

7th New Moon 2017



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

Dates to diarise¹:

DATES	EVENT	TIME	UTC (www.seasky.org)
23 July	New Moon	11:46	09:46
30 July	First Quarter Moon	17:23	
7 August	Full Moon	20:11	
15 August	Third Quarter Moon	03:15	
21 August	8 th New Moon	20:30	18:30

¹ Information obtained from <http://www.planetarium.co.za/skystuff/moonphases2017.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 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>

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We bring you greetings this New Moon, the fifth month of the Hebrew calendar and the 7th month in the Gregorian calendar.

We pray **Isaiah 40** asking the LORD of consolation to comfort those who are going through affliction in this season of heightened warfare across the nations.

The 5th month is a sober month in Israel and a day is always set for fasting to remember the calamities that befell Israel and ask for the mercy of God. (**Zechariah 7:3, Jeremiah 52:12-13, II Kings 25:8-9**).

The first of the 5th month is also the day that Aaron the priest died on Mount Hor. (**Numbers 33:38**) When this happened according to the accounts of **Numbers 20**, Israel spent the whole of the 30 days of the 5th month in mourning Aaron.

Revelation 5:5 *“Weep not, for the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David has prevailed. Aaron’s priesthood was transferred to Eliezer his son.”*

The 5th month also signifies the beginning of a new priesthood order. We should renew therefore our priesthood garments and order according to the order of Yeshua / Jesus in this 5th new month.

Pray Revelation 5:5 *“I will not weep; I will not fear; I will not be anxious because Yeshua, the Lion of Judah has prevailed for me. The Lion of Judah has roared (**Amos 3:8**) in my behalf, I am victorious. I will tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will hurt me (**Luke 10:19**) in the Name of Jesus Christ.”*

Pray Isaiah 61:3 *“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified”.*

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The Fifth New Moon

July 23: The new moon will occur at **09:46 UT on July 23.**

Mars, the red planet (used to invoke war), will be in alignment with the new moon. Apply the Blood of the prevailing Lamb of God (**Revelation 5:5**) into the heavens. Ask the Lord God to ride the heavens to help and protect you against war-mongers and those who prey on the righteous. Pray **Isaiah 49:24** to the end.

This new moon as we fellowship together, let us worship the LORD of Hosts with song, tamborine, dance, and the sounding of the shofar.

The Word of God says:

***Psalms 81:1-3** “Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.”*

Pray using **Psalms 92** asking the Lord to sanctify and refresh you with His Heavenly oil. Pray that the anointing will break every yoke. Prophecy from **Isaiah 60** that you will be quickened to rise and shine in the everlasting Light of Yeshua, the Light of the world. Receive renewed strength and supernatural - victory as you fight a good fight of faith.

The month of Simeon

The 5th month is also the month of Simeon, the second son of Jacob. His mother, Leah named him Simeon, saying “*Because God has heard that I am unloved, He has given me this one also.*”

Simeon, a hot-blooded youth, often reacted quickly and physically, especially when paired with his brother Levi. When their sister Dinah was kidnaped and raped by the prince of Shechem, Simeon and Levi, stirred up by righteous anger, killed the men of the city, ignoring the fact that Dina’s other brothers had already convinced the residents of Shechem to circumcise themselves, and live in peace with Jacob’s family (**Genesis 34**).

By circumcising themselves, the men of Shechem had become covenant-brothers of Jacob and his family, and to murder them was to repeat the sin of Cain. Just as Cain was exiled from the land near Eden into a place of wandering, so Jacob cursed Simeon and Levi to be scattered in Israel (**Genesis 49:5-7**).

Consequently, instead of being a strong tribe, Simeon was the weakest tribe in Israel (**Numbers 26**). When the Land was divided among the different tribes, Simeon had no part given him; but as the allotment of Judah was too large for that tribe, Simeon was allowed to occupy a portion of the inheritance of Judah (**Joshua 19**). He and his descendants stayed close to Judah his brother (**Judges 1**).

The lessons to be learned here for purposes of prayer this month are as follows:

a) Simeon means “Hearing”

This is a month of the ears and hearing. Please read **Revelation 1-3** and allow the Lord to minister to you through His message to the seven churches—each of the message ends with the conclusion:

“he who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches.”

- Pray for deliverance from spiritual deafness.
- Pray for ability to hear the Spirit of God clearly.
- Pray for understanding (in your heart).
- Pray for the grace to be a hearer and doer of God’s Word.

b) Simeon was a man of war, fearless and intolerant of sin, which are virtuous attributes.

But he had no self-control, and thus acted in the flesh. The Bible says

“he that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city” (**Proverbs 16:32**),

... but “he that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls” (**Proverbs 25:28**).

“For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God” (**James 1:20**)

Let us repent of all manners of anger expressed in the flesh, which have resulted in sin (Be you angry, and sin not **Ephesians 4:26**); ask for forgiveness and cleansing by the Blood of the Lamb of God

c) Simeon stayed with Judah, who was also a fearless man of war (Genesis 49:8-9, Numbers 24:8-9),

... but was different because he acted based on the voice of God (for example, **Judges 1:1-3**).

Simeon’s association with Judah incorporated him into the Will of Yahweh and caused him to have an inheritance (**Judges 1:17**).

This can be likened to our redemption by Jesus, our Saviour, the Lion of Judah and the Lamb who prevailed to redeem us for all curse and gave us an inheritance in the kingdom of God (**Rev 5**).

Let us offer abundant sacrifice of praise to the author of our salvation this month. Let us continue to abide in Him - Being confident of this very thing, that He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ (**Phil 1:6**)

Other important alignments in the heavens during the month are given below:

(Apply the Blood of Yeshua into the heavens and command the heavens to declare the righteousness and glory of God: **Psalm 97:6, Psalm 19: 1-6**)

July 24 @ 18:46 UT - 33rd hour of the moon

When the new moon is 33 hours precisely, it can be seen with the naked eye as a thin **crescent moon**. At this point, some exploit the number 33 in 33 degree-based occultic activities in the moon.

