

Abib Report 2014

As you probably know, for many years now, those of us in the Church of God who have realised that the current Hebrew calendar is not the one sanctified by Jesus Christ's observance, and death on the true 14th Abib, have established the beginning of God's sacred year in exactly the same way that it was done at the time of Christ. Here follows the report of the witnesses led by Brian Convery, an ordained Church of God minister, who has faithfully attended every 'Abib expedition' since the first one I and others shared with him some 13 years ago.

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Summation and More

Dear Brethren,

We hope things are well with you all and that you are growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ/Messiah. In doing such Satan hates you beyond measure! But, he is only a tool being used in our perfection process. He can only do to us what our Creator allows him to do. I find great comfort in that when I am being tested.

The inspections this year were one of the simplest decisions we have had to make in the 13 years I have been involved in doing so. Rick and Pierre share the same opinion. Pierre has been doing so since 1982-83 if I am not mistaken. As most of you are aware we use the Zadok Scale for barley growth as a guide to the various stages of maturity in the plants life cycle. This year's barley was found predominantly in stage 4 (boot stage), 5 (head emergence stage) and some in 6 (the flowering stage). Please keep in mind these were the conditions in our traditionally early locations around the country. The slower areas to mature were much younger in some cases. Once again remember we do not use genetically manipulated and machine planted domestic barley. I am sure you all understand why we choose not to so I will forgo that discussion here. If someone chooses to use it that is a decision between them and God/Elohim. I will add however that none of the vast amounts of fields of this type of barley and for that matter wheat were past the flowering stage. If we had have checked closer we may have found some in the milk stage, but not many based on our years of experience in Israel. We use the volunteer or wild barley because as research has proven it is of the original unaltered genome of the barley found millennia ago in the Jordan Valley. That research has been undertaken and completed by both German and Egyptian scientists at Cairo University. The link is in our abib brochure if I remember correctly.

This year's barley witness made it very clear we were to intercalate a lunar month. That will place the harvest in "season" as to biblical command. All the signs leading up to this year's trip pointed to that outcome but we must always put forth the effort to see what God/Elohim has decided, just like we look for the crescent on the 29th evening (for those of us who do so) regardless of whether we think it will be visible or not. We are all to stay alert. The two previous years had been normal years and I know of no instance when there have been three years as such. That does not mean it can't happen. Sometimes we forget things like God/Elohim letting the sun move backwards in the sky and stay motionless for an entire day. Things to consider as we draw near the end of this age and a time of severe testing with a caveat attached to it. We should keep Matt 24:24 in mind in that sense, "For false christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect."

Unfortunately there is confusion this year as to when the biblical year will begin. There are some in the body who will be keeping the year as a normal 12 month year. Thus they will not be intercalating. They do so because they follow a long established tradition of their founder to look for green ears of grain. They understand abib to mean green ears after the error in translation by James Strong. There is nothing in the Hebrew word that implies green anything. The word abib or aviv is a description of a state

of maturity in the life cycle of barley. God/Elohim names things for what they are in the significance they are to be used for. Christ/Messiah is our wavesheaf, our physiologically mature wavesheaf. The month is named for that purpose to identify the chief function to take place in it. We will address that a little later but most of you probably already know that. However there are new folks coming to these understandings all the time so it is necessary to refresh it in our reports and such.

It is also my unwanted desire to address an accusation levelled against us inspectors by one who claims to be in the body. He has stated that we have deliberately lied about the status of the barley crop this year to deceive many. 1 Peter 3:15-16 demands it be done as does Matthew 18. This is not a process in division but correction, and light exposing darkness. That will be in the “more” section after we deal with this summation. So if there are any of you who are not comfortable with such an undertaking do not read the second part of this summation.

Let’s review some very simple patterns in creation to establish our biblical baseline for understanding about the patterns placed in creation by the Creator for our understanding and for a witness to the plan of Salvation and much more including the timing of the start of the year and what witnesses are to be used.

Romans 1:18-20;

“For the wrath of God/Elohim is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth of righteousness, because what may be known of God/Elohim is manifest (or clearly evident) in (to or among) them, for God/Elohim has shown it to them.” (No misunderstanding this context!)

