

SECOND New Moon 2017¹



Please note ... this Rosh Chodesh marks the beginning of the **THIRTEENTH** month, according to the Biblical Hebrew calendar.

Dates to diarize:

- New Moon,
 - 26 February, 10:00 UT
- First Quarter Moon,
 - 5 March, 06:33 UT
- **Fast of Queen Esther**
 - **9 March**
- Full Moon,
 - 12 March, 10:54 UT
- **Festival of Purim**
 - **11 March**
 - For more info on Purim, see the following downloads:
 - <http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=145>
 - <http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=251>
 - <http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=302>

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!

- <http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=412>
- Third Quarter Moon,
 - o 20 March, 12:01 UT
- Next New Moon,
 - o 27 March, 10:59 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.

We have just entered the second lunar season of 2017. Praise God for His mercies. Many things will happen in the heavens this lunar season and it is by standing in Christ that we shall prevail. The second moon of 2017 is important for the following reasons.

IT IS A WITNESS:

TWO in the Bible represents WITNESS (**Matthew 18:16; Revelation 11:3**)

As the second New Moon arrives on January 27 at 07:08 UT, bring awesome praise to the Lord God Almighty (**Psalm 81: 1-6**), and pray that the moon will bear witness against the army of satan who stand opposed to the counsel of the Risen Messiah in matters pertaining to the Church, you, your family, business, community, etc. Pray that the Lord will be a swift witness against the wicked as specified in **Malachi 3:5**

Purim - Esther Feast 12 March 2017

VICTORY OVER THE HAMAN SPIRIT

Since the theme of Adar² is the victory of God's people in Babylon, we ought to pray through the issues surrounding Adar in ADAR.

Purim is so-called after the lots cast by Haman in the Book of Esther, to determine the date he would destroy the Jews. This is a minor feast commemorating the deliverance of the Jews from the plot of Haman, chancellor to the King of Persia in the days of Esther. When Haman wanted to discover through astrology which month would be the most 'vulnerable for Israel', he cast lots to choose the month and day. The lot fell upon the month of Adar. When Haman's plot was foiled, Adar was transformed for the Jews from a month of grief and mourning to one of rejoicing and festivity.

Because the spirit of terror is growing strong in our world today, this month is crucial for all Watchmen—it is important to wrestle in prayer for Adar is the month of Naphtali, which means “wrestling.”

As we prepare to enter this month of Adar, like Esther and Modecai let us gird

² 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>

our loins and wrestle with fasting and prayer. Let us call upon Adonai Elohim, the Lord our God. Let us pray that the Lord will rescue His people (Jews and Gentiles) from the plots of modern day “Hamans,” who seek to kill steal and destroy. Pray especially for Israel; pray for the nations of the earth.

Please proclaim (read aloud) and meditate on the entire Book of Esther as you fast and pray. The Lord will surely frustrate the tokens and lots of the Haman spirit and make diviners mad and turn their knowledge into foolishness; Adonai will surely hear us and confirm the words we proclaim in prayer and intercession (**Isaiah 44: 24-26**).

Further reference to the month of Adar can be found in the Book of Ezra. For example, despite the hardship and hostilities faced by the Diaspora returnees during the time of Ezra (see the book of Nehemiah, for example, chapter 4), the second Temple was completed on the 3rd day of Adar, and the dedication was celebrated with great joy (**Ezra 6:15**).

Let us pray for the finishing anointing in all our tasks this month.

In spiritual wrestling, we must remember that

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Consequently, we must:

“... put on the whole armor of GOD, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and, after you have done all to stand, stand firm, with your loins gird about [prepared for battle] with the belt of truth, with the breastplate of righteousness, with your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. In addition to this take up the shield of faith, with which you can snuff out all the fiery darts of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of GOD. And pray in the spirit at all times with all manner of prayers and requests. With all of this in mind, stay alert and always pray for all the saints.”

Hebrew Calendar - 12th Month - ADAR.

The month of Adar is the twelfth month in the Hebrew calendar. As mentioned above, it is also the month of **Naphtali**.

