

3rd New Moon 2018



*Please note: this Rosh Chodesh marks the beginning of the **FIRST** month, according to the Biblical Hebrew calendar ... **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!***

Dates to diarise¹:

DATES	EVENT
17 Marh 2018	New Moon
24 March 2018	First Quarter Moon
31 March 2018	Full Moon
8 April 2018	Last Quarter Moon
April 16	4 th 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 FIRST Hebrew Month



We are entering the Appointed Times of Pesach (Passover)² and Chag Ha'Matzot (the Feast of Unleavened Bread)! Remember, during this Season, GOD says:

- ◆ HE will take us OUT.
- ◆ HE will DELIVER us.
- ◆ HE will bring us into a NEW LAND.

This is a Season open for change ... all we have to do is cry out. GOD hears the cries of His Children!

² For more information on these Feasts, please see our book at the following link:
<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=138>

The Passover, as we know, commemorates the night the LORD "passed over" the blood sprinkled house of Israelites, sparing their first born, but killing the firstborn Egyptians and their livestock.

This happened about midnight. Everyone in Egypt was awake in the midnight as this event occurred. There was death in every family! Even Pharaoh was awake he was forced to keep the night watch.

As believers of Y'shua (Jesus), not only are we to remember the story of the Lamb, we are to be reminded of His Blood, Death, Burial, and Resurrection. It is the same story.

Messiah was crucified on the Passover, when the Passover lambs were being offered. This pictures Messiah's death on the cross as our Passover (John 19:36, Exodus 12:46).

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 *"(About the condition of your church) your boasting is not good (indeed, it is most unseemly and entirely out of place). Do you not know that (just) a little leaven will ferment the whole lump (of dough)? Purge (clean out) the old leaven that you may be fresh (new) dough, still uncontaminated (as you are), for Christ, our Passover (Lamb), has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of vice and malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened (bread) of purity (nobility, honour) and sincerity and (unadulterated) truth."*

In summary, this Season speaks of release from bondage to sins, oppressions of the enemy and all that contradicts the new life that Y'shua (Jesus) died for on the cross. Moses at the time of Israel's Passover told Pharaoh that they will not leave one hoof behind in Egypt. You also must insist on complete Passover for yourself and your family in this season.

Two other Feasts (see the Feasts of the LORD, **Leviticus 23:4-14**) are celebrated during the spring:

- ◆ The Feast of Unleavened Bread,
- ◆ The Feast of First Fruits.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a seven day event. The latter Feast speaks of cleansing, sanctification, and being set apart as GOD's holy vessels. This is a time to really humble ourselves before the LORD. Ask Him to search you and show you all manners of leaven (sin) which need to be purged out of your life (**2 Corinthians 7:1**). We need to receive the LORD's circumcision (**Colossians 2:11**). We need to feed on Messiah, the Unleavened Bread of Life (**1 Corinthians 5:6-8**).

The Feast of First Fruits is always the third day counting from Passover. It is the start of the barley harvest when the first fruits of the harvest were waved before the LORD. This was for Israel when they entered Canaan, for they could not celebrate it in the wilderness. In parallel, we see that Messiah was raised on the Feast of First Fruits. This pictures the resurrection of Messiah (1 Corinthians 15:20-23). The entire "resurrection harvest" belongs to GOD. Since we belong (being purchased) to GOD, we should wholly offer ourselves to Him. We should also seek Him to quicken fruitfulness from our lives at this time.

For more information/studies on Pesach (Passover) and the spring Feasts, be sure to check out the Biblical Foundations section of the website at <http://www.kanaanministries.org/biblical-foundations/>, as well as the following downloads:

- ◆ A Messianic Perspective Of The Spring Feasts
<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=138>
- ◆ A Journey Of Seven Weeks To Mount Sinai
<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=133>
- ◆ On Which Day Is Shavuot?
<http://www.kanaanministries.org/downloads/?did=150>

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 Glory of GOD during the following events:

DATES	WHAT	INFORMATION
March 17	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 13:12 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.
March 20	March Equinox	The March equinox occurs at 16:15 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 31	Full Moon, Blue 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 12:37 UTC. Since this is the second full moon in the same month, it is sometimes referred to as a blue moon. This year is particularly unique in that January and March both contain two full moons while February has no full moon.

