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Time: Our Creator’s Calendar – The Foundation Part 1

INTRODUCTION

This series by 119 Ministries is completely dedicated to examining some of the most challenging issues related to Yahweh’s calendar. It proceeds with the assumption that you already recognize that the whole Bible is true and applicable to all believers today.

The goal of this series is not to suggest that we have everything regarding this subject figured out. In fact, we know that we do not, and we are not going to pretend that we do. The reality is that we may understand nothing. For whatever it is worth, we are simply sharing our studies on these matters, which of course could change at any time after further study.

This series will force us to take a position in a sea of controversy. This means that by default not everyone will be happy with the results or conclusions. Many may be disappointed or perhaps even angry that we did not come to the same conclusions as them. At minimum, we hope our presentation at least offers understanding why we currently believe what we believe, at best, we hope that this teaching offers you clarity, resolve, and understanding when it comes to our Creator’s calendar.

In fact, after some time passes, we may find that we were not happy with our own results, and even change our position after further ongoing study.

Likewise, we ask you to continue testing everything to the Word of God, including this teaching, and hopefully, as is our intent, we simply offer clarity and insight on this topic, instead of more confusion.

If you would like to learn more on what we believe and teach, we encourage you to visit us at TestEverything.net

We pray that this teaching series blesses you.

HE CAME TO FULLY PREACH THE LAW

How many know that as a critical and primary purpose of Yeshua's first coming was that He fulfilled the law of God?

Matthew 5:17-19

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Now some teach that when Jesus, His Hebrew name being Yeshua, said in verse seventeen that He came to fulfill the law, that it meant that the law was going to no longer be applicable for believers, simply because Yeshua kept the law of God.

However, such an understanding is rendered in certain error when one realizes that Yeshua followed His statement with saying that it is not until Heaven and Earth pass away that it is even remotely possible that even the smallest part the law of God is not applicable to all believers.

He also couldn't be saying in one breath, *“hey, don't be concerned with following the law anymore because I kept it”* and then in the next breath *“oh, by the way, if you follow the whole law well you will be great in the Kingdom and if you don't then you will be least in the kingdom”*

Thus, the whole Law of God must be applicable to us today.

So, what does it mean that Yeshua said that He was not going to destroy the law of God, but to fulfill it?

It should come as no surprise that it is saying the same thing as verses 18 and 19.

The Greek Word “*pleroo*” means to fully teach, verify, or fully preach in such context according to Strong's. <http://concordances.org/greek/4137.htm>

In fact, to illustrate and inject linguistic credibility to our point, even in the NKJV Bible, “*pleroo*” is even translated as “fully preach”

Romans 15:19

In mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached (*pleroo*) the gospel of Christ.

This is the same word that Yeshua used in Matthew 5:17:

Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill (*pleroo*).

So just as Paul intended on “fully preaching” (*pleroo*) the gospel of our Messiah as stated in Romans 15:19, our Messiah stated in Matthew 5:17 that He did not come to destroy the law, but came to “fully preach” (*pleroo*) the law of God.

In the case of Matthew 5:17, it would literally mean to fill up, make full, or verify our understanding of the law of God.

Meaning this, Yeshua did not come to destroy the Law of God, but on the contrary, He came to teach it, or to fully preach the law of God. He came to verify its validity and its truth.

So, fulfill did not mean that our Messiah did the law so then we don't have to...the Messiah did the law as our example and means to fully preach the law of God, not abolish or change it.

And with this it should make sense why Yeshua spent His whole ministry teaching against lawlessness and teaching from the Torah.

And because He came to do that, we can then understand why He said what He said in verses eighteen and nineteen. In verse 19 He clearly listed the consequences that will result if we seem to misunderstand a notion that the whole law of God is no longer applicable to all believers.

Matthew 5:19

Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

See, He came to fully preach the law of God, to the extent that we should have no excuse should we decide to not practice and teach the whole Law of God. Yeshua says that if we still mess that up in the faith, that in the end, we will still be least in the Kingdom.

So like Yeshua, we should want to also *fully preach* the law of God, just like He did as our example.

Again, examine this usage of the word "*pleroo*" by Paul:

Romans 15:19 (NKJV)

In mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached (*pleroo*) the gospel of Christ.

Do you see how the word "*pleroo*" means to "*fully preach*?"

It is clear that Paul did not mean that he fulfilled the gospel by doing the gospel, and thus the gospel is not applicable to believers today.

That would be plain silly.

Yet, that is exactly what many try to make Yeshua say in Matthew 5:17.

In Matthew 5:17 we discover that Yeshua came to fully preach the law of God, and not destroy it. Again...

Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill (or really to fully preach the law and prophets).

Yeshua came to fully preach the law of God, not to destroy it.

He came to be our example in the Law of God, not our excuse to not keep it.

And now when Yeshua expands on that statement in verses 18 and 19, we see how it makes much more sense with the understanding of the Greek word “*pleroo*” meaning to fully preach.

In fact, verses 18 and 19 ONLY make sense if we understand fulfill to mean to “fully preach.”

Matthew 5:18-19

For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

At this point, you might be wondering what any of this has to do with Yahweh’s calendar and why did we just spent the last few minutes really hitting this point hard.

This teaching series operates under the assumption that the audience already knows that Yeshua did not come to make the law of God not applicable, but instead came to fully teach the law of God, however, there is a good reason we felt it necessary to entertain all of this as a review.

