

2nd New Moon 2018



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

Dates to diarise¹:

| DATES | EVENT |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15 February 2018 | New Moon |
| 23 February 2018 | First Quarter Moon |
| 2 March 2018 | Full Moon |
| 9 March 2018 | Last Quarter Moon |
| 28 February through 1 March 2018 | Festival of Purim |
| March 17 | 3 rd New Moon |

¹ Information obtained from <http://www.planetarium.co.za/skystuff/moonphases2018.pdf>

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:

Deuteronomy 4:19 *“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 17:3 *“... and contrary to MY command has worshipped other gods, bowing down to them or to the sun or the moon or the stars of the sky.”*

Isaiah 47:13-15 *“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.”*

Jeremiah 10:1-2 *“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”.*

Daniel 1:20 *“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.”*

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 and the Twelfth Hebrew Month

We are just about to enter the second lunar season of 2018. This New moon will occur on **Thursday 15th February at 21:06.**

This new moon brings us to the 12th Hebrew month (Adar). Praise God for His mercies. Many things will happen in the heavens this lunar season and it is by standing in Messiah that we shall prevail.

The second moon of 2018 is important for the following reasons.

The month (new moon) begins with a **partial solar eclipse**. As you can recall, solar eclipses are caused when Earth, the Moon and the Sun line up just right and the Moon casts a SHADOW on our planet earth. During a partial solar eclipse, the sun will not be covered in total darkness. When the sun rises, it will rise as a fat crescent (a big C-shaped sun) because the darkness of the moon is covering an edge of the sun. In the southernmost part of the Antarctica, half the face of the sun will be covered in darkness.



On **February 15**, the eclipse of the Moon, Earth and the Sun begins in the JOINING of Capricorn and Aquarius around 20:10 UT.

New moon occurs at 21:06 UT

Three planets, Mercury, Venus and Neptune, will be in alignment with this new moon / eclipse.

Brethren, this is a STRONG MULTIDIMENSIONAL alignment!!

Please anchor these events in the Blood of the Lamb of God (**Colossians 1:20**) and command the heavens to declare the Righteousness and the Glory of Elohim (**Psalms 97:6, Psalm 19**).

The eclipse will be visible only from parts of Antarctica, southern Atlantic Ocean and southern South America. The eclipse begins over Antarctica and the surrounding ocean. It will move up and over South America, including Argentina and Chile, with some visibility as far north as Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil.

As you pray, please remember that eclipses of the sun always result in **divine visitation of territorial judgment** especially in the paths of its coverage while it traverses territories of the earth.

(For example, **Exodus 10:21 darkness over Egypt; Luke 23:44ff** – earthquake and the tearing of Temple veil following the crucifixion of our Lord).

The eclipse targets the ENDS of the earth at the South Pole. Begin by repenting and asking the Lord for mercy on South America and all the nations that participated in traditional and modern day slavery. Repent for sins such as hypocrisy, human trafficking, blood shedding, warfare against Native peoples, greed, violent confiscation of land and properties, pride, etc.

- ◆ Proclaim **Lamentations 5**
- ◆ Ask Elohim for mercy (**Psalm 51**)
- ◆ Apply the Blood of the Lamb (**Colossians 1:20, 2:14-15, Hebrew 9:12-14, 1 John 1:7**)

As earlier pointed out, the eclipse is occurring at the JOINING of Capricorn and Aquarius, which is the point of resurrection where the Goat (Yeshua, our sin offering) becomes the Fish (Yeshua, our risen Redeemer and Fisher of men).

The heavens are proclaiming, calling out to the inhabitants of the Earth to LEAVE SIN AND ALL WORKS OF DARKNESS and be JOINED to Jesus / Yeshua Messiah our Redeemer.

Pray and ask the Lord to DISCONNECT you from all UNRIGHTEOUS JOININGS. Pray **Job 38:12 and 13**. Ask the Lord to command the morning to arise over your life; ask Him to take the ends of the earth and shake the wicked and their wicked activities out of your life, family, nation, etc.

The Lord is highlighting **Song of Solomon 6 and 7 especially 6:9-13**:

Solomon 6:9-13 *“My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners? I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished and the pomegranates budded. Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib. Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies.”*

Rhema Word: Yeshua is coming back for a Bride without spot or wrinkle. He wants His people to stand before Him “fair as the moon, clear as the sun and strong as an army with banners.” No darkness, no corruption, no weakness, no spot, no wrinkle. This is a call to humble ourselves and be fully reconciled to our Redeemer King this new moon as we come full circle to the 12th Hebrew month (Adar).