“For the unseen things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things made, both His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse.” (JP Green)

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead (divine nature) so that they are without excuse.” (NKJ)

There should be no misunderstanding what our Creator is telling us here. We are capable of knowing the truth and righteousness of God/Elohim by and through what is made in creation so that we are without excuse. He tells us there are some who will reject those witnesses which are easily seen in pointing to all things Godly. Not one of us has an excuse for not following them for they are clearly seen if we are looking for the truth of God/Elohim. Satan on the other hand uses an entirely different approach surrounded by vanity. He stresses the unseen things wrapped in his deceit which puffs one up whether they know it or not. We will be discussing some of these for what they are later. But for now let’s look at one clearly seen pattern as evidence of the Creator and His appointed times of meeting placed in the very fabric of life as an example which fulfils Romans 1:20. This incredible witness has been reserved until the end of the age for a witness to all mankind.

As we know the Calendar of God/Elohim has very specific months and dates which are recorded in Leviticus 23. They are crucial to our relationship with the Father and the Son. As all of you are aware the first, third, and seventh months hold these days delineated in Lev 23 and elsewhere. God/Elohim tells us they are His appointed times of meeting with us. Days 1, 10, 14, 15-21, and 22 are all important dates. Because of our technology here at the end of the age we are able to see a great witness to these incredible times of rehearsal recorded in the life cycle of a woman. In the Biblical Calendar the first day of the first month is the day in which the new year count starts. During the millennium we can see in Ezekiel this day will have a special designation for the Temple as well. Day 10 is the day the lamb is separated from the flock and kept for Passover. Day 14 is the Passover sacrifice. Days 15 through 21 are the days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The seventh month has day one as the Feast of Trumpets, day 10 as Atonement with many significant things tied to it but none bigger in my thinking than Satan

being separated from Israel and mankind for a thousand years. Then we have days 15 through 21 as the Feast of Tabernacles and then day 22 and the Great Last Day or whatever you may want to call it.

These calendar milestones are embedded in the menstrual cycle of a woman. The cycle starts on day one. Then on day 10 we find a day of separation just like the 10th day of the first and seventh months. The ovum loses half its chromosome count. On day 14 the pre-ovulation phase comes to an end. The endometrium is prepared and ready for pregnancy. That means the ovum (egg) is able to move there. The Lamb of God/Elohim has prepared the way for us in this 14th day of the plan of salvation. Day 15 ovulation takes place and the Corpus Luteum has already grown into a golden colored body ready to be fertilized. That availability ends no later than day 22.

Dear brethren, just think, the Creator placed this evidence of the greatness and infallibility of the plan of salvation in a woman from creation. We have only known these things medically for a few decades or more. We at the end of the age have been gifted with this knowledge as an affirmation of our faith. It has not been known throughout the ages but reserved for these end times for us. Many have longed to know such things but have gone to the grave without it. Something else to consider here is it does not give a hard date for Pentecost does it. It is the only one of the annual appointed times of meeting which does not have one. We are to count to it from the first day of the week falling during the days of UB. It is a 49 day count or seven perfect, complete, creation weeks of time. That is just one of the evidences I hold outside of the Bible for not keeping a fixed date Pentecost. Lots could be said about that as well as how that applies here spiritually but today is not the time. This cycle of life in a woman depicts the spiritual cycle of life in the plan of salvation. It is a detailed map in the flesh of it. We are without excuse to recognize the value it has for us. Satan is very aware of it. He is doing all he can to distort it, to terminate it, to abort it.

This is just one simple example of what God/Elohim instructed us in Romans 1:20.

Now let's focus on grain to see another embedded infallible truth of God/Elohim. It is a fact that the spiritual harvests depicting the plan of salvation are tied to the Promised Land. To ignore this would be to suppress the truth in unrighteousness as we were warned in Romans 1:19. Satan however has been very busy to distort, deceive, and yes abort this knowledge and understanding as well. He has convinced some they can use barley grown outside of Gods/Elohim focal point on earth to use in recognizing the start of the year and the count of the appointed times of meeting with Him. We will cover that a little later for Satan has done the same with other observable criteria required for calendar observance. The cycle of life in barley and wheat is another proof of what we are instructed in, as to Romans 1:20. These patterns are simple for us to know. Unlike the example embedded in the life cycle of a woman man has known for a long time the cycle of grain as to its high points or stages of maturity. Technology today has accomplished adding some new things to that old understanding which once again are given to us for faith building. The simplicity of this pattern and cycle is very reassuring if we believe Christ/Messiah.