This is the more important point we need to present.

The calendar for God’s people is part of the law of God.

If Yeshua came to *fully preach* the law of God, then that would include *fully preaching* Yahweh’s calendar for His people.

Do you understand the profound application of that realization?

Let us explain.

He either came to fully preach the law of God or He didn’t.

If He came to fully preach the law of God then He must have verified the correct understanding Yahweh’s calendar in His ministry.

One cannot claim to fully preach the law of God and not include the calendar.

If He did that, then He only partially preached the law of God.

So then, the question is not IF Yeshua taught us the correct calendar, but HOW did He teach us the correct calendar?

In this teaching, we will actually answer that question.

How did Yeshua preach the calendar of our Creator?

What was that calendar?

What calendar did our Messiah preach and how do we know?

But first, backing up even further, why does it even matter?

WHY DOES A CORRECT CALENDAR MATTER?

If one has been exposed to and adopted the truth that Yahweh has a calendar that He intends for His people, it is not long before one realizes that there is no shortage of differences in how the Biblical calendar is calculated and observed.

This consequently causes friction, tension, and division in His people.

You may have even been or still part of such situations and circumstances.

There is passion on all sides and confusing information.

From figuring out how to calculate First Fruits and Shavuot, to how to calculate the first day of the month, or the first month of the year...how does a Hebraic day begin in the evening or the morning...or the debate about the lunar Sabbath verses a 7 day count....there is so much confusion out there...

To any person desiring only to believe and practice truth, this can be quite the frustrating realization.

What is even more frustrating, a major purpose of the appointed times and feast days are intended to bring the Body of the Messiah together on these special days.

Instead, because of the many different understandings of the Biblical calendar, quite the opposite can happen. It can cause division on His appointed times, which is exactly the opposite of what our Creator intended.

There are many excellent studies and teachings that are intended to assist us in determining His correct calendar.

The problem is that many of them contradict each other despite they all cite the Word of God as their foundation and support.

Again, this is the subject of much confusion and frustration, and understandably so.

Hopefully we do not add to the confusion, but offer some thoughts and insight that may be of some value.

We most certainly do not want to be part of the problem, but only part of the solution...if there can even be a solution prior to our Messiah's return.

Keep in mind though, we are not any type of authority. Your true authority is the Word of God and the Word of God alone.

It is up to you to test us and determine if we are indeed teaching the Word of God, or if we ourselves are also in error.

For the purposes of this teaching in particular, we are going to propose what are hopefully some rather fair assumptions. So here are our assumptions...

- 1) Yeshua is the Word of God in the flesh. He only practiced the Word of God and taught the Word of God. Nothing more and nothing less. Yeshua fully preached and verified the Law of God, His Torah.
- 2) Yeshua is our example on how to walk the Word of God. Whatever our Messiah did is the example that we are to follow, exactly. Yeshua represents the perfect model to emulate in our practice of God's Word.
- 3) Yahweh's calendar is a part of the Law of God and is thus a necessary part of Yeshua fully preaching the law of God and is also part of the example He modeled for us to follow just the same.

We expect that these are highly agreeable assumptions for us to start this series. However, if you do not believe that Yeshua is our Messiah and taught and practiced the Word of God perfectly as our example, then we would recommend that you start with our "Brit Hadasha Series."

It is our goal that we utilize the Old Testament, also known as the TANAKH, and also the New Testament, also known as the Brit Hadasha.

We are not going to proceed with quoting heavily from the Pharisees, Sadducees, Josephus, orthodox Jews, Karaite Jews, etc.

If we do quote from sources outside of the Bible, it is only to detail out or use them for historical references of particular events that are worth noting as it relates to the calendar.

There is value to such discussing such sources, and sometimes in this series we will have to discuss different positions on a matter.

We will most certainly cover other perspectives at length at some point in this series, and not simply dismiss them.

However, our primary focus and foundation will be Yeshua fully preaching the Word of God, and then cross checking that with what is already written in the Word of God.

Our goal is to follow God, not men.

Our goal is to understand and practice truth, not tradition.

We cannot understand the calendar perfectly in our mission to seek out and practice truth, then there is blessing in trying, despite of lack of perfect execution.

Our primary task is determining how Yeshua taught the Father's calendar in His ministry, because He came to fully teach the law of God.

The process we are going to employ is to determine what the Torah teaches on the calendar, then determine how the prophets and writings teach the same understanding, and then watch how Yeshua our Messiah not only practiced, but also fully preached the exact same calendar.

Determining Yahweh's feast days and Sabbaths are the ultimate goal of understanding the true calendar.

Whatever Yeshua observed, as the Word in the flesh, should also reveal in the correct calendar as taught in the Word.

WHERE DO WE FIND THE APPOINTED TIMES?

In Leviticus 23 is the most often cited source of Yahweh's moedim, or as often translated, His appointed times.

We find that the seventh day Sabbath, Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Shavuot, Trumpets, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot are all listed, each with their own calendar calculations.

With the exception of the 7 day Sabbath, correct application of the rest of the days depend on understanding how to calculate the first day of the month.

There is also a high dependency on being able to correctly calculate the first month out of the year.

Without being able to determine the first month, and first day of the month accurately, then correctly determining all of the dates for the appointed times becomes impossible.