This is a powerful global enchantment fashioned to counter the outcome of the 33 years ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth. We should counter this onslaught on the work of redemption by enforcing the truth that at 33 years, Yeshua was lifted up on the cross in order to destroy the works of the devil and draw all men to Himself.

Let us proclaim the death of Yeshua in **Hebrew 2:14-15** so that the people of God can be set free:

Hebrew 2:14-15 *“Forasmuch 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.

July 24 to 27

From July 24 to 27, the first crescent moon will be visible in the sky.

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.

Please read the previous newsletters for more information on the central role of the moon in witchcraft and occult practices.

Use the scripture from **Hebrews 2:14-15** and **Rev 14: 14ff** to tackle this issue and break any evil **bow or sickle programmed** to shoot arrows of sickness and death.

Three-way alignment of the first crescent moon:

Regulus, the king star in the sickle of the heavenly Lion and Mercury, the fastest / messenger planet (**July 25, Rev 14:14ff**)

July 27: Alignment of the Sun and Mars

Apply the Blood of the prevailing Lamb of God (**Rev 5:5**) into the heavens. Ask the Lord God to ride the heavens to help and protect you against war-mongers and those who prey on the righteous. Pray **Isaiah 49: v 24** to the end.

Alignment of the first crescent moon and **Jupiter**, the biggest planet. The Hebrew name of Jupiter is **Zedek** – righteousness. Praise Yeshua, the Lion of Judah and King of Righteousness (**July 28, Isaiah 32: 1-8, Rev 5**)

July 30: First quarter moon

Lift up the Cross of Yeshua (**Col 2:15**) in the **prominent terminator** of the quarter moon and proclaim that it is the terminator of all curses and satanic proclamations over you, your family, business, finances, ministry, nation, Church, etc.

Nightfall of July 31 to sunset on August 1st: (9th of Av)

The 9th of Av a day set aside for fasting to remember the calamities that befell Israel and ask for the mercy of Adonai Elohim (**Zechariah 7:3, Jeremiah 52:12-13, II Kings 25:8-9**).

- Please fast and pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
- pray for the redemption of Israel and all nations.
- Pray for yourself and your family.
- Ask the Most High God to cover your head in the day of battle and hide you in the time of indignation.

August 2: First quarter moon and Antares (Luke 10:19)

August 3:

- i) Planet **Uranus** begins backward movement (divine reversals **Isaiah 44: 24-25**)
- ii) Another divine reversal alignment of the quarter moon and backward moving **Saturn**, the planet with rings, belts and a hexagon cap;

Apply the Blood of Yeshua as your covering and the deliverance (**Zechariah 9:11**) from satanic mind control caps, rings and belts. Saturn is in backward motion, so, pray **Isaiah 44: 24-25**.

August 7 at 8:11 UT: Full moon and partial lunar eclipse (Psalm 81: 1-6).

The moon will pass through the outer shadow of the earth in partial eclipse at the time of the full moon.

Please pray that the fullness of all the activities surrounding this moon will comply with the counsel of Jesus Christ because in Him only is the fullness of all things. (**Colossians 1:19**).

At least **3 days** are devoted to Full Moon celebrations; therefore, endeavour to pray from **August 7-10**.

August 7 at 7:40 UT: Full moon and Cross quarter day

This is the mid-point between summer solstice and autumnal equinox (**September 22**) in the northern hemisphere (in the southern hemisphere, it is the mid-point between winter and spring).

Lammas (1 August 2017)

In this month of new beginnings, all over the world, witches are having another demonic sabbat called **Lammas** and/or **Lughnasadh**, the cross-quarter day **halfway** between the summer / winter solstice and the fall / spring equinox.

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

The crucial themes of the demonic Lammas gatherings are:

- ◆ Possessing **the gate** of the New Moon leading to the month of August by witches to ensure that the moon is enchanted maximally for their benefit. The Church should overthrow these gatekeepers by possessing the gates of this 7th New Moon by prayer force.
- ◆ Healing of wounds from spiritual battles of the past year.

Exodus 22:18 *“You shall not allow a woman to live who practices sorcery.”*

- ◆ Renewal of strength with blood. Why should we allow that when the LORD says:

Isaiah 48:22 “There is no peace, says the LORD, for the wicked.”

- ◆ Proclaiming bondage and captivity for followers of Messiah Y’shua (Jesus Christ), as in the days of Peter and Emperor Nero. This is contrary to our destiny.
- ◆ All these demonic desires are to be given maximum force from the New Moon to the full moon.
- ◆ On the day of the New Moon and during the solar eclipse, the **book of shadows** will be brought forth for **darkness shadow and crisis sorcery**. Please pray against all manners of shadows and darkness.

Proclaim these scriptures to judge the host of hell: **Nahum 3, Isaiah 47, Micah 3:6-7, Micah 5:10-15, Psalm 69: 22-28, Isaiah 44:24-26, Exodus 22:18.**

As you can see from the foregoing, this is a time to watch and pray so that the enemy will not catch us unawares. The JOY of being rooted and grounded in the KING Y’shua / Jesus Christ is that the Word says that we belong to a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, the Kingdom of Y’shua / Jesus) the Messiah, which cannot be moved — Hallelujah!

Let us sound the shofar continuously at this time. Thank GOD for His Promise to grant us a Mighty Voice in the heavens (**Isaiah 51:16**). Thank Him for His Grace, Love, Mercy and Favour.

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**).

Witches will like to affect the earth with war, fire and demonic fury in the nations. We ought to apply the Blood of Jesus into this period and command the heavens to declare the glory of God (**Psalm 19:1-6**).