Remember **Isaiah 9: 1**: *“But there is no gloom upon her who is distressed, as when at first He humbled the land of Zebulun and Naphtali and afterward more heavily oppressed her by the way of the sea beyond Jordan the Galilee of the nations.”*

The people of Naphtali were oppressed; they were walking in darkness until a great Light came to drive away the darkness. That Light is Y’shua / Jesus, the

Word of God, the Light of all mankind, the Light that shines in the darkness and darkness cannot overcome it!

This month of Naphtali, praise Y'shua / Jesus, the Light of the world. Praise the One who overcame darkness.

May you carry His Light everywhere, subduing darkness and all evil activities, releasing the joy of salvation, healing, and righteousness to the your community and the nations of the earth

Isaiah 9:3-4 *"You [O God] will increase the nation, You will multiply their joy; They will rejoice before You Like the joy and jubilation of the harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil [of victory]. 4 For You will break the yoke of Israel's burden and the staff (goad) on their shoulders, The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian."*

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."*

Let the Lord turn the shadow of death situations in our lives and circumstances into the morning. Let Him strengthen us against the army of satan and their strong networks.

During this new moon, ask the LORD of Hosts to stand upon His altar to fight for you, your family, nation, the Church and Israel.

Pray:

Amos 9: 1-6 *"I saw [in a vision] the Lord standing at the altar, and He said, "Destroy the capitals (tops) of the pillars so that the thresholds will shake, And break them on the heads of all of the people! Then I will kill the rest of them with the sword; They will not have a fugitive who will get away, Or a survivor who will escape. "Though they dig into [a]Sheol [to hide in the deepest pit], From there My hand will take them [for judgment]; And though they climb up to heaven [to hide in the realm of light], From there will I bring them down [for judgment]. 3 "Though they hide on the summit of [Mount] Carmel, I will track them down and take them from there; And though they hide from My sight on the floor of the sea, From there I shall command the serpent and it will bite them. 4 "And though they go into captivity before their enemies, From there I shall command the sword to kill them, And I will set My eyes against them for evil (judgment, punishment) and not for good [that is, not for correction leading to restoration]." 5 The Lord God of hosts [the Omnipotent Ruler], It is He who*

touches the earth [in judgment] and it melts, And all who dwell on it mourn [in despair and fear], And all of it rises up like the Nile And subsides like the Nile of Egypt; 6 It is He who builds His upper chambers in the heavens And has established His vaulted dome (the firmament of heaven) over the earth, He who calls to the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth —The Lord is His Name.”

Ask the Lord to remember Israel at this time. Let there be peace in Jerusalem
Psalm 122, Revelation 4, 5, 11:15.

Proclaim that the kingdoms of your life, family, business, nation, etc. have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever.

May our Almighty God (El Gibbor) strengthen you as you watch with Him.

Shalom and God's richest blessings keep you all through this season!

Praise and prayer.

Praise:

This New Moon, as we fellowship together, let us worship the LORD of Hosts with songs, timbrel, dance, and the sounding of the shofar. The Word of GOD says:

Psalm 81:1-3 “1 Sing aloud to GOD our Strength! Shout for joy to the GOD of Jacob! 2 Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp. 3 Blow the trumpet at the New Moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.”

Pray using **Psalm 92** asking the LORD to sanctify and refresh you with His Heavenly Oil. Pray that the anointing will break every yoke.

Prophesy from **Isaiah 60** that you will be quickened to rise and shine in the everlasting Light of Y’shua, the Light of the world. Receive renewed strength and supernatural victory as you fight a good fight of faith.

33rd Hour of the Moon

Also, remember to pray during the 33rd hour of the Moon. When the New Moon is 33 hours precisely, it can be seen with the naked eye as a thin sliver crescent moon. At this point, the wicked engage in satanic numerology, exploiting the number 33 in 33 degree-based occult enchantments into the moon.