However, on the flip side, a solid understanding of these two necessary calculations are the primary ingredients that enable us to construct an accurate picture of His true calendar.

It is certainly easier said than done, not that it shouldn't be easy. Men simply happen to be very good at complicating things.

It is within these things that there is much debate and contention.

As with any matter in which there is much debate, it should always be best practice to consult the Word of God.

Therefore, that is what we will attempt to do.

Yet, it might be stated, *"that is also what many have already done, or tried to do, with various results."*

So, what value can we provide by attempting to do what others have already attempted?

Well, we hope to offer an approach that is just a little different. We hope to offer something significant that is quite often over looked.

Once we complete a thorough review of the Word of God, we will then proceed with another validation step that will prove to be a little more unique on this topic.

Our proposed final step is to take what is revealed in the Word of God regarding the calendar, and then cross check it in the unique way it is also revealed by Yeshua in His first coming.

We will give our Messiah, as the one true teacher (i.e. Ezekiel 34; Matthew 23), the final say on the matter.

Meaning this, the Word of God we read and study should agree with the Word of God we observed in the flesh, and through both witnesses, the matter should be established.

We are not going to suggest a few proof verses and then think we have something to present as all figured out.

We want to present a complete picture that also includes what our Messiah believed and practiced.

We will discover that there is only one way to understand how to calculate His calendar through the lens of the whole Word of God and our Messiah as the Word of God in the flesh.

We will find that there are no opportunity for compromise, and no ability to go left or right.

Thus, we encourage you to be patient with us as we work to attempt to understand how the Word of God teaches us His calendar, examine what the prophets say, and then demonstrate how it agrees with Yeshua fully preaching the law of God. In addition, we will examine other common calendar interpretations and systematically test each one.

A NOTE OF CAUTION

As you can expect, this will not be a short teaching, nor will it likely be a teaching you will only be able to view once and walk away fully understanding every detail and reasoning the led us to our conclusions and presentation.

We will cover many things concisely in the interest of time.

Nine times out of ten, when we receive an email on this subject, we receive questions or disagreement on a matter that is already covered in this teaching.

Therefore, we recommend watching this teaching at least two to three times to fully understand why we might be saying certain things.

Be careful to understand why we are saying what we are saying.

Try to look at the big picture, because what we should want to see is full agreement with the Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation, agreement with historical references, and agreement with science to determine the one true Biblically accurate calendar.

It ALL needs to agree. It ALL needs to be reconciled.

If we do not do that, then we have most certainly failed you. But as we always say, not only test us, but test everything. We are only here to serve, not prove that we are right, or anyone else is wrong.

All that matters is the truth. There can only be one truth. It is up to you to determine what that truth is.

We would expect that it is very possible that many viewing this teaching already have strong opinions on how to correctly calculate His calendar.

The reality is that we might be very wrong in our presentation, and if that is the case, just like with any other time when we realize our own error, we take no issue with correcting ourselves and republishing a new teaching.

Ultimately, it is up to you to test these things, and test us to the Word. We are not going to dictate what you believe on this subject. We are not your authority. The Word of God is your authority, actualized and exemplified to us by our Messiah Yeshua.

We are simply going to present what we believe the Word of God to say and teach, and what our Messiah practiced and taught as just the same.

The value we hope you might find in our examination of this subject, the value that might set it apart from similar teachings, is that in the end of this teaching we will show how Yeshua fully preached the Law of God, which consequently, solidifies and effectively communicates Yahweh's calendar to a highly convincing if not absolute certain degree.

So, if you already have strong feelings on how to calculate His calendar, and we do not appear to be going in the same direction as you, we ask that you bear with us, and also wait to see what Yeshua had to say on the matter.

Please be patient and please let us reason together.

We hope that is a fair request.

In return, we pray we offer you a fair and well tested presentation that only serves you and your house well.

And if you do not agree with us after all has been presented, then perhaps someday we will come to the same conclusions as you. If not, at least we can take comfort in knowing that someday, when our Messiah returns, we will all know through His guidance and teaching, what the true Biblical calendar is for all those in the faith.

And just to make sure it is said once again, we are not setting out to prove that we are right, we very well may not be, but we are purely seeking to understand and apply truth, just as we hope all professed believers are doing just the same.

With that, let's get started, and as with any Biblical study, the best practice is to always go back to the beginning.

GOING BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old,
For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me,
Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things that are not yet done,

It is in this, that one of the primary purposes of the calendar is revealed.

In a time in which many professed believers realize that we are nearing the time of His return, many also understand that His return on the Day of the Lord will happen on His appointed times...and more specifically, His moedim.

Paul writes concerning the Day of the Lord:

1 Thessalonians 5:1

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

Every prophetically critical event that happened in His first coming occurred on Yahweh's appointed times, His moedim, and the same will be true for His return as well.

That is a central point of the appointed times and feast days, which is to teach us of things to come, as prophetic shadows.

Isaiah teaches us that the ancient ways, which includes the calendar, helps us understand the end, as it has been revealed from the beginning.

Paul also teaches that this in particular is the value of why we are to observe such days...

In the same way, Paul teaches that we should not let others judge us for keeping God's feast days, because there is prophetic value to them in what Christ still must do in the end.

The Messiah is the substance of the Feast days.

He is the reason for them. He is the reason to keep the set apart days.

He is the one that completes important prophetic events on these days.

And if the Messiah is the substance of these days, why would we not practice them?