Proclaim these scriptures to judge the host of hell: **Nahum 3, Is. 47, Micah 3: 6-7, Micah 5: 10-15, Psalm 69: 22-28, Isaiah 44:24-26, Exodus 22:18, etc. Pray Matt 7:1-2. Ask the Lord to now judge the wicked who are persecuting the righteous in Christ.**

July 17 to the end of August:

Many shooting stars (meteor showers) will flood the heavens:

- Perseid meteor from Perseus, the breaker,
- Delta Aquarids meteor from the Water Bearer,
- Pisces Austrinids from Aquarius,
- Alpha Capricornid from Capricorn

Please apply the Blood of the Lamb of Elohim into these meteors. This is a potential weapon the enemy can use to shoot people. The LORD Himself fought Sisera with these stars as we read in **Judges 5**.

Pray from **Psalm 91** and other related scriptures. Ask Elohim, the Lord of Hosts to cover your head in the day of battle and hide you in the time of indignation.

Note: the Perseus (Breaker) meteor shower is at its peak on August 13. Pray Micah 2:13.

August 15: Last quarter moon:

Lift up the Cross of Yeshua (**Colossians 2:15**) in the **prominent terminator** of the quarter moon and proclaim that it is the terminator of all curses and satanic proclamations over you, your family, business, finances, ministry, nation, Church, etc.

August 19

Alignment of the last crescent moon and **Venus**, the brightest planet (**Revelation 14:14ff**)

As you can see from the events listed above, this is a time to watch and pray. The joy of being rooted and grounded in Christ is that we belong to a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, the Kingdom of Yeshua the Messiah!

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 (**Psalms 97:6, Psalm 19:1-6**) during the following events:

DATES	WHAT	INFORMATION
July 23	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 09:46 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.
July 29, 30	Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower	The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by comets Marsden and Kracht. The shower runs annually from July 12 to August 23. It peaks this year on the night of July 29 and morning of July 30. The crescent moon will set by midnight, leaving dark skies for what should be a good early morning show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Aquarius, but can appear anywhere in the sky.
July 30	Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation	The planet Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation of 27.2 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.
August 7	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 18:11 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Sturgeon Moon because the large sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and other major lakes were more easily caught at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon.

³ Taken from <http://www.seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-2017.html> and Steve Olumuyiwa's monthly New Moon report.

August 7	Partial Lunar Eclipse	<p>A partial lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes through the Earth's partial shadow, or penumbra, and only a portion of it passes through the darkest shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse a part of the Moon will darken as it moves through the Earth's shadow. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of eastern Africa, central Asia, the Indian Ocean, and Australia. (NASA Map and Eclipse Information)</p>
August 11,12	Perseids Meteor Shower	<p>The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862. The Perseids are famous for producing a large number of bright meteors. The shower runs annually from July 17 to August 24. It peaks this year on the night of August 11 and the morning of August 12. The waning gibbous moon will block out many of the fainter meteors this year, but the Perseids are so bright and numerous that it should still be a good show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Perseus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.</p>

Let's PRAY

Please organise 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!**

As we watch and pray this New Moon, we will be empowered to fight a good fight of faith.

Remember:

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 — *“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in GOD for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of GOD, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ”.*

Following are the prayer points for this month, which we encourage you to pray, as led by the Holy Spirit

- ◆ The New Moon is called “Dark Moon” by witches. For them, it is a season for **shadow and darkness programming**. This programming is carried out using the **book of shadows**. Apply the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) to blot out the handwriting of ordinances recorded against you, your family, business, nation, and so forth, using this dangerous book (**Colossians 2:14**).
- ◆ Give thanks/praise to YHVH, the KING of all seasons for the transition. Enter His Gates with thanksgiving (**Psalms 8, 19, 100, 136, 148**). Rejoice in YHVH our KING for His Faithfulness and Loving-kindness!
- ◆ (**Psalms 24, Isaiah 26:3**) Possess the gate of New Moon, the summer/winter solstice, full moon, lunar eclipse, and all transactions that shall occur in this season. Redeem all with the Blood of Y'shua (**Colossians 1:20**). Let us uproot every corrupt seed of the devil from gates of time and season (**Jeremiah 1:10**).
- ◆ 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 (**Psalms 15, Psalms 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**),

which has caused the enemy to bring demonic celebrations into the Church with such labels as “Saint John the Baptist Day” (**Isaiah 56:9-12**).

- ◆ Repent on behalf of the society (**Deuteronomy 4:15-19**).
- ◆ Ask YHVH GOD for forgiveness and mercy. Bring atonement by the Blood of Y’shua Messiah (**Psalms 51, Hebrews 9:12-14**). Invite the Holy Spirit to come and fill you, your household, and so forth.
- ◆ Blow the shofar to YHVH our KING in this new season, and ask Him to remember us against our enemies in spiritual or physical warfare (**Numbers 10:9-10, Psalm 81:3**).
- ◆ Ask the LORD of Hosts to release His Wind into the mulberry trees in the realm of the spirit to release a marching forward sound for the army of heaven to come down and help us in this season (**2 Samuel 5:22-25**).
- ◆ 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**).
- ◆ Some ley-lines are set up by burying space-like bottles in the ground.
- ◆ Some are set up by engraving the pyramid and a circle into the earth.
- ◆ Others are set up using the square and the compass. 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 (**Psalms 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 (**Psalms 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.
- ◆ Renounce and cancel every satanic dance / activity that produces death (**Matthew 14: 6-9**) in your life, family, state, nation, Church, and so forth.
- ◆ Renounce and cancel the tokens of operation and tools of power used by witches at this time: **red, orange and black candles, magical herbs and oils for strength, incense, crystal stones, moonstone and sunstone for vision, sandalwood, mirrors, knots, ink, sand, toys, 13 inch cords, double edged knives, drums, rattles, black clothes, stolen umbilical cords, pine cones**, and so forth.
- ◆ 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** "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. ⁷And 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**).
- ◆ Summer time is a time to pluck and gather fruit, therefore, it is the time of fruitfulness in our lives (**2 Samuel 16:1-2, Jeremiah 40:10, 12**). Let us pray that the LORD will help us to reap a bumper harvest in all aspects of our lives (**Deuteronomy 28:1-14**).