Mark 4:26-29; "And He said, the kingdom of God/Elohim is as if a man should sow seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day (one of the same patterns promised after the flood) and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

Very simple pattern of knowledge. That knowledge is the basis of our understanding and efforts when we conduct the inspections of the volunteer barley growing in Israel from year to year. Here we have just been instructed by Christ/Messiah about the simplicity of the process from planting to harvest. Several growth stages are mentioned for a reason. There is an embedded undeniable truth of righteousness in the growing pattern of barley. That is, in unaltered barley, which is subject to Gods/Elohim growing conditions, to His timing of rains and heat, and sunshine. Look at His simple growth stages He listed which are very recognizable to anyone who has a pair of eyes. Remember clearly seen from Romans 1:20. Seed is planted, then the blade appears (the boot), then the head emerges

from the blade, then the grain develops in the head and fills out, then the grain ripens or dries out, and then it is immediately harvested.

Lots of lessons here from our Savior the very one depicted as our wavesheaf offering. This understanding is crucial to the start of a Biblical Year. As important as the growth stages are do not pass over the importance Christ/Messiah has just instructed us in as to when the barley is to be harvested. IMMEDIATELY! We do not wait on some magic moment in the sky for the go ahead. He is the first of the firstfruits. He is talking about Himself here. Please do not discount this knowledge and instruction He is giving us. There are times when some brethren proclaim a start to the year later than it should be. In some years the barley would be sitting for 4-6 weeks past its PRIME BIBLICAL cutting time. That is a disaster in the making physically and spiritually. I find it hard to believe that some brethren do ignore these awesome truths but that is between them and God/Elohim. They somehow believe they have to wait on a magic moment in time, an invisible moment in time, which by the way is located 2000 miles away from the Promised Land.

We were instructed in the pattern of growth stages from Mark 4. That is why we use a growth scale called Zadoks Scale. I can't help but think what a sense of humor God/Elohim has in this. Most of you know the importance of the line of Zadok to the wavesheaf offering in the Temple I am thinking so I won't elaborate on it. This scale is based on an approximate 90 day growing cycle. All of the growth stages delineated by Christ/Messiah are delineated in much greater detail. There is nothing unseen in it as to these stages. The actual growing cycle for the barley we inspect is only affected by the weather or meteorological cycle God/Elohim puts in place in any given year in Israel. He decides when to water it with the rain of heaven, when to give it warmth, and when to not do so. This is how He regulates its growth cycle to suit His Calendar desires from year to year. He determines when it will be mature enough to harvest.

Deuteronomy 11:10-12;

“For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt (so don't bring it up in calendar discussions for it is irrelevant) from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot (from the Nile, irrigated it) as a vegetable garden; but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys (no Nile there just God/Elohim) which drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land for which the Lord/Yehovah cares; the eyes of the Lord/Yehovah your God/Elohim are always on it (what happened to an equinox) from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.”

The Creator has just instructed us in how He regulated the growth cycle of the barley. Thus He uses it to determine the start of the year for some very, very, important reasons. He and He alone determines the timing of His harvests. That is why we do not use manipulated altered barley for our inspections as to the start of the year. The volunteer barley is completely subject to His timing. He made a very important promise to us after the flood. We can learn a lot about His process now in place.

Genesis 8:22;

“While the earth remains (still here and now the pattern) seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

What a simple pattern. Notice the linkage for growing things. It is a promise this pattern will go on until there is no earth as we know it. The context here is very clear. It is after the flood which wiped everything out except that which He saved. He says He will not change this pattern now in place. It does not matter what took place prior to it for this is the pattern we are now left with to utilize after the flood. So please don't get all caught up in what happened beforehand. It does not matter now! It is irrelevant and a tactic to deceive with vanity at its root. Summer and winter here are tied to warm and cold, seedtime and harvest, day and night. The land of Israel only knows summer and winter. There is no spring or fall. Everything is recognized by the weather and the crops. The dark days of winter are cold and wet and the time to plant. The bright days of summer are warm and dry and a time of harvest.