God forbid we fail to include understanding of Yahweh's feast days in our lives, if the substance of them is of the Messiah Himself.

Colossians 2:16-17

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. (NKJV)

We can see that even Paul understood that the Sabbath and Feast Days prophetically declare what our Messiah still must do on these appointed times, and in this understanding, Paul specifically reveals the purpose of why Yahweh wants us to keep these days.

Isaiah calls us to back to the beginning to understand the end.

That really is an odd statement when you stop to think about it.

But, when you think Hebraically, it could not be a statement that could be any more true.

In Ecclesiastes it is written:

Ecclesiastes 1:9

What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

Hebraic thinking is in patterns, pictures, action orientated and in cycles.

It is the exact opposite of Greek or western thinking.

Greek thinking is more of evolution, abstract, philosophical thinking and linear.

Do you see the difference? Have you observed the difference before?

There is nothing new under the sun because everything that has happened has been established as a pattern before.

The end is revealed from the beginning, because the beginning establishes the pattern and carries these critical interpretive constructs forward till the end.

Perhaps it might serve well to illustrate this.

The Bible is full of patterns, actions, and pictures. These patterns, actions and pictures repeat themselves.

A way to visualize this is likened unto a quilt.

If a quilt contains black, red, white, and blue squares, in repetitive sequential order throughout the whole of the quilt, then what would we make of a one or two random pink squares?

The Greek thinker might call this evolution and expected change...Something “new” if you will.

The Hebraic thinker would call this an error in interpretation at minimum, meaning, perhaps those supposed pink squares might actually be red.

Or perhaps those pink squares are an error by the designer of the quilt.

Well, if the Word of God is the quilt, we know that it was not an error by the designer.

We would have a bigger hermeneutical problem if we were to conclude that God was full of error.

The observable established pattern of the Word of God cannot be interrupted or evolve. There cannot be something new under the sun. The problem is if we find a pink square then there is a problem with the doctrine of man.

As it might be surmised, we make every attempt to not employ Greek thinking, but instead only employ Hebraic thinking...we make every attempt to employ a hermeneutical interpretive paradigm that is consistent with the type of thinking that the authors of the Bible themselves employed, and arguably, a type of thinking that even our Creator employed...as evidenced by the way the Word is written and the original pictograph language that was used.

Thus, when a pattern is established, we are going to suggest that there is no pink squares.

Pink squares are a symptom of a problem with man, not the Word of God.

This is why Isaiah said to go back to the beginning.

Go back to the beginning and figure out the pattern.

The pattern is the hermeneutical key for valid Biblical doctrine.

Go back to the beginning before you begin to insert pink squares.

There is nothing new under the sun...and there is no pink squares.

Go back to the beginning to understand the end...and from beginning to the end, the pattern will be the same and cyclical.

Hopefully that makes some sense.

That was a short presentation on Hebraic thinking, but it should be understood why it was necessary.

One should employ a Hebraic mind to properly understand the Word of God.

One needs to seek out the patterns that are presented in the Word, to create the interpretive boundaries that mentally prevent one from forming doctrinal error.

So, to begin, in this teaching we are indeed going back to the beginning, and we are going to determine the first established pattern as it relates to His calendar.

So if we are to go back to the beginning to understand Yahweh's calendar as it relates to the moedim, or the appointed times, where do we find the first mention of the matter?

We find it in Genesis chapter 1, the actual beginning!

Genesis 1-14-16

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons (moedim), and for days and years, and let them

be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

Here we are specifically told that one of the main functions of the lights in the sky are for signs.

In Genesis 1, the Hebrew word for signs carries a meaning of remembrance, and a mark or a banner.

If these lights are for signs, simple deduction would have us conclude that these lights are intended to be observed.

They are a signal that carries meaning.

So, remember that. The lights in the sky are to be observed.

In addition, and apparently related to being observed, they are also used to calculate the *moedim*, meaning the “appointed times” of our Creator. These are the special days set apart to Him. And they are also for days, and years.

For more modern word usage, they are His holidays, or holy days.

The lights allow us to determine the days that are set apart for His purposes for His people.

Thus, again, by simple deduction, we can confidently conclude that by observing these lights in the sky, we should be able to understand at least the basic calendar mechanics leading to establishing of His appointed days.

So, remember that.

One of the first observations is already given to us, in determining the day and night.

Based on simple observation, we realize that absence of the sun is equated to night.

Also based on simple observation, we realize that the presence of the sun is equated to day.

That one was a given. However, that is the interpretive process illustrated by our creator.

That is our calendric hermeneutic that He gave to us.

Which is simply this, observe the celestial bodies, observe the pattern before you, and there you then have the unit of time assigned to each of those lights.

Simple enough right?

Watch, observe, note the pattern, and then there is the calendar...like a big clock in the sky.

Using that metaphor of the clock, recall that a clock typically has three hands to build the notion of time, the hour hand, minute hand, and second hand.

Likewise, our Creator did the same.

Knowing that, let's proceed.

The lights that are specifically mentioned are the sun (the greater), moon (the lesser), and the stars.

As a side note, it is important to note that the difference between using the signs Yahweh gave us for His purposes, for His appointed times, and the way the pagans used the sun, moon, and stars related to their false gods.

There are those that you might hear say:

“We are not to use the moon, because this pagan culture used the moon, or we are not to use the sun, because this pagan culture used the sun, or we are not to use the stars, because this pagan group used the stars.”