This is a powerful global enchantment fashioned to counter the outcome of the 33 years ministry of our LORD Y’shua / Jesus Messiah on earth. But we ought to counter this satanic onslaught on the work of redemption by enforcing the

truth that at 33 years, the LORD was lifted up through the cross in order to draw all men to Himself.

The success of this enchantment especially in countering the work of the Kingdom of GOD is a major source of strength in occultism.

The Church must stop that by proclaiming the death of Y'shua / Jesus in Hebrews 2:14-15 so that the people of GOD can be set free:

Hebrews 2:14-15 *"For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."*

Let us enforce this finished destruction of the devil and his works at the cross as we pray. Apply the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) on the 33rd hour of the Moon as the Moon aligns with two planets – Mercury and Neptune.

Please command the heavens and these alignments 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, Africa and the church.

Amos 5:7-9 *"7 You who turn justice into [the bitterness of] wormwood and cast righteousness (uprightness and right standing with GOD) down to the ground, 8 Seek Him Who made the [cluster of stars called] Pleiades and [the constellation] Orion, Who turns the shadow of death or deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, Who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the face of the earth—the LORD is His name—9 Who causes sudden destruction to flash forth upon the strong so that destruction comes upon the fortress."*

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Upcoming celestial³ 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, **26 February, 10:00 UT**
- ✓ 33rd hour of the Moon
 - ➔ The enemies of Christ would like to use as a bow to shoot arrows of destruction.
 - ➔ Please deal with the 33rd hour sorcery in the moon by proclaiming the power and victory of the death of Jesus Christ in His 33rd year on earth against the devises of satan and is army (**Hebrew 2:14-15**).
- ✓ 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. Ask the LORD to break the bows of the wicked in the heavens. Ask the LORD to rescue you and be your covering (Psalm 18, especially verses 19-34).
 - ➔ Pray against the use of the moon as a bow of death, (e.g. Diana’s bow). Ask the Lord to break the satanic bows released through the moon (for example Ps. 46:9).
- ✓ 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.

Alignments This Month:

The following are the additional events which are upon us from the New Moon to the end of the lunar cycle on 26 February. Please apply the Blood of Y’shua / Jesus on these heavenly alignments and command them to declare the righteousness and the Glory of GOD (**Psalm 97:6, Psalm 19:1-6**).

**There’s going to be an annular solar eclipse on February 26, 2017.
So what’s an annular solar eclipse?**

³ Taken from <http://www.seasky.org/astrometry/astrometry-calendar-2015.html> and Steve Olumuyiwa’s monthly New Moon report.

When the Moon covers the Sun's center, leaving the Sun's visible outer edges to form a "ring of fire", or annulus around the Moon, an annular solar eclipse happens.

The ring of fire eclipse will be visible from Chile, Antarctica to Africa on February 26, 2017.

An annular solar eclipse occur only:

- Around a new Moon when the Earth and Sun are aligned on opposite sides of the Moon.
- The Moon and Sun must be near a lunar node forming an almost perfect line between the Sun, the Moon, and Earth.
- **February 26 - New Moon.**
 - The Moon will 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.
- **February 26 - Annular Solar Eclipse.**
 - The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will An annular solar eclipse occurs when the Moon is too far away from the Earth to completely cover the Sun. This results in a ring of light around the darkened Moon. The Sun's corona is not visible during an annular eclipse. The path of the eclipse will begin off the coast of Chile and pass through southern Chile and southern Argentina, across the southern Atlantic Ocean, and into Angola and Congo in Africa. A partial eclipse will be visible throughout parts of southern South America and southwestern Africa
- **March 12 - Full Moon.**
 - The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be will be fully illuminated. This phase occurs at 14:54 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Worm Moon because this was the time of year when the ground would begin to soften and the earthworms would reappear. This moon has also been known as the Full Crow Moon, the Full Crust Moon, the Full Sap Moon, and the Lenten Moon.
- **March 20 - March Equinox.**
 - The March equinox occurs at 10:29 UTC. The Sun will shine directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. This is also the first day of spring (vernal equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of fall (autumnal equinox) in the Southern Hemisphere.
- **March 28 - New Moon.**
 - The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 02:58 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**).