Pray:

Isaiah 65:21-22 *“They shall build houses and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat [the fruit]. For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My chosen and elect shall long make use of and enjoy the work of their hands.”*

- ◆ 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, favour, 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 Favour.
- ◆ 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 (YHVH)'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 (YHVH)'s Purposes. Reject in this season every form of stagnation — spiritual, financial, material, as well as destiny and general fulfilment of GOD (YHVH)'s Redemptive Purposes.

3. At the times of war to invite GOD (YHVH) 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: 1-9 "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]; ²Send you help from the sanctuary and support, refresh, and strengthen you from Zion; ³Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah [pause, and think of that]! ⁴May He grant you according to your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans. ⁵We 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. ⁶Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy Heaven with the saving strength of His Right Hand. ⁷Some 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. ⁸They are bowed down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright. ⁹O 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.
- ◆ 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**).

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 FIFTH MONTH (Av)

The name of the fifth month on the Jewish calendar, (Av), literally means “**father**.” It is customary to add the name Menachem, which means “Comforter” or “Consoler” — so Menachem Av.

Month 5 is the month in which both Temples were destroyed and many other tragedies occurred in Jewish history. At this time, it is easy for us to feel deserted, lost and alone, yet we are taught that our Father in Heaven is there to comfort and console us.

Month 5 on one hand has a “low point” on the Jewish calendar — the 9th of month 5, the day of the sin of the spies and the destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem.

On the other hand, it also incorporates a “high point”: the 15th of month 5, a day designated for finding one’s predestined soulmate, is considered one of the happiest days on the Jewish calendar.

May we speedily merit the ultimate redemption, when days of sorrow will be turned to days of joy, and we will celebrate once again in our holy Temple in Jerusalem.

The 5th Month | **חֹדֶשׁ אָב**⁴

On the [Biblical calendar](#), the *fifth* month of the year (counting from [Nisan](#)) is called Av (**אָב**) in Jewish tradition. The 5th month is traditionally regarded as the most tragic in the Jewish calendar. On the first day of this month, Aaron (the first High Priest of Israel) died (**Numbers 33:38**), and later both of the Holy Temples were destroyed on the 9th of month 5.

The 9th of month 5 (i.e., [Tishah B'Av](#)) is the lowest point of a three week period of mourning that began with the fast of the 17th of month 4 (undertaken to recall the first breach in the walls of Jerusalem by the Babylonians before the First Temple was destroyed). During this period, weddings and parties are forbidden. It is a time for solemn reflection and mourning for Israel. The Temple itself was destroyed three weeks later, on the 9th of month 5.

The Three Weeks of Sorrow

As mentioned above, the [Fast of Tammuz](#) marks the beginning of the "Three Weeks of Sorrow," a 21 day period of national mourning which is completed on [Tishah B'Av](#). The Mishnah further associates the fast of Tammuz as the "Fast of the Fourth Month," mentioned by the prophet Zechariah (**Zechariah 8:19**).

⁴ Taken from http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/Rosh_Chodesh/Av/av.html

The purpose of this fast is to instill a sense of *teshuvah* (repentance) by recalling specific tragedies that befell the Jewish people because of idolatry.

The period between the fourth and fifth months is a somber time of reflection for many Orthodox Jews.

The three weeks from month 4 17th to the 9th of month 5 is called *bein ha-Metzarim* (בֵּין הַמְצָרִים) — "between the straights" (based on Lamentations 1:3) ... a period of time during which many calamities befell the Jewish people. Since both Temples were destroyed during this period (i.e., between the 4th and 5th months), the sages established this extended period as a time of mourning for the Jewish people.

Typically marriages are not held during this period, and many Jews deliberately refrain from ostensibly pleasurable activities, such as listening to music, dancing, taking vacations, and sometimes even shaving! In fact, most Orthodox Jews will refrain from any activity that might require the recitation of the Shehecheyanu blessing.

In short, the Three Weeks of Sorrow is a time for reflection and mourning over the destruction of the Temple and therefore constitutes a time of corporate reflection intended to lead Israel to *teshuvah* (repentance).

Menachem Month 5 (Av)

The period immediately *following* Tishah B'Av and continuing through the month of Elul is called the "seven weeks of comfort" (*shiva d'nechemta*: שִׁבְעָה דְנִחְמָתָא). The Haftarah for each week during this period foretells of the glorious future of the Jewish People. Because of this, some Jews use the name "Av" through the Tishah B'Av and afterwards use the name "Menachem Av" (i.e., the Comforter of Av).

In synagogue services the Haftarot (readings from the *Nevi'im*, or prophets) are usually connected with the Torah reading for each week, but beginning with the [Three Weeks of Sorrow](#) until after the Fall High Holidays, these readings change. First are three haftarot of punishment (leading up to [Tishah B'Av](#)), then seven of comfort (for the seven weeks until [Rosh Hashanah](#)), and finally one of repentance (on Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath before [Yom Kippur](#)).

The last two portions of the Book of Numbers ([Mattot](#) and [Masei](#)) are always read during the "Three Weeks of Sorrow." The sages say these readings were selected at this time to ultimately *comfort* us as we look forward to the "apportioning of the land" — i.e., the ultimate fulfillment of GOD's Promises to us. Indeed, the 5th month — despite the sorrow of the loss of the Temple — is sometimes called *Menachem Month 5 (Av)* — the "Comfort of the Father" (אָב). One day the lamentations of our present state of exile will come to an end.

Menachem Month 5 (Av) may also mean the "comfort of Aleph-Bet" (אב). The Prophet Jeremiah, who witnessed the destruction of the Temple, later wrote

the scroll of Lamentations to commemorate this tragic time. The form of Lamentations is an *acrostic* based on the letters of the Hebrew Aleph Bet (like **Psalm 25, 34, 37, 119, Proverbs 31**, etc.). The scroll has five sections (*perekim*). The verses of the first two chapters and the last two chapters all are written in alphabetical order (א,ב,ג).