That may sound valid on the surface, but think about that for a second.

Are we supposed to do things because the pagan nations didn't do them, or are we supposed to do things because the Word of God says to do it?

If we don't observe or do certain things because pagan nations did them, then what are we using as our source of truth?

The reality is this, the adversary MIXES truth. And that, you likely already knew.

Thus, if we walk in the faith making every attempt to do the opposite of pagan cultures, then as a result, because they mix truth with what is false, we will consequently contradict truth as well.

For instance, should we not use the moon because the Babylonians used the moon in their calendar? Or should we not use the sun because the Greeks used the sun in their calendar?

Of course not.

That would be like saying we should steal because the Greeks believed and practiced not stealing from each other.

Other cultures used the stars, but as we read, Genesis chapter one also mentions the stars playing a role in our Creator's calendar.

We are not to decide how to calculate our Creator's calendar not by doing the opposite of the pagans, because that would assume that they were totally 100% wrong on everything whereas it is more likely that they were mixing what is truth with what is false.

So, if someone teaches the Biblical calendar by saying that we should not use the moon because the Babylonians, or Sumarians, or some other ancient civilization uses the moon, is that the ultimate authority of truth? ...to always do the opposite of other ancient civilizations?

Of course not. Our source of truth and means to discern the counterfeit is to compare our understanding of the Word of God to the ways of the world, in order to expose the ways of the world as false.

We are not to try to use the ways of the world to try to build a case for our doctrine on the Word of God.

Thus, if we are not to use the moon for any calendar calculations, then let it be because the Word of God says not to, not because an ancient pagan society practiced time keeping with the moon long ago.

The ways of the world mix truth with what is false. How do we know if such practices are true or false unless we are using the Word of God as our only guide and framework?

However, and this is important, here is what we are not to do. We are not to worship the sun, moon, and stars like they did.

The sun, moon, and stars are simply instruments, nothing more.

We are to worship the Creator, not the creation.

We can use the sun, moon, and stars as calendar tools, but nothing more.

We must remember, contrary to the pagan perspective, that the luminary bodies hold no power in of themselves, but are put in their place by the Creator to serve a purpose of signs and marking the appointed times.

We are not to give glory to creation, but to our Creator.

Let's read Genesis chapter 1 verses 14-16 again:

Genesis 1-14-16

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons (moedim), and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

There is a calendar that is gaining popularity that is a "solar only" calendar. It is often referred to as the Enoch calendar.

Such a calendar makes every attempt to remove the usage of the moon in determining the appointed times.

In Genesis 1 for example, it would be taught that lesser light is the stars, not the moon.

However, notice that there are "*two great lights*" in the heavens.

Any person looking up will see that both the sun and the moon are the two great lights that are greater in brilliance compared to the stars.

And that is what we are going to do. We are going to just keep this simple.

Thus, in that alone, we see that the translators translating this verse to show that the stars are different than the sun and moon in some way are likely correct in their Hebrew translation.

But there is more to consider. There are two great lights. But, when we look up at the stars, we see that there is not just one light, but many lights.

Did you catch that?

Here is what we have:

- 1) We have the sun, which is one body and singular...that is the greater light of the two great lights.
- 2) We have the moon, which is one body and singular...that is the lesser light of the two great lights.
- 3) Then we have the stars, which are the lesser lights than the first two, thus making the sun and moon greater in light. In addition, there are MANY stars, not just one, whereas the first two great lights are just that, TWO great lights.

Thus, here is what we are forced to conclude.

The “lesser light” of the “two great lights” must be the moon.

If the “lesser light” of the “two great lights” were the stars, then by the very nature of the stars, that would not be just “one lesser light” but “many lesser lights” as the stars are many not just one light.

As we said, we are keeping this simple, but we have to mention this because there is confusion out there on what the celestial lights in Genesis 1 is referring to.

But as you see, there is only one way this works.

Only the sun and moon qualify as the two “great” lights, because those are the only two bodies of light that are greater than the numerous stars.

Let’s simplify this even more.

If you were to look up at a clear night and the moon was full. Would you say that the stars are a great light, or the moon is a great light?

How could one even say that the stars are greater than the moon in brilliance first of all, and second of all, the stars are lights, not a light.

This is all simple deductive logic.

The sun and moon rule over day and night respectively.

Some may point out that the moon can appear during the day, but clearly, the sun still rules the day despite the appearing of the moon. And clearly, when the moon appears at night, it most definitely rules over the stars.

In the context of after the new Heavens and new Earth are made, Isaiah makes mention of how the sun and moon will no longer be our light, but instead YHWH will be our everlasting light.

But, this also means that before the new Heaven and new Earth, that the sun is our light for the day, and the moon is our light for the night.

Isaiah 60:19

The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD (YHWH) will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. (RSV) (Masoretic Text; Dead Sea Scroll, Septuagint, Targum state “by night”)

Isaiah the prophet states that the sun, the greater of the two great lights, rules the day and that the moon, the lesser of the two great lights rules the night.

Like we said, we are going to keep this simple.

Here is what Genesis says:

“the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night”

Likewise, just as His Word commands, here is what we observe when looking up.

The moon NEVER rules over the day, but can ONLY rule over the night. The sun NEVER rules over the night, but can ONLY rule over the day.