Pray for **divine reversals of everything** that opposes the plan and purpose of Elohim in the earth, the nations, the Church, Israel, and of course, your own life (**Isaiah 44: 24-26**).

Ask the Ancient of Days to uproot and reverse stubborn situations out.

³ Taken from <http://www.seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-2018.html>

2018 FULL MOON *Madness!*

JAN



1st

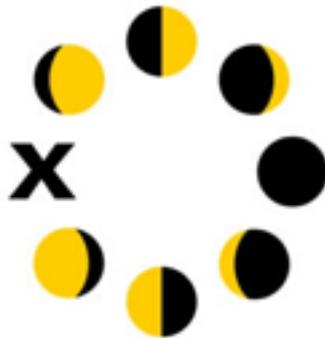
- Full Wolf Moon
- Year's Largest Supermoon



31st

- Full Blue Moon
- Total Lunar Eclipse
- Blood Moon

FEB



**NO
FULL
MOON**



MAR



1st

- Full Worm Moon



31st

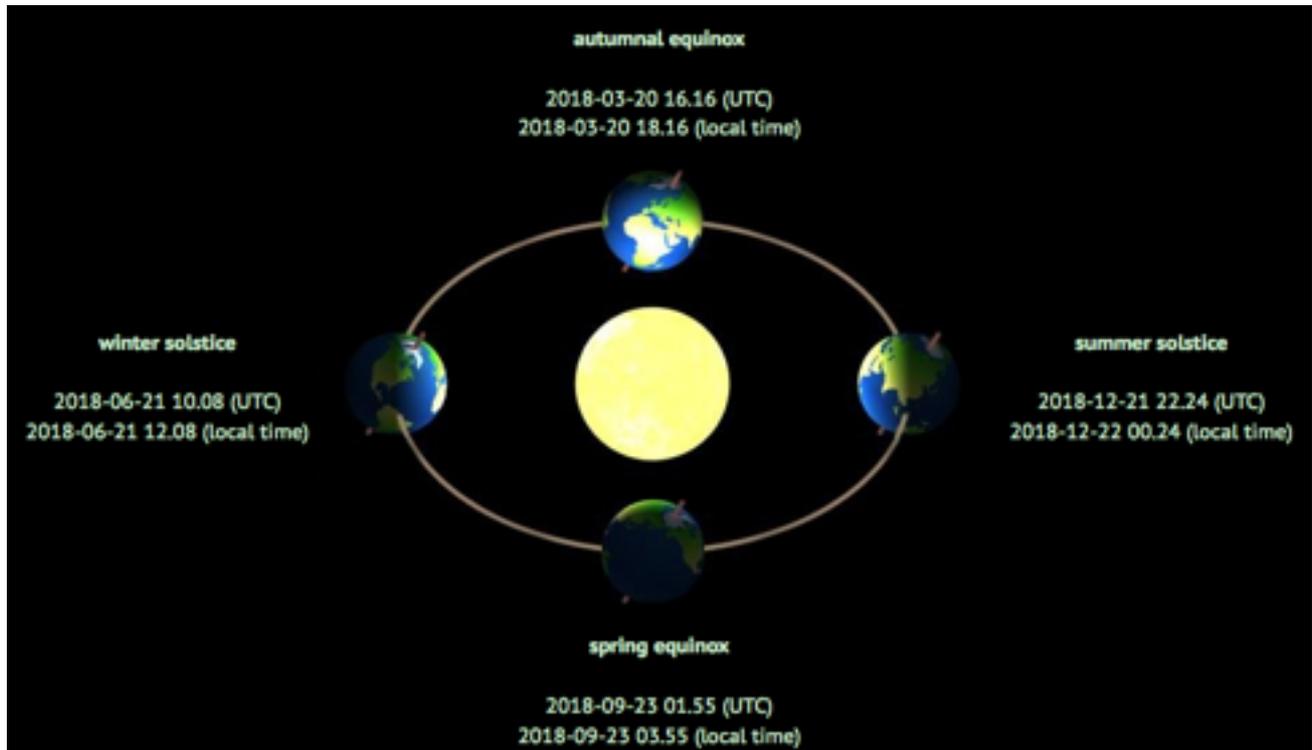
- Full Blue Moon

Want more astronomy?
FarmersAlmanac.com

What is an Equinox⁴

⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enlih8M5DN0>

Equinox⁵ and Solstice



Spring Equinox⁶ – Vernal Equinox

The Vernal (Spring) Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere is the Autumnal (Fall) Equinox in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.

