-14**). Invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill you, your household, and so forth.
- 🕯 Apply the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) on the sun and moon. Exercise spiritual legislation to blot out the voices of satan's hosts from the heavens with respect to their invocations, mantras, rituals, and incantations, which they do at this time (**Revelation 12:11, Colossians 2:14-15**).
- 🕯 Command the heavens and all creation to reject/vomit all satanic rituals and sacrifices.
- 🕯 Disconnect the army of satan from the heavens and proclaim Y'SHUA AS THE WAY (**John 14:6**) to the heavens. All contrary ways are blocked and cut off.
- 🕯 Let us ask the Lamb with Seven Horns and Seven Eyes and Seven-Fold Spirit of YHVH GOD (**Revelation 5**) to seal off the ley-lines and ley-routes of the army of satan, cutting off their astral horses and chariots (**Micah 5:10-15**).
- 🕯 Let us command the earth to vomit these evil tokens (**Jeremiah 22:29**). Let us ask YHVH GOD of Hosts to send His Almighty Rod to shatter the demonic tokens buried in the earth into pieces.
- 🕯 Let us ask YHVH of Hosts to cut off all **Babylonian sorcery, arrow and liver sorcery**, at the parting of the roads (**Ezekiel 21: 21**).
- 🕯 Let us apply the Blood of the Lamb on all paths around us to turn them into paths of righteousness (**Psalm 23:3**) which the devil and his agents cannot trespass.

- 👤 Ask our Messiah to use His Sickle to break the sickle of Hecate and the bow of Diana in the heavens (**Revelation 14:14**).
- 👤 Command the heavens to declare the Glory of YHVH GOD (**Psalm 19:1-6**). Announce to the false gods of the nations that the gods who have not created the heavens and the earth will perish (**Jeremiah 10:11**).
- 👤 Shut the heavens with the Key of David against all satanic watchmen; shut the covens and esoteric centers with the Key of David against witches and occultists (**Revelations 3:7-8**).
- 👤 Use your priestly authority to break all satanic covenants which your family, the ancients, satanic prince, satanic watchmen, politicians, religious leaders, occultists, and so forth, have over you life, family, business/job, community, state, nation, Africa, the Church, and so forth (**1 Peter 2:9, Isaiah 28:14-18**).
- 👤 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 YHVH GOD, the Creator of Heaven and earth (**Genesis 1, Psalm 148**).
- 👤 Renounce and cancel the negative dance and energies around coven circles. Apply the Blood of KING Y'shua (Jesus) to blot out the circles, the astral projections and medi-focusing.
- 👤 Ask YHVH GOD to frustrate these tokens (**Isaiah 44:24-25**). There shall be no vision for the army of satan.

Micah 3:6-7 "6 Therefore it shall be night to you, so that you shall have no vision; yes, it shall be dark to you without divination. And the sun shall go down over the false prophets, and the day shall be black over them. 7 And the seers shall be put to shame and the diviners shall blush and be confounded; yes, they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from GOD."

- 👤 **Use Isaiah 47, Jeremiah 46:11-24, and Ezekiel 13:17-23** to pray against the activities of water spirits, witches and the queen of heaven. They must come down from their throne and sit in silence and darkness in Y'shua's (Jesus') Name.
- 👤 Pray against witchcraft agenda to amass blood for healing and renewal. Let us tell witches and other sorcerers that they cannot be healed during the season (**Nahum 2 and 3**) because the LORD says there is no healing of their wounds. They cannot renew their strength either because it is only by waiting on YHVH GOD that one's strength is renewed (**Isaiah 40:31**).
- 👤 Let us pray that the human blood which they want to use to renew their strength will become a snare and a trap for them (**Psalm 69:22-25**).
- 👤 Let us pray that LORD will cause us to reap in joy all that we have sown

in tears (**Psalm 126**).

- 🕯️ Receive the following promises: **Deuteronomy 33:13-17, Psalm 121, Deuteronomy 28:1-14, Revelation 21:7.**
- 🕯️ Apply the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) on your mind, your pineal gland, spinal cord, and umbilical cord. Reject all forms of mind control by satan and his agents. Renew your mind daily by reading and meditating on the Word of GOD.
- 🕯️ Pray for mass repentance, revival, salvation, righteousness, holiness, mercy; pray that the agenda of witchcraft, occultism, idolatry and new age to rob us of our blessing be overturned; pray for the emergence of Christian-servant rulers/leaders, favor, grace, wisdom, understanding, economic abundance, grace to watch and pray without ceasing, victorious Christian life, jubilee victory, and so forth.
- 🕯️ Let us sound the shofar continuously at this time. Thank GOD for His Promise to grant us His Almighty Voice in the heavens (**Isaiah 51:16**). Thank Him for His Grace, Love, Mercy and Favor. Thank GOD for creating the sun to rule the day and the moon to rule the night. Thank GOD for creating the heavenly elements for signs and seasons (**Psalm 136, Genesis 1**).

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."

- 🕊 ***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).
- 🕊 Proclaim the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdom of our LORD and His KING, Y'shua, shall rule forever, amen! (**Revelation 4, 5, 11:15**)
- 🕊 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 following two 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!

The eleventh³ 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.

Although it is still winter, the hope and promise of spring are celebrated in the Land of Israel in two ways concerning trees this month. Firstly, the almond trees begin bursting forth in a profusion of beautiful blossoms, often surrounded by sparkling snow. Secondly, a special tree planting time occurs on Tu B'Shevat, the 15th of Shevat⁴ (**11 February 2017**), when the New Year for trees is celebrated.