Further Prayer

Praise and worship the Lord God Almighty (**Psalm 136, 148, 8**, etc.). Thank God for His mercies.

Declare the Lordship of Yeshua over all things (**Colossian 1:15-16, Psalm 24:1**, etc.): yourself, family, community, job / business, the Church, thrones, altars, principalities, powers, witchcraft, occultism, water spirits, satanic princes and watchmen, the moon god allah, sun, moon, stars, the solar eclipse, etc.

Speak to the heavens with the Voice of the Blood of Yeshua (**Hebrew 12:24**) and deprogram the evil (darkness, shadows, instability, slavery, backwardness, delay, wars, famine, poverty, diseases, etc.) that the army of satan has programmed into the heavens during the eclipses that have passed over the waters, southern hemisphere, south America, all nations connected to these continents directly or indirectly, your life, family, etc.

Apply the Blood of Yeshua to blot out this evil handwriting **Colossians 2:14**. Ask the Lord to disarm the works of the army of satan over your life, family, the Church, your nation, etc. **Colossians 2:15**.

Sprinkle the Blood of Yeshua on the PATH of the solar eclipse: Antarctica, the South Pole, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Falkland Islands. Ask Yeshua, Who is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE to reign over this eclipse path.

Pray for the merciful intervention of the LORD in the troubled path of the eclipse.

Pray for healing and restoration of the wounded in these nations.

Praise for the peace of God to rule and reign in these areas.

Pray that the sun and 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, nation, etc.

Ask the Lord to strengthen the moon like the two witnesses in **Revelation 11:3ff**.

Pray that witchcraft, global occultism and Islamic fundamentalism will not have dominion over the solar eclipse in the Name of Yeshua Messiah.

Exalt the Ancient of Days, the Most High who sits on the Throne (**Isaiah 6, Rev 4**), the One who has the power to slay the boastful horn of satan represented as the fourth beast in **Daniel 7:9ff**.

***Daniel 7:9** “I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him. Ten thousand times ten thousands stood before Him. The courts were seated, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.”*

Praise Yeshua our Savior-Redeemer, the worthy Lamb of God (**Revelation 5**), the One who has an everlasting kingdom and dominion (**Daniel 7:13-14**):

***Daniel 7: 13-14** “I was watching in the night visions and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”*

Pray from **Psalms 2**. The Bible proclaims that the earth and its fullness belong to God (**Psalms 24**).

Ask the Lord to visit all satanic altars in the heavens (the square and the compass of occultists, the pentagrams of witches, rolling stones, etc.) with fury, anger and fire. Let the Lord uproot and destroy them (**Isaiah 64:1-4, Psalms 144:5-6**, etc.)

Pray **against shadow sorcery**: the shadow of the moon will be swept over the southernmost axis of the earth during the solar eclipse. Witches and occultists will bring out their “book of shadows” to program into this event. Release the Fire of God on these evil books.

Pray against all manners of shadows and darkness. We shall abide under the Shadow of the Almighty God (**Psalms 91**) and our inheritance will not be buried in shadows.

Pray against grace neutralizers.

Bring judgment on the queen of heaven (**Isaiah 47**), witchcraft spirit (**Micah 5:10-15, Psalms 69:22-28, Nehemiah 3, Exodus 22:18, Micah 3:6-7**, etc.), idolatry (**Isaiah 19:1**, etc.).

Please ask the LORD of Hosts to confront water spirits that may be prepared to do havoc when the eclipse passes over the waters: **Isaiah 27:1, Ezekiel 29:2-5, 32:2-8, Ezekiel 32, Zechariah 10:11, Psalm 29, 114**, etc. With the Key of David, shut the heavens against all satanic watchmen (**Revelation 3:7**).

Program the following into the heavens for yourself, family, community, the Church, your nation, etc. Mass repentance, compelling and successful mission in the nations, revival, salvation, righteousness, holiness, mercy, destruction of witchcraft, occultism, idolatry and new age agenda to rob us of our blessings, extinction of Islamic terrorism and aggressive blood shedding activities, emergence of Christian-servant rulers/leaders, favor, grace, wisdom, understanding, economic blessings, grace to watch and pray without ceasing, victorious Christian life, etc.