The middle chapter, however, writes its verses using a *triple* Aleph Bet ordering, i.e., "Aleph, Aleph, Aleph," "Bet, Bet, Bet," "Gimel, Gimel, Gimel," and so on. As you can see, the very order of the [Hebrew Alphabet](#) is part of the revelation of the LORD GOD of Israel Himself!

The low point of the Three Weeks of Sorrow is expressed during the 25-hour fast day of [Tishah B'Av](#), when the Scroll of Lamentations (אִיכָה) is chanted during the evening service at synagogue. This is usually followed by a series of liturgical lamentations called *Kinnot* (קִינּוֹת) which are also recited alphabetically (*Bava Batra 14b*). As I've said before, Tishah B'Av is the saddest day of the Jewish calendar.

But it is not a sadness without a comfort ... The Sabbath immediately following Tishah B'Av is called **שבת נחמו** (Shabbat Nachamu — the "Sabbath of Comfort"), based on the Haftarah reading (**Isaiah 40:1-27**) that begins: **נְחַמוּ עַמִּי** — *Nachamu, Nachamu ami* — "be comforted, be comforted, my people ..." The sages state that the word *nachamu* is repeated to offer consolation for each of the Temples that were destroyed.

Since the Book of Deuteronomy is *mishneh Torah* — a "retelling of Torah," it can be said that the Torah — from a narrative point of view — ends with the reading of these final portions from Numbers, and by extension, with *the yearning for Zion*. And so it is to this day. We await the return of our Mashiach Yeshua while we live in exile here on earth. And even though the Temple of the LORD is spiritually present in the Person of the resurrected Messiah, it *will be* made fully manifest in the days to come: first in the Millennial Kingdom (after Yeshua's Second Coming), and later still in *olam habah* (the world to come) as the eternal community of those redeemed by the Lamb of GOD (**Revelation 21:22-23**). So for those of us who hold faith in Yeshua as Messiah, our mourning for the Temple is really mourning for the Presence of our Beloved Savior.

May He come quickly, and in our days ...

Why was the Temple Destroyed?⁵

Sinat Chinam and Tishah B'Av

Tishah B'Av remembers the destruction of the two Holy Temples of Judaism. According to the Talmud (Yoma 9b), the first Temple was destroyed (586 BC) because of the sins of idolatry, immorality, and bloodshed, but the Second Temple was destroyed (70 AD) because of what the sages call "baseless hatred." This baseless hatred (called *sinat chinam*) is considered a more serious offence than the earlier sins that led to the destruction of the First Temple: It took 70 years to rebuild the First Temple, but Jews are still waiting to rebuild the Second Temple, even after more than 1,900 years ...

- ◆ Why was the first Sanctuary destroyed? Because of three [evil] things which prevailed there: idolatry, immorality, bloodshed. But why was the second Sanctuary destroyed, seeing that in its time they were occupying themselves with Torah, [observance of] precepts, and the practice of charity? Because therein prevailed hatred without cause. That teaches you that groundless hatred is considered as of even gravity with the three sins of idolatry, immorality, and bloodshed together. (Talmud: Yoma 9b)

Though *sinat chinam* (שִׂנְאָת חִנָּם) is often translated as "baseless hatred," it literally means "hatred of [their] *grace* (חֵן, *chen*)." In essence, then, *sinat chinam* is the rejection of GOD's Grace. But since Yeshua is the embodiment of all of GOD's Grace (**John 1:17**, etc.), *sinat chinam* is a rejection of His ministry ... Is it any wonder, then, that the Mashiach foretold the destruction of the Second Temple based on Israel's rejection of Him (**Matthew 24:2**)?

Recall the context, *chaverim*. During His "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem (**Matthew 21:1-11**), Yeshua was greeted by the cries of Jewish Passover pilgrims: "Hosanna!" This word is actually the phrase "hoshiah na" (הוֹשִׁיעָה נָא), meaning "please save" or "save now." The Jewish pilgrims were singing **Psalm 118:25-26** and applying it to the greater Son of David, Yeshua, who had come:

Matthew notes that *hoshiah na* was addressed to Yeshua Himself, "to the [greater] son of David" (לְבֶן-דָּוִד), thereby indicating that the Messianic Hope was presented to Israel (**Matthew 21:9**). For a flickering moment the proper praise was given to Yeshua as Mashiach *ben David*, though of course He had come to them as Mashiach *ben Yosef*, their Suffering Servant, the One of whom the prophet Isaiah clearly foretold.

Immediately after his "triumphal entry," Yeshua went directly to the Temple and drove out all who sold there, overturning the tables of the "money changers" and the seats of those who sold pigeons (**Matthew 21:12**). After this the blind and the lame were able to enter the Temple — and Yeshua healed them.

⁵ Taken from http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/Summer_Holidays/Tishah_B_Av/Sinat_Chinam/sinat_chinam.html

Despite performing miraculous works of healing in the Temple that day — including opening the eyes of the blind and causing the disabled to walk — the *kohanim* (chief priests) and *soferim* (scribes) were "indignant" at His actions and therefore sought to put Him to death (**Mark 11:18**).

In the evening Yeshua left the Temple for Bethany, the home town of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, where He stayed the night. The following morning He walked back to Jerusalem, and being hungry, saw a fig tree along the way. When He saw that the fig tree was without any fruit, Yeshua pronounced these words: "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once (**Matthew 21:18-19**).

He then returned to the Temple where he was once again accosted by the religious establishment who questioned his authority. Yeshua turned the tables on his accusers by giving them a dilemma to solve: the baptism of John: was it from GOD or from man? Unwilling to answer him, Yeshua then prophesied the parable of the two sons (**Matthew 21:28-32**), indicating that despite their supposed status as the "good sons" of Israel, even tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the Kingdom of GOD before them. He went on to say that "the kingdom of GOD will be taken away from them and given to a people producing its fruits" (**Matthew 21:43**).