Not entirely equal Day & Night

On the equinoxes the Sun shines directly on the equator and the length of [day and night is nearly equal](#) – but not quite.

The March equinox marks the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator – from south to north and vice versa in September.

⁵ www.meteo.capetown/pages/astronomy/equisol.php

⁶ <https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/spring-equinox.html>

When is the Equinox in my City?

Vernal Equinox: Northern Hemisphere

- ◆ USA, Central America, Canada, Europe, Asia, northern Africa

Vernal Equinox – Southern Hemisphere

- ◆ Australia, New Zealand, South America, southern Africa

First Day of Spring?

In the Northern Hemisphere, the Vernal (Spring) Equinox marks the first day of [astronomical spring](#). There's also another, more common definition of when the seasons start, namely meteorological definitions, which are based on average temperatures rather than astronomical events.

The Equinox

A major shift in the seasons occurs as the sun crosses the celestial equator in the yearly event known as the autumnal equinox and/or vernal equinox (depending on which hemisphere/season you are in). On the day of the equinox, the day and the night are of exact equal lengths.

There are two equinoxes every year, the first occurring around 20-22 March and the other September 21/22 every year. The term *equinox* in the Latin means equal night. In other words, the night equals the day in length.

Although, as the etymology of the word suggests, the term originally referred to the two times each year when night and day are the same length, the modern definition of the equinoxes is the instant at which the centre of the sun crosses declination zero (the celestial equator, which is the projection of the earth's equator onto the sky).

The first one that occurs every year in the Southern Hemisphere is called the Autumnal Equinox. The second one later in the year is called the Vernal Equinox. The reverse is the case in the Northern Hemisphere.

What is the significance of the spring equinox?

It signifies the commencement of spring. Spring holds a lot of important symbolism in GOD's Creation Order. It is the commencement of plant life after the long cold winter season. Creation itself appears to resurrect with leaves, flowers, and fruiting. Bird and animal life liven up, and of course mankind itself enjoys all of these coupled with experiencing a new period of bounty, abundance and even liberty. It is the approach of summer. Our Saviour referred to this symbolism in one of His Parables.

Luke 21:29-30 *"And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand."*

From this time on, the length of the nighttime will decrease and daytime will increase until Summer Solstice when we have the longest day of the year. However, as we have always said, this season like all the others also affects the earth spiritually.

This is the way GOD ordained it. We therefore need to key into this season and exert spiritual legislation through strategic and prophetic praying to ensure that God's Purposes are enforced in our nations. It is strategic that spring signifies resurrection. Each of us should pray that those aspects of our lives and spirituality that are either dead or are about to die receive the Breath of God to spring forth again in this season of spring and resurrection.

We encourage all of us to prophetically pray that GOD's Purposes in our lives, in the Body of Messiah, and in our nations receive a springing forth in this season of the Vernal Equinox. On the flip side are the activities of darkness in this period, which we cannot afford to ignore.

What is the significance of the autumnal equinox?

It signifies the commencement of fall in the Southern Hemisphere of the earth. It is the transition season from summer to winter. The fall is the final point of harvest.

From this time on, darkness will increase and daylight will decrease until Winter Solstice, when we have the longest night of the year. However, as we have always said, this season like all the others, also affects the earth spiritually. This is the way GOD ordained it. We therefore need to key into this season and exert spiritual legislation through strategic praying to ensure that the GOD's Purposes are enforced in our nations.