May our Adonai Y'shua, the Chief Intercessor, bless you as you pray with the strength of EL Gibor (the Almighty GOD) and with knowledge this season.

MAY THE LORD STRENGTHEN YOU
TO PRAY IN THIS SEASON!

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 twelfth⁴ 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 Atzamat,
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 month of Adar⁵ corresponds with the tribe of Naftali. As recorded in **Genesis 30:8**, he was the second son born to Rachel's maidservant, Bilhah. Why did Rachel name him Naftali? And what is his Tribe's connection with the month of Adar?

Author Zvi Ryzman notes that tenth century Jewish scholar, Menachem ibn Saruk, of Spain, a contemporary of the renowned French Torah commentator Rashi, recognized that the Hebrew letters of Naftali's name contain the letter combination of the word *p'til* (pei-tav-yod-lamed) that means fastening or connection. He points out that at Naftali's birth, Rachel finally felt securely "fastened" or connected, together with her sister Leah, as a mother of the children of Jacob, a matriarch of the Tribes who would become the Jewish people.

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

⁵PLEASE 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>

Rashi himself associated the name Naftali with similar names in the Torah that mean “to turn to” and “to fall before HaShem in prayer”, as in Moses’ desperate prayer for God’s Grace and Forgiveness of His people at the sin of the Golden Calf (**Deuteronomy 9:25-26**).

This reflects how fervently Rachel had turned and persistently sought the Lord in prayer for the privilege of bringing Israel’s ancestors into the world. It appears that Rachel’s weeping and pleading are not only due to her desire to bear Jacob’s children, but are prophetic acts of intercession for the future generations that will be born and who will be exiled from the Land of Promise. Her cry reaches the Throne of God and He assures, including through the prophet Jeremiah, the eventual return of the children of Israel to His Land:

*Thus says the Lord: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are not." Thus says the Lord: "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded", says the Lord, "and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. There is hope for your future", says the Lord, "and your children shall come back to their own country" (**Jeremiah 31:15-17**).*

Leah, and not Rachel, would be buried in the tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, together with Jacob. Rachel’s legacy would be to remain alone and distinct in her burden for all the children of Israel through the highways of history. We read in **Genesis 35:19-20**, “So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), and Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave; it is the pillar of Rachel’s tomb, which is there to this day”. There is some debate about the actual site of this tomb but, indeed to this day, many children of Israel, particularly those who have returned to the Land according to the Promise of the God of Israel, visit the Tomb of Rachel to cry to the Lord for their own children.

Jacob’s Blessing ...

When Jacob assembled his sons to his deathbed, he blessed Naftali as follows: “Naftali is a hind let loose, who delivers – *imri shafer* – beautiful sayings” (**Genesis 49:21**).

Interestingly, **Proverbs 5:19** compares the Torah to a “beloved hind”. A possible reason for this is found in a verse in the Talmud, which states that just as a hind always remains beloved to her mate so too the Torah remains beloved to those who study it. The Midrash explains that the word *shafer* alludes to the word *l’shafer*, to perfect or to beautify, and to the word shofar. The Tribe of Naftali would obey and perfect, i.e., teach and clarify the words, or sayings, of the Torah that were given at Sinai with the sound of the shofar.

By comparing him to a hind, a female deer, let loose, we can surmise that a characteristic of the Tribe would be alacrity – the ability to swiftly reach “high places” and to be fruitful in their undertakings. Indeed, once the Israelites were in the Land, the northern Galilee area allotted to Naftali proved to be extremely fertile and was the first to rapidly produce much fruit.

The Scriptures also describe how the Tribe of Naftali were ready and able soldiers, quick to defend their nation. With alacrity this Tribe, led by Barak ben Avinoam, joined the prophetess Deborah and fought to defeat Sisera and his mighty army (**Judges 4:10**).