That understanding is consistent with Genesis 1, and thus the sun and moon are the two great lights.

If there are two lights that are great, they have to be greater than something.

Again, let’s keep it simple.

If there are two great lights, then there still must be a third light that is less.

You can not have two things that are great if they are not greater than something else.

So, what is lesser than the two great lights you ask?

You already know it.

The answer is that the sun and moon are greater than the stars.

The stars can only rule over the night when the moon is not present, and the sun is not present, thus the stars are the least of the lights.

Sometimes the solar only calendar proponents will suggest that there were other lights in the sky that once existed that agreed with the solar calendar contrary to the sun, moon, and stars.

Meaning this, the lights in the sky were different before and explains why the Enoch calendar does not work anymore.

But there is a problem with that.

It's a pink square.

Remember what we said about pink squares.

Our Creator created a pattern in the beginning that is, according to Isaiah, the same pattern that is to be revealed in the end.

However, we are to believe that there is by our Creator's design a new pink square in the middle?

Of course that cannot be the case.

Thus Genesis 1:14-16 should be understood as the following:

Genesis 1-14-16

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons (moedim), and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day (THE SUN) and the lesser light to rule the night (THE MOON)—and the stars.

So already, the solar only calendar proponents are facing some serious challenges from the first chapter of the Bible, but we will examine that calendar more later in this teaching.

To go back to our earlier interpretive Hebraic metaphor, the solar only calendar doctrine is quickly becoming a pink square in the pattern calendar quilt our Creator knitted together for us in the first chapter of the Bible.

Here is what we need to focus on for right now.

We have the sun, moon, and stars that are to be dominantly used in calculating the appointed times...

Any calendar that does not use the sun, moon, and stars should be set aside according to the very first 16 verses of the Torah.

The sun, moon, and stars are indeed our celestial timepieces. Also note, and this is an important piece that many miss, that these three celestial timepieces were given to us in that very order.

The observant student of the Word might catch it right away.

Not at all a coincidence, the dominant units of time in order are days, months, and years...
The dominant luminaries that are to be used are the sun, moon, and stars.

Coincidence?

How many believe that there are random accidental coincidences in the Bible?

We don't.

We believe everything is intentional and purposeful.

We simply need to seek out that purpose.

Again, the dominant Biblical calculations of time are days, months, and years.

The order of celestial timepieces give to us in the first chapter of the Bible in order are the sun, moon, and stars.

Are we suggesting that the sun is for days, the moon is for months, and that the stars are for years?

We ask, what other conclusion could we have come to using a Hebraic mind that focuses on patterns?

Did it not appear obvious requiring only brief analysis?

The observed pattern of the sun determines the day by evening and morning, the observed pattern of the moon cycle is one month in length, and the observed pattern of the stars have an annual cycle.

It is almost too obvious.

Who would suggest that the three main units of time are not somehow attached to the three types of lights in the sky, especially when Genesis 1 teaches that the sun, moon, and stars, in that order, are used to calculate the appointed times?

Even more convincingly both the sun, moon, and stars retain cyclical ongoing patterns that mirror the lengths of days, months, and years.

Remember, the cycles of the sun, moon, and stars are to be observed as signs, by which the purpose for each celestial timepiece should be evident based upon the cyclical patterns observed.

How absolutely confusing would our Creator have to be to place three distinct luminaries in the sky, with patters mirroring the three common units of time in the Bible, but then tell us that we are only to use only the sun?

Clearly, He wouldn't do that.

The calendar should be simple and obvious based on observable patterns, with no intentional distractions.

It is traditions and doctrines of men that make determining the calendar confusing.

Proverbs 14:12

["There is a way which seems right to a man, But in the end it leads to death."](#)

All one has to do is observe the sun. It rises and sets. In Genesis chapter one, there was night or

darkness, and then Yah spoke and there was light, or day.

Genesis 1:2-3

FIRST DARKNESS - The earth was without form and void, and **darkness** was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

THEN LIGHT - And God said, "Let there be light," and there was **light**.

There was no light in the beginning.

Jer. 4:23

I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

First there is no light or darkness, and then there is light.

The sun creates night and day in that order.

We can determine that simply examining the first few sentences of the Bible.

Darkness first, then light.

This should be of no surprise. The spiritual teaches the physical and the physical teaches the spiritual.

When we were we born as creatures of the light, we were first creatures of darkness and then we came into the light of the Word of God?

That is why in the beginning it is said in Genesis that at first there was darkness, or by Isaiah that at first there was no light. Then our Creator spoke and the Word went forth. It is the Word that is light.

When we become believers the Word goes forth in us, and we are reborn from darkness into the light.

Likewise, in the beginning, there was night number one, then day number one, then night number two, then day number two....and so on and so on.

The sun follows that pattern. First darkness, or night, and then there is light, or day.

The sun was clearly set into place to be the timepiece for night and day.

Then consider the moon.

Same pattern. No pink squares.

The moon has an observable cycle ranging from about 29 days 6 hours to 29 days 20 hours, averaging 29 days 12 hours.

The moon starts in darkness, grows into full light, becomes full light, grows into darkness, and then becomes darkness again to start the cycle all over again, just like the sun.

Have you ever noticed that the Spring feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread, as well as the Fall feast of Sukkot always include a full moon, or full light during that week? It is not an accident.