- ◆ At this time, first, we must give great praise to Y'shua (Jesus), the LION OF JUDAH (**Revelation 5**), the ONLY ONE who prevailed to open the scroll and loose its seven seals.
- ◆ Second of all, we must watch over these heavenly alignments to ensure that they declare the Glory and Righteousness of the LORD (**Psalms 19:1-6; 97:6**).
- ◆ Third, we must put on the full armour of the LORD to withstand the wiles of the wicked who would like to hijack these heavenly alignments to our disadvantage and for their own benefit.
- ◆ Fourth, proclaim **Isaiah 26** over yourself, family, nation, church, and so forth. The LORD says we must hide in Him at this time till the indignation passes (**Isaiah 26:20**).
- ◆ Pray for mercy and strong protection under the shadow of El Shaddai (**Psalms 91**).

As the sun crosses the equator bringing the earth into its new season, please arise and bring strong praise and worship to our GOD, the One Who changes the times and the seasons. This season, like all the others, also affects the earth spiritually.

This is the way GOD ordained it. We therefore need to key into this season and exert spiritual legislation through strategic and prophetic praying to ensure that GOD's Purposes are enforced in our lives and nations. Remember that spring is all about resurrection of life, and the fall is about harvest. Ask the LORD to command a resurrection of all those GOD-ordained good things that have died or are about to die both in your life and the nation. Pray for a great harvest of souls!

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 FIRST⁷ 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.

⁷ Taken from the mailing list of Keren Hannah Pryor — “Appointments With GOD” — www.jcstudies.com.

HEBREW MONTH OF JUDAH

The names of the Hebrew months have their origin from the exile of the Jews to Babylonia and Persia. In the Scriptures the months are originally numbered, such as, the first month, the second month. The Babylonian-Persian names can be found in later books of the Bible, such as the book of Esther.

This “first month” (Nissan), was established by GOD at the Exodus from Egypt: *“This month shall be for you the first of the months”* (**Exodus 12:2**). It was a new day for the slaves who stood on the threshold of freedom. Now their days, as the chosen people of the King of the Universe, would be counted.

This FIRST month, with the festival of Passover on the [fifteenth](#) of the month, always signals the Season of Spring, the time of rebirth and new life. As it is the first, or “king”, of the months, the kings of Israel were inaugurated on Rosh Chodesh Nissan and the years of their kingship were measured by this date.

Zvi Ryzman informs from Bnei Yissachar, Ma’amerei Chodesh Nissan 1:4 ... “In the order of encampments, (Nissan) corresponds to the tribe of Yehudah, from whom ‘the stump of Jewish royalty’ will emerge.”

The symbol on the standard of the tribe of Judah, as they led the formation of the tribes of Israel through the wilderness, was the lion — the “king” of the animal world.

Revelation 5:5 *“Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Yehudah) the root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals”.*

In his prophetic vision recorded in the **book of Revelation**, whom did John behold?

None but the **Passover Lamb of GOD**, who lay down his life that all may be set free from bondage and enter the Kingdom of GOD. He says,

Revelation 5:6-7 *“I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain ... and He went and took the scroll from the Right Hand of Him who was seated on the throne,”*

And the elders fell before the Lamb and they sang a new song,

Revelation 5:9-10 *“Worthy are You ... for You were slain and by Your blood ransomed many for GOD from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on earth”.*

The Lamb, who is the Lion, is the King of these who shall reign on earth when he sets up his throne in Jerusalem and establishes the Kingdom of his Father on earth, as it is in Heaven.

When Jacob blessed his sons before his death, he proclaimed to Judah:

Genesis 49:8 *“Yehudah, you, your brothers shall acknowledge!”*

The translation Onkelos suggests that Yehudah would be acclaimed by all his brothers due to the honesty and courage he evidenced in the issue with his daughter-in-law, Tamar. He immediately and openly acknowledged his guilt and said,

Genesis 38: *“ ... She is more righteous than I...”*

His admission saved her life. This same regard for innocent life is illustrated when Judah wisely advises his brothers not to take Joseph’s life after they had thrown him in the pit (**Genesis 36:26-27**).

The Midrash notes the interesting fact that all his brothers would eventually be called by Yehudah’s name. “No one would introduce himself as a Reuvenite or a Shimonite — they would all refer to themselves as Yehudim.”

Indeed, we see in the **book of Esther** that Mordechai, although he was of the tribe of Benjamin, is described as a Yehudi.