The Pharisees and the Sadducees then attempted to "entangle him in his talk" and sent their disciples to him to pose tricky questions. Yeshua, however, exposed their "baseless hatred" — their *sinat chinam* — and confounded them all (see **Matthew 22**). Beginning in Matthew 23, Yeshua then began his denunciation of the "scribes and the Pharisees," pointing out their hypocrisy and their unclean motives. **חַנְּפִים אַךְ־אוֹי לְכֶם סוֹפְרִים וּפְרוֹשִׁים** (*akh-oy lachem soferim u'perushim, chanafim*): "Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" (**Matthew 23:13-ff**).

After Yeshua ended his denunciation, he lamented for Jerusalem:

Matthew 23:37-39 *"Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD' (ברוך הבא בשם יהוה)."*

After this, Yeshua left the Temple for good and never looked back. In **Matthew 24** Yeshua's disciples made a last-ditch appeal for Jewish tradition and ceremony by pointing out the glory of the Second Temple. "Look at these beautiful buildings of the Temple, Lord ..." It was then that Yeshua pronounced judgment on the Temple and the Levitical system, predicted the Roman destruction of the Temple, and so on (**Matthew 24:1-2**).

This was apparently *unfathomable* to the disciples, who apparently still considered Yeshua to be a "reformer" of Temple Judaism, perhaps the one who would restore it so that the Kingdom of GOD would be finally manifest upon the earth. Yeshua went on to explain the signs of the End of the Age (אַחֲרֵית הַיָּמִים) that would precede the promised Days of Messiah (יְמֵי הַמָּשִׁיחַ), otherwise known as the Messianic Kingdom. He foretold that one day praise would rightly be given to Him as Israel's True King, but only after the travail of the coming Great Tribulation upon the earth. Only after the Jewish people cry out to Him as their LORD (**Matthew 23:39**) would the Kingdom of GOD be established in Zion.

Please note that there were actually TWO separate cleansings of the Temple recorded in the New Testament. The earlier cleansing is described in **John 2:13-22** and the later one is described in (both) **Mark 11:15-19** and **Matthew 21:1-16**. In Mark's account of the second cleansing, Yeshua actually stopped the "carrying of the ritual vessels" — meaning He LITERALLY stopped the Temple sacrifices of Israel. **Mark 11:16** states: "And he would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the Temple":

"And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. And when even was come, he went out of the city."

Yeshua certainly knew the Temple and its supposed beauty. He razed it because Israel forsook His greater sacrifice. The Jewish sages had it half right. It was indeed because of *sinat chinam* that the Second Temple was destroyed, but this was most clearly revealed in the rejection of Yeshua as Israel's King and Savior ...

The fifth⁶ 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.

There are a number of interesting and paradoxical details to note regarding the Hebrew month 5.

1. The name of the month literally means “**a father**”. We see an example in **Psalm 103:13**, K'rachem av al banim... “As a father is merciful to his children, so has YHVH shown mercy to those who fear Him.” We can rest in the knowledge that our lives are in the Hands of a Loving and Faithful Father who has us securely in His care.
2. On the other hand, the 9th of month 5 — Tisha b'Av — is a day of deep mourning and fasting, which marks the destruction of both the First and Second Temples as well as the tragic exile of the majority of GOD's people from the Land.

Tisha b'Av also commemorates the many persecutions and pogroms, Crusades and Inquisitions perpetrated against the Jews throughout the centuries that followed.

Interestingly, the 9th of month 5 always falls on the same day of the week as the first day of Passover of the same year. And yet, Passover is a festival of freedom and redemption while Tisha b'Av commemorates bondage and destruction.

⁶ Taken from the mailing list of Keren Hannah Pryor - “*Appointments With GOD*” - www.jcstudies.com.

We can deduce that the matzah and bitter herbs of Passover, as well as representing the remembrance of slavery in Egypt, are also a reminder of the long and bitter exile from the Land of Israel.

It is only due to our Father's great **MERCY** that the Jewish people have endured and survived much torment and persecution in foreign lands. In recent generations, GOD's people have heard the sound of His great trumpet, shofar, calling them back to His Land where they belong. Tisha b'Av, however, is still observed with mourning and fasting for the full Redemption has not yet come and Israel continues to suffer unrelenting and egregious attacks from the enemy. Nonetheless, the hope has been fulfilled and in that we rejoice. Through all the long years of exile, at the conclusion of every Passover Seder the prayer of hope has been proclaimed: Le'Shana ha'ba'ah b'Yerushalayim! "**Next year in Jerusalem!**" What added joy we experience as we now can say in Israel, "This year in Jerusalem!"

3. Although the first half of the month is marked with sadness, the second half is brightened with joy. The 15th of month 5 — Tu b'Av — was celebrated as a joyous festival hundreds of years before the First Temple was built.

An account in the Book of Judges relates how certain men of the tribe of Benjamin, which was situated in the Jerusalem area, had committed acts of rape and murder against members of the other tribes. In response, the tribes gathered together and attacked and destroyed the small tribe of Benjamin. Only 600 men escaped the battle and fled to the cliffs of Rimmon, which are situated northeast of Jerusalem.

Later the tribes repented of the severity of their action and they made peace with the Benjaminites. Realizing that the men now needed to find wives in order to build up the tribe once again, they advised them to go to Shiloh, where the Tabernacle with the Ark of the Covenant was housed, to attend the celebration of an annual agricultural feast. They advised, "Go and hide in the vineyards and watch; if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come out of the vineyards and seize each man his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and return to the land of Benjamin (**Judges 21:20-21**).