Based on the order of encampments, [Shevat] corresponds to the tribe of Asher. Asher was born to Leah's maid Zilpah. At his birth Leah declared, "Happy (b'osher) am I! For the women will call me happy" (Genesis 30:13); so she called his name Asher. Other connotations of the Hebrew word *osher* are: to be straight, honest, to go forward, to prosper.

Jacob's blessing of Asher reads, "Asher's food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies" (Genesis 49:20). This richness is attributed to the fact that his

³ Taken from the mailing list of Keren Hannah Pryor — *"Appointments With GOD"* — www.jcstudies.com.

⁴PLEASE 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>

territory would be filled with an abundance of olive trees. The symbol on the standard of the tribe of Asher as they camped and traveled through the wilderness was a large, fruitful olive tree.

When Moses later adds his blessing to the tribes, he says of Asher, “He will dip his feet in oil” (Deuteronomy 33:24). The harvest of oil would flow like a spring! Despite the abundance and prosperity, we may gather that Asher remained down to earth and humble of character as the stone on the breastplate of the High Priest that represented the tribe was the agate. Its colors of green, black and brown reflect the olive tree and it is but a common gemstone.

The constellation [mentioned here in strictly an astronomical, and not astrological sense!] associated with Asher and the month of Shevat is Aquarius, known in English as the Water Bearer. The liquids of oil and water are not very similar. Water mixes easily with other liquids, whereas oil does not. Rather than mixing oil floats to the top. How, then, can both these liquids be connected with Asher?

The prophet Isaiah proclaims: “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation (Yeshuah)” (12:3). Of the restoration of the land and the people of Israel, he prophesies: “The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly” (35:1-2) and, speaking of God’s great salvation, he says, “Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ... for waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert” (35:6).

We can see the effects of physical water in redeeming the dry land, but the water of revelation that brings sight to spiritually blind eyes and deaf ears is the water of the Word of God. The prophet Amos foretells of a famine in the earth that will not be for bread, nor “...a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord” (8:11). The apostle Paul describes how Messiah loved his Bride and “...gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word” (Ephesians 5:25-26).

Here we find the link between water and oil. The symbol of the Torah, the Living Water of the Word of God, in the Holy Place of the Temple is the golden Menorah and the vital fuel that provides its light is pure olive oil. The Word of God and the illumination of the Spirit of God; Life and Light; water and oil – both are needed for the fullness of understanding and abundant joy (osher) to be found in His Presence. This creates a beautiful picture of the delight of echad, the unity and oneness of God. Y’shua, Who came from the Father and said, as the Word made flesh, “If anyone is thirsty come to me and drink the water of life,” together with the Spirit of Holiness, the soothing, light-bearing oil that brings wisdom and understanding of the Father, in whose Presence is “fullness of joy”.

We read of a special woman of the tribe of Asher in Luke's wonderful account of the revelation by the Holy Spirit to Simeon, in the court of the Temple, of the identity of the baby Y'shua as Messiah of Israel and the world:

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour [of Simeon's revelation] she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him [Messiah Y'shua] to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem (Luke 2:36-38).

The Hebrew name of the constellation Aquarius is Dli, which means "bucket". The purpose of a dli is to draw water from a well and to make it available for use. Here we see that Anna did indeed draw the "water" of life from the "well of salvation" and she was quick to pour it out to quench the thirst of others.

It is of interest to note that the day Moses began his last famous discourse to the Israelites, just five weeks before his death, began on the first day of Shevat (Deuteronomy 1:3,5). This underscored the fact that he "the most humble of men" saw himself as a mere vessel, a bucket, in the hands of the LORD. His purpose was solely to draw from the Source and to pour out the water of God's Word to His people.

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully ... And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work" (2 Corinthians 9: 6,8).

Highlighted points⁵ regarding the ELEVENTH 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 Asher – pleasure. In Genesis 49:20, when Jacob blessed his sons, he said Asher would have a life of abundance of food and delicacies fit for a king. However, beware of delicacies (Proverbs 23:3) – read the Book of Daniel – maybe you need to undertake a Daniel fast.
- A month to develop a plan to sustain the generations ... whom do you mentor, how does your olive tree blossom?
- The Hebrew letter TSADDE (“tz” sound) – your righteousness becomes your foundation.
- A month to shout, “My blessings are on the way!” There is a shout inside of you ... “My thirst will be quenched!” (see John 7:37-39).
- Month of the new year of trees. Choose to eat of the Tree of Life (see Genesis 3:22) ... note the seventy palm trees at Elim in Exodus 15:27. We are like a green olive tree in house of GOD (Psalm 52:8). We are the planting of the LORD (Isaiah 60:21 and 61:3).
- Good month to partake of food. You will end your Daniel fast and GOD will show you how to eat in a different way. Ask the LORD to help you in how/what you eat.
 - ➔ For more information on health and nutrition, see our article:
 - ➔ **“A Word On Alternative Medicine”**
 - ➔ <http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=272>
- Be sure to eat the Word – taste and see that the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8) – then you will be able to digest new revelation that comes. If we don’t know the goodness of the LORD, we will tend to miss revelation that He wants to give us.

Shalom and blessings!

⁵ Taken from the materials of “*Glory of Zion*”. For more information, see the book “*A Time To Advance*” as well as the CD/DVD series “*Positioned For Advancement*”, from <http://gloryofzion.org/>

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 Translation⁶

"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."

⁶ Translation by Jeff A. Benner, for more information, please see http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12_blessing.html