That is the pattern and all that is required to distinguish it. No solstices and no equinoxes which are not even visible and certainly not located in the land of Israel. They are irrelevant according to all the patterns of God.

It is my firm conviction that God/Elohim has chosen to use the barley growing in Israel to start the beginning of the year each and every year. He regulates it and no man. It is not like Egypt where irrigation affected the timing of the growth cycle. It is the key component because the start of this harvest depicts our resurrected Christ/Messiah being accepted on our behalf so the plan of salvation could continue onto the next phase. He is depicted by healthy, spotless, blemish free barley, a pure strain, not the modified barley grown by most today. Satan who has been very successful at changing times and season is still attempting to do so now. He does this to confuse and confound and divide those being called at this time. There was a time when he thought he had a lock on it with the Rabbinic Calendar but then God/Elohim has allowed many of us to see the error in the Rabbinic Calendar we had been using. Satan has control of all his religious institutions in the world and is trying to set us up the same way. Every one of them uses the equinox as their baseline. Lots of unseen elements go into his worldly calendars. Not so with God. Everything is clearly visible. No conjunctions, no equinoxes, no solstices, no zodiac, nothing of a sort according to scripture. His plan is about light and not darkness. That is why the start of the year centers on a resurrected Savior. He is the wavesheaf and that offering is the center of how we determine the month of Abib. Yes His death is important but that does not extend the plan, only the possibility of our involvement. His life does, for we all have to go through Him for eternal life. He is accepted on our behalf. He is the first of the firstfruits. The harvest continues for 7 perfect weeks according to a creation week. That is the only perfect or complete week to God/Elohim. That is why Lev 23 tells us it starts on the day following the weekly Sabbath which is the first day of the week just as He was waved and accepted by the Father in the year of His death. That is why we need to be alert to the growth cycle in the barley growing in Israel. That accompanied by the light of the moon as seen from the earth are the two witnesses of the start of the year as God/Elohim has established in scripture. There are also minor witnesses as well which you have read about us reporting on them over the years. Song of Solomon 2:11-13;

“For lo, the winter has past, the rain is over and gone (which rain cycle? Important to know). The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in the land. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell.”

Isa 18:5;

“For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, He will both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks and take away and cut down the branches.”

Matt 24:24;

“Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.”

Jeremiah 8:7;

“Even the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times (migration); and the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord/Yehovah (all calendar related)”.

They are clearly visible, no hocus pocus and no sliding math scale. We do not share the convenience that those who use a magic unseen moment which can be used to project a calendar calculation out for millennia. The Biblical pattern of the barley is very easy to understand as are the minor witnesses as well. At the end of the 12th lunar month if the barley will not be mature enough to meet the minimum standards for a firstfruit grain offering within 15 days into the next month then we intercalate a month. I say 15 days because that is the earliest it could happen in a given month. If the Sunday of UB should fall on the first day, that would be wavesheaf day. In some years it can stretch out until the 21st day. Every

aspect of the Biblical Calendar is generated by things clearly seen in the Promised Land. That is His focal point on earth just as He has instructed us.

The barley selected for the wavesheaf has to have some enduring qualities. It must be physiologically mature to represent our Savior. That means it must be able to reproduce itself and be able to stand up to the heat and the grinding He would endure while a man. Only after it has reached this stage of growth will it meet the standard for a fine flour offering of firstfruit grain. At that point the sickle is immediately used to harvest it and thus begin the vast 7 week harvest. There is no delay as per the doctrine of the Father. He uses the harvests in Israel for they are simple to follow. Once again, not the manipulated fields, but the volunteer/wild barley fields. When I hear of some using a delaying doctrine or for that matter a doctrine of premature cutting I think of John 4:35.

“Do you not say, there are still four months and then comes the harvest?(clearly blind to it with other things on their mind) Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields (not some magic moment in the sky) for they are already WHITE for harvest.”