Esther 2:5 *“Now there was a Jew (Yehudi) in Susa the capital whose name was Mordechai, ... a Benjaminite”.*

Esther 3:6 *The enemy “Haman sought to destroy all the Jews (Yehudim), the people of Mordechai, throughout the whole kingdom ...”*

This phenomenon appears to be a result of the exile, which despite the tragedy of dispersion served to unite the tribes as one people — named, as Jacob had prophesied, in honor of their brother Yehudah.

We also find evidence of this categorization in the **book of Daniel**, when “...certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews (Yehudim) ...to King Nebuchadnezzar” (**Esther 3:8-9**). Their charge being: “There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

These men, O king, pay no heed to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up” (**Esther 3:12**). As was the case with Mordechai, and those in the Persian Empire who chose to join with him and his people in the worship of the one true GOD, the factor that separates the Yehudim from the people of the nations is that they reject the worship of idols.

“If I perish, I perish”

These immortal words of Esther, who was prepared to put her life at risk for the sake of her people, reflect a core characteristic of true Yehudim. The roots of this courage go back to the fathers of our faith, Abraham and Isaac. Abraham always acted in ready obedience to the commands of GOD, even when they went against every ounce of his reason.

This was particularly highlighted when GOD commanded that he sacrifice Isaac and he acted counter to his deep instinct to preserve his beloved son. Abraham’s loyal obedience together with Isaac’s trusting, humble willingness to be bound on the altar as a sacrifice are glowing examples of putting nothing, no form of idol, not even one’s own life and aspirations, before one’s reverence of GOD — the Creator and Giver of life.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego chose, in their faithfulness, to face the flames of the most intense furnace and Daniel chose to be thrown into a den of hungry lions rather than bow to a foreign idol — and it could well be the Messiah of the tribe of Yehudah who met them there and preserved them. The same Lion of Judah who would offer himself as a sacrificial Lamb in order to make the ultimate and perfect sacrifice for the people of GOD.

It is no surprise, therefore, that the God of Israel chose to place His Name and to build the House of His Holy Presence, the Beit HaMikdash, in the portion of the Promised Land allocated to the tribe of Judah. The place of the Holy Mount where Abraham bound Isaac to the altar and GOD provided the ram; the place where Yeshua said, “Abraham saw my day and was glad,” and where he lay down his life in faithful obedience — in Jerusalem, the City of King David, and the City of the Great King who will reign there forever. When King Solomon built and dedicated the Temple, GOD promised:

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this House that My Name may be there forever; My eyes and My heart will be there for all time. **(2 Chronicles 7:14-16)**

The place, haMakom, the Holy Mount where the Western Wall stands in Jerusalem today and remains of the Temple still rest, will abide for all time as GOD promised.

He allowed the beautiful Temple to be destroyed in order that it might be built as a Living Sanctuary in the hearts of His people. With the blood of the Lamb on their hearts and in the power of His Spirit of Holiness, they were enabled to carry the light of His Presence and the truth of His Word into the nations to dispel the darkness of idolatry. The Lion of Judah, the offspring of David of the tribe of Yehudah, would indeed prevail and make the way for all “without GOD and without hope” to repent and to enter eternal life in the Household of GOD.

Highlighted points⁸ regarding the FIRST 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.

- ◆ Nisan is the 1st month of GOD's Annual Cycle as well as the month of the tribe of Judah — which means "praise". In this first month of the year, be sure everything you do starts with praise and thanksgiving (**Judges 1:2; 20:18**).
- ◆ This is the month of redemption (a price has been paid for you to be unlocked out of every one of your prisons). Study the story of Ruth and claim your destiny.
- ◆ This is the time of miracles (**Nehemiah 2:1; Esther 3:7**).
- ◆ The annual renewal of GOD's Plan as revealed in the season of Feasts. Ask the Holy Spirit to blow upon you for refreshing, new revelation, and a quickened understanding of what GOD is doing in your life.
- ◆ A month of thanking GOD for your deliverance, step into the full freedom of the Passover season.
- ◆ Be like Joshua and be prepared to cross over during this month (**Joshua 1:6-9**), into your promised land.

⁸ 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