It was the celebration of Tu b'Av, a grape harvest, and the time the white squill blooms all over Israel. The tall tapered stems, covered with small white flowers, stand out brightly against the yellow and brown fields at the end of a long, hot summer. They are a clear season marker, for Tu b'Av signals the summer solstice and there is a subtle change as the days begin to shorten and clouds start to appear in the sky, announcing the approaching rains of winter.

The virgin maidens, to reflect the blossoming white squills, would don white dresses and dance in the vineyards of Shiloh, and wedding matches were made. To this day the 15th of month 5 is celebrated in Israel as "Sweetheart's Day"!

4. The actual date of death of only one person is recorded in the Torah, that of Aaron, the brother of Moses. We read that forty years after the Israelites left Egypt, the LORD called Aaron to Mount Hor and he died there "...in the fifth month on the first of the month" (**Numbers 33:38**) — the 1st of month 5. Aaron, the High Priest, was deeply loved by the people and this was an occasion of deep mourning. The sadness of Aaron's death in the same month seems fused with the mourning of the destruction of the Temples.

Month 5, Shimon and Judgment

In keeping with the initial sadness of the month is the fact that the tribe of **Shimon (Simeon)**, associated with month 5, is the only tribe that was not blessed by Jacob on his deathbed or later by Moses. Jacob denounces both Shimon and Levi for their rage and murderous attack on the town of Shechem to avenge the rape of their sister Dinah (**Genesis 49:5-7**). Levi was redeemed and blessed by Moses, but Shimon forfeited this blessing due to the tribe's flagrant immoral conduct with the foreign women at Shittim (**Numbers 25:1-6, 17**). Later, once established in the Land, this behavior also cost the tribe the privilege of ever having a judge of Israel appointed from their ranks.

Ironically, in Jewish commentary it is considered that all Shimon's deeds were motivated by a standard of strict justice. He judged others and easily found them guilty. It is considered that it was he who "sentenced" his brother Joseph and threw him in the pit (**Genesis 37:19-20**). This is highlighted when the brothers first appear before Joseph, now Viceroy of Egypt and Shimon is the only one he keeps behind as a hostage. Also, in judging Shechem guilty, Shimon instigated the retaliation and attack in angry vengeance. Although he may have had a keen sense of justice, it is this trait of anger that precludes Shimon and his tribe from producing a true judge in Israel.

Anger will always distort any fair and balanced judgment. Anger also prevents a person from truly rejoicing in one's service and worship of the LORD, and eventually can cause one to become isolated from other people. **Justice, to be true, must be tempered with mercy** and weighed from a basis of trust and joy in the LORD. We can therefore appreciate the wisdom of Jacob when he cannot bless the judgmental anger of this tribe and he says: "I will separate them within Jacob, and I will disperse them in Israel" (**Genesis 49:7**). Their hope lay in mingling with the other tribes in order that their anger might be diffused and they might learn to interact with others in peace and to serve the LORD with joy!

Month 5 ultimately represents the **balance of elements** we deal with constantly on our journey through life — sadness and joy, justice and mercy, anger and grace, discord and unity, what is hidden and what is revealed. Undergirding it all is the knowledge that our Father, in His abundant love and mercy towards us, is in control and He is preparing the way before us.

He is bringing us to full Redemption, when, as foretold by the prophet Isaiah, “death will be swallowed up forever and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth” (25:8). His Kingdom will be established in the earth and the dwelling of GOD will rest in Jerusalem and He will be with those who are His, and “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away” (**Revelation 21:4**).

Thus month 5 celebrates the constant truth of new life in the One who is the Source of all life. Interestingly, in rabbinic literature Tisha b’Av, the day of great mourning, is the date reckoned to be the birth date of the Messiah — the Savior-King who brings new life. We can indeed rejoice in “the Lamb in the midst of the throne” who is our Shepherd and who guides us to “springs of living water” that bring mercy, grace, hope and truth (**Revelation 7:17**).

Highlighted points⁷ regarding month 5

Every Hebrew month is TRADITIONALLY linked with:

- ◆ A letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- ◆ A controlling limb/organ in your body.
- ◆ A development of “threes”.

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

The month of Simeon — means to hear, to be concerned. Simeon messed up, but GOD has a great inheritance and destiny for you. However, when there is instability in a bloodline, you need to develop spiritual discipline because the demons will come in and try to use our iniquitous patterns to pull us back. When we agree with Satan’s iniquitous plan, it will then get rooted in us.

Pray, ***“LORD, I am not unstable, neither will I mess up like Simeon (who chose revenge/unforgiveness). I ask for spiritual discipline to not agree with demons about myself. Rather, I choose to believe You LORD and what you say about me. I want Your Patterns to be rooted in me. I ask that all iniquitous patterns be exposed in my life and uprooted.”*** (NOTE: True/Godly/tested prophecies that you have received are an excellent source for revealing your true identity and inheritance.)

Pray ***“LORD, I don’t want to be just a hearer but a doer. Help me do what You have told me to do, not just “think” about it.”***

The month of **predestined connections** — This means GOD has connections preordained for you that will really help you move ahead.

Pray, ***“Thank You LORD for the many new connections You have for me. Thank You I will meet those without trying, but just by walking with You.”***

Pray, ***“LORD, I ask for good changes around me. Because we carry the Holy Spirit and the Presence of GOD, we must expect that we can change the spiritual climate from anything negative to one of hope, peace, faith, and joy.”***

This is the time to make the right shift into what GOD has for you. Become and stay excited about the destiny GOD has for you. This is true faith, and “faith” is what pleases GOD.

⁷ Taken from the materials of “Glory of Zion”. For more information, see the book “A Time To Advance” as well as the CD/DVD series “Positioned For Advancement”, from <http://gloryofzion.org/>

The month of the **Hebrew letter TET**, which resembles the **womb**; means that good things will be **birthed**. It's exciting to know though that GOD is causing things to be birthed for us, things that will help us advance into our destiny.