Now why didn't Christ/Messiah use an unseen moment in time some 2000 miles away to determine the harvest time? Because it is not to be used! He makes it very clear here that the maturity of the grain is the determining factor! It has turned white from drying. How simple is that instruction to us. No green ears are acceptable either. Once again the entire process is based on clearly seen growth stages as described by Christ/Messiah earlier in Mark 4. This pattern can be tracked and observed by anyone who can see. The seed is sown and the blade grows (Zadoks stages 1-4). Then the head becomes visible and the kernels grow first in length in the head (stage 5) and then starches are added until they become full (Zadoks 6-8.9 and then it ripens (Zadoks 9.1). What we look for when we are undertaking our inspections is barley in the 8-9 stages. Stage 8 is the dough development stage of growth. That is when the elongated seed is filled out. To meet the minimum standard of Lev 2:14 it must be able to withstand heat to be dried out. Only then could it be ground into fine flour. Through experimentation we understand that the seed must be in at least an 8.5 growth stage. Prior to this the seed just shrivels and can't be ground. Stages 8.7 and above have proven to be very reliable for this purpose. The lesson is, if you are not mature enough to survive the heat you will never survive the grinding. It is at this stage we have also discovered that the seeds will reproduce themselves. When we find barley in this stage we know for a fact that on its own it will be ready by wavesheaf day. That is why we do not use “green ears” for any determination other than it will be too young. Just think green ears are visible from stage 5. That can be as many as 40 days until it is mature.

No acceptable barley growing in Israel this year would meet the necessary criteria for a wavesheaf offering this month. Please keep in mind we are talking about the start of a harvest here, not some garden patch like in Egypt. There are 7 different climatic zones for growing in Israel. Sometimes they are all spread out as to harvest and at other times there are several ready at the same time. On the other hand last year we found barley ready to meet the minimum standard at the end of the 12th month. Those who used a magic moment in the sky method for starting the year went a month after us. Just imagine the outcome. The vast majority of the crop would have been left standing for many, many, weeks in the elements. The cycle of grain says, “drop your seeds after you dry out.” That is the way of things. Also the birds and local wildlife would make havoc with it. That is the irresponsible way of Satan and his equinox doctrine. Harvestable grain left for as much as 6 or more weeks. That is completely anti-biblical as Christ/Messiah has told us and instructed us. We refuse to act that irresponsibly as those proclaiming an equinox year. That would be putting a stumbling block in front of the called of the Father in our opinions, but to each their own! We all have to work out our own salvation in fear and trembling.

Let's take some time and address why I call the invisible magical moments of the conjunction, equinoxes and solstices, and zodiac, Satan's calendar criteria. In Revelation 2-3 we have our Christ/Messiah giving us valuable information and descriptions of what is taking place in His churches prior to His return. We need to take these instructions and warnings to heart. Some are good some are not. Let's look at some of the bad. To those of Smyrna He says in 2:9, “I know your works, tribulation, and poverty; and the blasphemies of those who say they are Jews (follow the Jews calendar and such) and are not, but are a synagogue (congregation) of Satan.” Please read that again folks. There are some there who try and

portray themselves as Jews, doing what they do, but are actually following doctrines of Satan. They are being influenced by blasphemies of Satan. Now do you think they are knowingly doing so? I don't! I think they are completely deceived. These deceived individuals are trying to get Smyrna to follow their errors. Please put this all into perspective. These doctrines of Satan are not overt but covert. Just like when he quoted scripture to Christ out of context. If Christ had have taken the bait He would have committed self-murder in jumping from the pinnacle of the Temple. Thus we would have had no Savior. Satan is very cunning, and he will always try to appeal to our vanity to get us to stumble. That is what happens to the enlightened ones who run this world. They buy it hook, line, and sinker. The Jews appointed times of meeting, God/Elohim hates! Put this all into perspective. It is not Biblical. The Rabbis tell us that there were no postponements prior to 500 AD. The current calendar they use is not correct even mathematically which they know. It was not codified until after 1170 AD. Others have done some good work showing this fact. The Talmud which was written out finally in about 200 AD clearly shows functions taking place which are forbidden on certain days in the current Rabbinical Calendar reckoning. The Hoeck brothers have one available on their site. Some have wondered why I or some of the other inspectors have not done our own. Why would we when others have done good work in this field. That would be pure vanity. We are all placed in the body to perform certain functions to edify it. Not one of us can do it all or should even attempt to. We are directed by the Head in our functions for edifying the body until we all come to the unity of the faith so we can grow into the stature of the fullness of Christ/Messiah.