Likewise, the Day of Trumpets is when the moon is dark. That is also not an accident. The trumpet is for alarm to wake up. You need to wake up when you are in darkness.

Our Messiah comes when the world is full of darkness and no love, when the world is rejecting the law of God. That is found everywhere from Genesis to Revelation.

He comes to bring Torah, or light to the world, not to bring light to the world that is already in the light.

At any rate, both the sun and moon follow the same pattern. First darkness, then light.

The sun was clearly set into place to be the timepiece for the day.

The moon was clearly set into place to be the timepiece for months.

And then, we have the stars.

If observed through the year, the constellations shift gradually to the west. The stars follow a pattern that lasts for one solar year, and then repeats itself.

So the answer should already be obvious. The stars are the mechanism for determining a year.

The next question simply follows that realization.

How do we use that pattern of the stars to determine not only the year, but when it starts?

Again, it only requires deductive reasoning based on what we have already been presented in Genesis chapter 1.

The stars, which demonstrates the cyclical pattern of a year, is lesser than the moon, and sun, which are the determining factors of determining the months, and days...respectively.

Why?

Can we have a month without days?

Can we have a year without days and months?

The whole understanding found in Genesis one on how the moon is greater than the stars and that the sun is greater than the moon is EXTREMELY important...unless we want to assume our Creator speaks idle, random, and trivial words.

Of course not...every word is important.

As we observed earlier, one cannot have a year without days or months. This is why Genesis one declares the sun and moon to be the two great lights, thus leaving the stars, which dictate the year, to be the lesser lights.

So what are we saying?

Consider this.

In order for a month to be a month, it consists of days. Days are determined by the sun. Thus, as we are told by our Creator, the sun is the greater of the two great lights.

The conjunction of the moon does not fall directly on the start of a night or day...that is because the moon does not determine the night or day, the sun does. The moon simply points to the month, but you need the sun to determine the start of the first day of the month.

Do you see how that works?

The moon is rendered incapable of doing what it is supposed to do without the sun, because a month consists of days.

Why do we point this out?

Because the same is true for the stars.

The sun and the moon are the two great lights as compared to the stars.

As we already said, one can not have a year with out days and months, thus, the sun and moon rule over the stars, and are required in correctly determining a year.

Therefore, we need to also observe what the sun and moon do over a course of the year to assist us in making use of the annual patterns of the stars.

The moon pattern contains about twelve or thirteen cycles or months in any given year. There is no place in the Bible that demands that there cannot be thirteen months in a year. There is Scripture that does suggest that there must be at least twelve months in a year. We will cover all that later.

The sun, has a more interesting pattern. From the vantage point of Jerusalem, we find that the annual pattern of the sun, during the length of the annual pattern of the stars, offers four clear markers per year.

We have four observations that are each three months apart.

- 1) equal day and night,
- 2) a moment of the most possible daylight,
- 3) equal day and night again,
- 4) and then a moment of least possible daylight.

The question then becomes, does that matter?

Let's find out.

Genesis 1-14-16

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons (moedim), and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day (THE SUN) and the lesser light to rule the night (THE MOON)—and the stars.

These are four signs that occur every year. They must be useful for days and years in some capacity.

Again, even more observation shows us that each quarterly marker details the moment of a start of a new season.

- 1) There is an equal day and night that starts Spring
- 2) The day of most daylight starts Summer
- 3) Another day of equal day and night starts Fall
- 4) And lastly, a day with the least amount of daylight starts winter

So, if the sun and moon are greater than the stars, how can the sun and moon help discover the first day of the first month the annual pattern of the stars?

First, once again, let’s assume that the four patterns found quarterly in the sun, are not simple random, unintentional coincidences in our Creator’s design.

Fair assumption, right?

So, which one of these markers should we conclude marks the first month of the year? Now, there are verses elsewhere that tell us, but we are trying to stay in the verse 16 verses of the Bible.

If we were to read the story of creation, in which everything came out of nothing, in which life came out of the absence of life, which marker would make the most sense to pick? What fits the pattern? What season fits the pattern seen in the first sixteen verses of Genesis?

- 1) Spring
- 2) Summer
- 3) Fall
- 4) or Winter

Spring of course. Life springs forward from the absence of life every Spring season.

Now granted, this is simply a guess based on what we are working with in Genesis, but it is of course, a logical guess based on the signs of the sun, moon, and stars...and also, the signs of the Earth as Spring produces agricultural signs as well.

We will get into that more later, as it is important. But that is enough information to give the calendar understanding we are presenting a name.

Going forward from this moment in the teaching, we will refer to this calendar as the Heaven and Earth calendar.

The heavens being the sun, moon, and stars...in that order. And then the Earth, as being the least of them all because the Earth is under the sun, moon, and stars.

Heaven and Earth are mentioned often in the Scriptures, and always in that order. Heaven is greater than Earth. The physical teaches the spiritual and vice versa.

Heaven and Earth are also the witnesses that stand for the law of God.

Deuteronomy 30:19

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live...

So, based on Genesis, we can surmise, based on the patterns established in creation, and the patterns found in the sun, moon and stars, that the first day of the first month is calculated by doing the following.

First, we would want to establish when the vernal equinox is, which is the astronomical day of equal day and equal night.

It is a moment in which the sun is directly over the equator and the stars would be in a particular position that would occur year after year.

The moon is greater than the stars, so the cycle of the moon contains the marker of the Spring equinox. That would be the first month of the year.