The month the lion roars — when the people of GOD roar, it creates a prophetic covering. It unlocks what is above you. Pray, ***“Let there be in me the roaring of praise that unlocks what needs to be unlocked.”***

Ask the LORD to destroy the old foundations and structures that are hindering you from advancing.

The month where the earth begins to contract — watch for earthquakes — the “secret of the pregnancy” begins to move into the earth realm (i.e. pregnancy shows). **Matthew 24:8** *“All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish]”*.

The month that means there is an iniquity which must not continue.

Pray, ***“LORD, show me my iniquities, so they can be ended.”*** Declare, ***“LORD, I am changing for the better. Thank You that by the Holy Spirit I can change.”***

The kingdom advances through **partnership**. Be very aware and supportive of the partnerships GOD has given you.

Pray, ***“Thank You for new level of discernment. Let this increase so I do not oppose Your Counsel or Advice. Let there be no resisting of Your leading of me.”***

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



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

⁸Most Unusual and Significant ... Solar Eclipse in US History will occur next month on August 21

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August 21 is the date of "the Great American Eclipse," and the hype around it is already starting to reach a fever pitch. It is being called "the Great American Eclipse" because this will be the first total solar eclipse ever that is only visible in the United States. In other words, since the United States became a nation, there has never been a total eclipse that was only visible here and nowhere else. And this will be the first total solar eclipse to cross from the west coast to the east coast in 99 years. So for those who love astronomy, this is bigger than the Super Bowl.

Close to 200 million people live within a day's drive of "the totality zone," and many are projecting that this will be the most-viewed eclipse ever. In fact, many hotels and campsites along the path of the eclipse are already completely booked. So if you want to see it live, you better make your arrangements quickly.

⁸ <http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/66169-most-unusual-and-significant-solar-eclipse-in-us-history-will-occur-next-month-on-aug-21>

Of course the "main event" will not last for very long. Depending on the location, the total eclipse will only last for about two or three minutes. But if you count from the time that the moon will begin to cover the sun until the time when the sun is completely uncovered again, it will take approximately two and a half hours for the entire process to unfold. The following comes from [Newsweek](#):

If you are in the band of totality, you will see (if you look through special "solar filters" that darken the sun by a factor of about 100,000) the moon gradually covering the sun for about 75 minutes, then the beautiful totality, and then the uncovering for another 75 minutes.

Of course in the heavens, things will be taking place at very high speed. For example, the moon's shadow will actually be crossing the U.S. at a speed of close to 1,700 miles per hour.

And even if you are not in the "totality zone," you will still notice what is happening on August 21. That is because this eclipse will actually cast a "shadow" over the entire nation.

Could it be possible that has some sort of significance?

I don't know, but without a doubt, there will be a whole lot of speculation going on as we get closer to the date.

Many have pointed out that this solar total eclipse in 2017 will be followed by another total solar eclipse nearly seven years later on April 8, 2024.

And when you plot the projected courses of these two solar eclipses on a map, they form [a giant "X"](#) over the center of the United States...

Could this be some sort of extremely bizarre coincidence?

And if it isn't a coincidence, what could it mean?

I am afraid I don't have the answers to those questions right now, but I do find it to be extremely interesting that the heart of this "X" just happens to fall in the middle of the New Madrid fault zone.

Back in 1811 and 1812, the New Madrid Fault zone was hit by a series of absolutely massive earthquakes. At one point, the shaking was so bad that it even caused church bells in Boston to start ringing. If similar earthquakes happened in our day and time, the damage would be absolutely unimaginable. The following comes [from Smithsonian.com](#):

The Midwest was sparsely populated, and deaths were few. But 8-year-old Godfrey Lesieur saw the ground "rolling in waves." Michael Braunm observed the river suddenly rise up "like a great loaf of bread to the height of many feet." Sections of riverbed below the Mississippi rose so high that

part of the river ran backward. Thousands of fissures ripped open fields, and geysers burst from the earth, spewing sand, water, mud and coal high into the air.

Could you imagine "thousands of fissures" suddenly opening up all over the middle of the country?

One insurance company tried to estimate what the economic toll would be if similar quakes happened today, and they came up with a figure of ["about \\$300 billion."](#)

A series of big shakes—of the sort last seen in 1811 and 1812—would cause about \$300 billion in damage, Swiss Re says. The cost would be double the damage from Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005.

Houses—especially brick ones—would collapse. Buildings would sink sideways into liquefying earth. Bridges might tumble into the rivers. The route of the Mississippi River could change—as it did in the last big quake.

People would die, perhaps by the thousands. Being mainly a property reinsurer, Swiss Re didn't estimate the human toll.

And we should also consider the fact that there are [15 nuclear reactors](#) along the New Madrid fault zone. And so during a major catastrophe we could be looking at Fukushima times 15.

Let us hope that the next major New Madrid earthquake is put off for as long as possible. Nobody should ever want to see that kind of devastation.

But scientists tell us that the earth's crust is ["mechanically weaker"](#) under the New Madrid fault zone than it is in other areas of the country, and they assure us that given enough time there will be more massive quakes in the region someday.

It is entirely possible that it could just be a complete coincidence that these two eclipses form a giant "X" directly over the heart of the New Madrid fault zone, but I think that it would be a mistake to dismiss this phenomenon altogether without reflecting on what it might mean. Because as Pastor Mark Biltz has pointed out, it appears that God specifically used solar eclipses [back in biblical times](#):

An archaeological find of cuneiform tablets was found in the 19th century describing events in Nineveh. A famous eclipse mentioned in the tablets was known as the Bur-Sagale eclipse, which is verified by NASA as occurring on June 15, 763 BC. The path of totality was right over Nineveh. God had declared the sun and the moon were for signs, and now the Ninevites saw the wrath of God coming even before Jonah arrived a couple months later. When Jonah arrived, they were ripe for repentance.

Our world is a very strange place, and it is getting stranger with each passing day.

And one thing is absolutely certain—the entire nation will be looking up into the sky on August 21, and what they will see will be truly historic.