When Moses blessed the Tribe, he proclaimed, “Oh Naftali, satisfied with favor, and full of the blessing of the Lord ...” (**Deuteronomy 33:23**). This was a blessed Tribe indeed; those satisfied with their lot in life. They studied and shared Torah, produced an abundance of olives, fish, and fruits of the Land, and enjoyed the good favor of God and man.

It is not surprising to find that this is the area where Simon Peter and his brothers lived and which Y’shua (Jesus) loved. Here he performed many miracles and gave his key discourse on blessings on the Mount of Beatitudes. The green, fruitful surrounding and the beauty of the fresh water Lake Kinneret glimmering below could not have stood in greater contrast to the dry, barren wilderness landscape of Mount Sinai. However, a dark spiritual shadow covered the land and the people were suffering under harsh Roman domination; their hearts yearned for Messiah and Redemption. Now, here in the Galilee stronghold of the Roman gentiles, they beheld the Light of the Torah Incarnate in their midst.

*... And leaving Nazareth [Jesus] went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naftali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "In the land of Zebulun and the land of Naftali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned" (**Matthew 4:13-16**).*

Adar is the twelfth and last month of the Biblical year, which begins in Nissan the month of liberation from Egyptian slavery. In the Hebrew calendar there is a leap year every two or three years, occurring seven times during a nineteen year cycle. This is done in order to correct the eleven day discrepancy between the length of the Hebrew lunar year and the solar year of the secular calendar. In a leap year, an extra month of Adar is added; thus there are two months of Adar, Adar Aleph (I) and Adar Bet (II).

Interestingly, the question arose as to which Tribe could be associated with this added leap month. The consensus was that, as it was unique and somehow set apart from the regular months and yet helped keep the flow of the months in harmonious alignment, it should be linked with the Tribe of Levi, the descendants of Moses and Aaron.

Levi had no portion of the Land for himself and the priests of Levi lived amongst the other Tribes and went up to live and serve in the Temple when their allotted time came. The unique month of Adar Aleph is a good month specifically to remember that as God's people we all are called to be a "kingdom of priests"; those who serve Him faithfully and share the light and harmonious unity of His Kingdom with others.

The happy holiday of Purim, when the scroll of Esther is read in commemoration of GOD's salvation of the Jews of Persia, always falls on 14th Adar. In a leap year it is celebrated in Adar Bet.

The story of Esther speaks of GOD's people who are in exile and the defeat of the enemy who plots to destroy them. It illustrates the historical threat of Amalek; and the timeless promise of GOD's salvation and ultimate victory. Esther's cry echoes the cry of her matriarch Rachel, and GOD again hears from Heaven and brings deliverance. Faithful GOD and mighty Deliverer! A good reason to celebrate with a party, and to put up a sign to remind yourself,

"Be Happy ... It's Adar!"

Highlighted points⁶ regarding the TWELFTH month:

Every Hebrew month is TRADITIONALLY linked with:

- A letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- One of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

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

- Month of the Tribe of Naphtali, which means “sweetness to me”. Deuteronomy 33:23, *“Naphtali is abounding with favor of the LORD ...”*
- A month of eloquent communication and expressions of joy and laughter. Genesis 49:21, *“Naphtali is a deer let loose; he uses beautiful words (NKJV).”* We need to celebrate the end of our problem(s).
- The month of letter "Kaf " It is a time of removing any masks and entering into laughter. Enter into the true joy of who you are ...
- A month to develop your war strategies against the anti-Messiah spirit. Amalek will try to come to leave you in a place of fear. Exodus 17:8-16, when Moses' hands were raised, Israel had victory, When lowered, they were being defeated. We can keep our “hands raised” by staying in faith and joy.
- A time for wrong decrees to be broken off of you. We encourage you to take time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal some wrong decrees, both self-made, and “others-made”. Forgive those who uttered them, apply the Blood of Y’shua [Jesus] on them, and then break them in His Mighty Name!

Shalom and blessings!

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

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 Translation⁷

"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."

⁷ Translation by Jeff A. Benner, for more information, please see http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12_blessing.html