The start of the cycle of the moon, starting in darkness would be the first of the month. The first of the month, being greatest light of them all, dictates the start of the first of the month. Before we have the first day, we have the first night, as it begins in darkness as evidenced in creation, first darkness, then light.

From observation, the Spring marker of the sun happens at a certain time of the annual pattern of the stars.

It is sometimes called the first point of Aries because it was at the beginning of that constellation some 2,000 years ago.

The term is still used, though precision of the equinoxes has moved the vernal equinox into Pisces.

The constellation of Aries will be important later, as we examine scripture and historical references. But for now, we will simply note that thousands of years ago, the first point of Aries would have been the moment in the annual pattern of the stars that would have dictated Spring and the vernal equinox.

THE CALENDAR IS INTENDED TO BE SIMPLE AND DEDUCTIVE

We are only sixteen verses in the Bible, and here is what we are able to conclude by only using scripture, observation, and simple deduction.

FACT #1)

The sun, moon, and stars (in that order of importance) dictate our units of time of days, months, and years. The sun and the moon are the two great singular lights that are greater than the numerous stars. The sun is the greater of the great lights and the moon is the lesser of the great lights. The stars are the least of them all. Thus, the order of stated importance from greatest to least are the sun (as days), moon (as months), and stars (as years). The days are greater than months or years because you cannot have months or years without days. The months are greater than years because you cannot have a year without being inclusive of days or months. The year, or stars, are the least of these. This is why the sun and moon are the two great lights with the sun being the greater of the two great lights and the moon being lesser of the two great lights. The stars are not considered a great light, but instead, as evidenced when looking up, they are many small lights and still depend on the sun and moon to accurately determine the start of the year in the annual pattern of the stars.

FACT # 2)

To determine the day, all we have to ask ourselves is simply this, “what does the sun do?” The pattern of the sun is evening and morning, which gives us a night and a day. We see that night comes first, then day as evidenced in the beginning in which there was darkness (night) while Yahweh hovered over the deep, and then day as light entered when He spoke the Word. Thus the first, second, or third of the month, etc. begins at night, and then enters into day. The pattern continues throughout the month and year.

FACT # 3)

Next we have the moon. To determine the month, all we have ask is, “what does the moon do?” We see that the moon has a cycle of darkness growing into light and then back into darkness. The observant student of the Word should quickly realize that such a pattern already exists in the pattern of the sun. The sun starts in darkness (night), grows into light (morning), enters into light (day), enters back into darkness (evening), and finally becomes darkness again. If the pattern of the moon is the same as the sun, then simple deduction would have us conclude that we should use the very same pattern, not something new. Thus, like creation, the moon, or month, starts in darkness, or actually, more accurately, the month starts in lunar conjunction. So the first of the month is the first night or day that contains the conjunction.

FACT # 4)

Next, we have the stars. When we ask, “what do stars do?” We then discover that the stars have an annual pattern, and thus common sense would dictate that the stars are the mechanism related to determining a year. Like the moon is dependent on the sun to determine the days that consist of the lunar cycle of a month, the stars are dependent on the sun and moon to determine not only the days and months that consist of a year, but also dictate the arrival of the first day and month of the year. The first of the month is the what contains the moon marker of the lunar conjunction. Likewise, the first month of the year is the what contains the spring equinox marker of the sun. That marker is chosen because it best fits the pattern offered in creation.

FACT #5)

The Sabbath is also evidenced in Genesis chapter one. We see that the pattern is six days and nights, and the seventh is the Sabbath.

Guess what?

We just determined how to determine days, months, years, and Sabbath by only using the first sixteen verses of the Bible, which instructs celestial observation for signs.

We stayed within the boundaries of Genesis 1, basic astronomical observation, and simple common sense.

We simply read Genesis chapter 1 and looked up and observed the patterns above us.

Those two approaches, Scripture and observation, produced the conclusions that simply naturally followed.

Nothing more, nothing less.

Are we done?

Is the matter established?

Should everyone settle for this explanation of the Biblical calendar that we labeled the Heaven and Earth calendar?

Not even close.

Many watching this teaching have thoughts going through their head, such as “what about this verse” or “that verse?”

What we have discussed already is not compatible with many of the different calendars that exist out there, and people are quite passionate about those calendar interpretations. We understand and appreciate that.

In the spirit of that passion, there are many who likely already turned off this teaching because of such disagreement.

We also understand and appreciate that.

However, if you have made it this far, here is what the rest of this series will look like.

- 1) We will show how the Biblical calendar is intended to be simple as reading Scripture, asking the right questions, and noting patterns that creates an understandable clock in the sky.
- 2) We will review the most common calendar interpretations
- 3) We will examine what the rest of the Torah says about the calendar

- 4) We will examine what the rest of the prophets say about the calendar
- 5) We will examine what the rest of the writings say about the calendar
- 6) We will examine what the New Testament or Brit Hadasha says about the calendar.
- 7) And finally, we will test what we read in the Torah, prophets, writings and New Testament, along with the most common Biblical calendar interpretations and test them all to what calendar our Messiah practiced and kept.

Hopefully that has your interest, because it most certainly is about to become interesting. We are just starting.

And remember, if what has been presented so far is not compatible with what you believed to be true about the calendar, please afford the rest of the parts of this teaching a chance.

We hope that this teaching has blessed you, and remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom

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