For the believer in Messiah, remember *"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:"(Acts 2:20). It is therefore expedient that we conduct ourselves as though the rapture will happen anytime from now. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,..." (2 Peter 3:10-11)*

Other events as the season concludes (apply the Blood of the Lamb of God on these events and proclaim **Psalm 97:6, Psalm 19:1**)

33rd hour of the moon occurs at 8:06 UT on February 17

Proclaim the death of Yeshua (**Hebrew 2:14-15**) to nullify all 33rd degree enchantments and sorceries. Command the moon to declare the righteousness and glory of the LORD **Psalm 97:6, Psalm 19:1**

February 15-17:

Strong alignments involving the new moon and the planet Mercury, Venus, and Neptune.

February 16-17:

Mercury aligns with the Sun, and it moves to the night side of the Sun. Mercury joins Venus in the night sky as an evening planet.

First crescent moon: February 16-20.

Fasten the Blood of Yeshua into the heavens.

First crescent phase, called Diana's bow used to shoot moon arrows to afflict and kill. 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**).

February 21:

Alignment of Neptune and Venus

First quarter moon: February 23

Significant strengthening of the month.

Praise Yeshua, our Light and our salvation (**Psalm 27**). Remember, satanists use quarter moon periods to fortify themselves spiritually through enchantments. We must counter this every month at the first and last quarter moons.

Please read **Nahum 1-3, Micah 5:10-15**, and pray that all the fortifications, strongholds and towers of satan and his army fastened into the half moon will collapse completely. Use **Psalm 18** to pray and thank the LORD for being your fortification.

First quarter moon aligns with the star Aldebaran, the eye of the Bull. Pray the eyes of the Lord to continue to watch over you and your household. **2 Chronicle 16:9**

Conjunction of Neptune and Mercury on February 25

Moon and Regulus, the King star (Praise Yeshua, the Lion of Judah **Revelation 5**), March 1.

We shall bring up a supplementary 3rd Full Moon 2018 Newsletter as we approach the Full moon of this twelfth month of Adar which comes up on Friday 2nd March 2018.

May Yeshua our Chief intercessor strengthen and encourage you with victory and breakthrough as you watch and pray as we enter this closing month of the Israeli Religious year.

Shalom and God's richest blessings always!

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 during the following events:

| DATES | WHAT | INFORMATION |
|--------------|--|---|
| February 15 | 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 21:05 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 15 | Partial Solar Eclipse | A partial solar eclipse occurs when the Moon covers only a part of the Sun, sometimes resembling a bite taken out of a cookie. A partial solar eclipse can only be safely observed with a special solar filter or by looking at the Sun's reflection. This partial eclipse will only be visible in parts of Chile, Argentina, and Antarctica. (NASA Map and Eclipse Information) |
| March 2 | 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 00:51 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 15 | Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation | The planet Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation of 18.4 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 evening sky. Look for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset. |

² Taken from <http://www.seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-2018.html>

2018 FULL MOON *Madness!*

JAN



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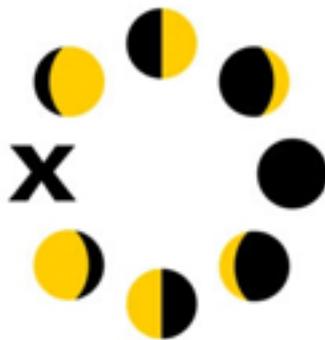
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- Year's Largest Supermoon



31st

- Full Blue Moon
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- Full Worm Moon



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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); Send you help from the sanctuary and support, refresh, and strengthen you from Zion; Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah (pause, and think of that)! May He grant you according to your heart’s desire and fulfill all your plans. 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. 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. 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. They are bowed down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright. 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**).
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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 TWELFTH³ 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.

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

HEBREW MONTH OF NAFTALI

The month of Adar⁴ 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.

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:

Jeremiah 31:15-17 *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".*

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**).

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>

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’shaper*, 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.

Matthew 4:13-16 “... 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”.

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, to be HAPPY ... it's Adar!

Highlighted points⁵ regarding the TWELFTH 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 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!

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/>

Priestly Blessing

“Y’varekh’kha YHVH v’yishmerekha.
May YHVH bless you and keep you.

Ya’er YHVH panav eleikha vichunekka.
May YHVH make His Face shine on you and show you His favour.

Yissa YHVH panav eleikha v’yasem l’kha shalom.
May YHVH lift up His Face toward you and give you peace.

In this way they are to put My Name on the people of Israel, so that I will bless them.”

Numbers 6:24-27