He does not end here with Smyrna as to instructing us about Satan's involvement with the churches. To Pergamus He says in verse 13 that Satan dwells there. Now does that mean he is knocking at the door or lurking around outside. No, he dwells in the midst of it. Imagine the consequences that has. Actually don't image, read them right there in scripture. Then to Thyatira in verse 24 He says, "But I say to you and to the rest in Thyatira, as many who do not have this teaching and who did not know the deep things of Satan as they say, I am not casting another burden on you."

There should be little if any doubt that some of the churches have embraced some of Satan's doctrines and ways of doing things. Let's be alert to these things. They will be shrouded in mystery and vanity and appeal to many. That is what happened to mother Eve. We are the second Eve, the bride, don't fall for it. We have the spirit of God/Elohim to lead us into all righteousness. We also can read about the doctrines of the Nicolaitans being front and center in some of these churches. They are even embedded in them. These are also of Satan but more widely accepted by many in the church and in this world. The Greek says it well in its meaning, "a victory or conquest over the people." God/Elohim says He hates them but all the same many in the church tolerate them and place themselves under their dominion. These Nicolaitans are infected with the spiritual disease of desiring dominion over another. Let's take a brief look at some of these deep doctrines of Satan. I would strongly suggest one read our article "Why I do not use an Equinox in anything Biblical." It is available on the site or we could send one to you. It is loaded with information on the deep things of Satan. Things you probably have never known yet in some circles it is all common knowledge. Some calendar perspective on this.

Lev. 23:2; "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: the feasts of the Lord/Yehovah, which you shall proclaim holy convocations, these are My feasts."

He then goes on to enumerate them by day (Sabbath) and by date and month except Pentecost. All are given fixed days and months in the year, once again except Pentecost. He even gives us a functional description of them. And commands us to keep every one of them with their ordinances on the day He declares in verse 37. Yet in the second covenant scriptures He calls many of the days the Jews were keeping as "feasts of the Jews" or the "Passover of the Jews." So what happened? They were already changing things like combining the Passover and the first day of UB for just one. They were also changing the commanded functions in those days as well.

Isaiah 1:14 reminds us; "Your New Moons and your appointed times MY soul hates."

Brethren that applies to today. There are many not keeping the day and method of reckoning how to get to them as God/Elohim has instructed. He tells us He delights in His. So we are not talking about His are

we! The current calendar codified by Maimonides and in place today has changed times and seasons. It has fulfilled the instruction we just read in Isaiah. But it is not alone in it. There are some today who decry the Rabbinical Calendar and then try to slide in one designed in the mind, from magical moments in time, which perverts the plan of salvation. It eliminated a Savior by letting Him, that which represents His part in the plan, rot in the field in some years. Remember Satan's method, he does not throw out the baby with the bath water, he maintains some parts correctly to give a taste of truth, thus some years will be in sync but some won't. He is very cunning!

Once again let's refresh our memory in Christ's/Messiah's own words before we continue. Mark 7:6-7; "This people (those who were running Judaism at the time) honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me (they are all around us today in some circles). And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

Verse 9; "And He said to them, all too well you reject the commandments of God, that you may keep your traditions."

The Maimonides calendar does exactly that. It changes times and seasons to keep their traditions. That is the nature of the postponements and following a magic unseen moment in the sky called the conjunction. Verse 37;

"Making the word of God/Elohim of no effect through your traditions which you have handed down (they are not secret instructions from God/Elohim). AND MANY SUCH THINGS YOU DO."

Since the beginning, actually the fourth day of creation week, we have been given our calendar clock. We have all poured over Genesis 1:14-18 many, many, times. What many overlook is the simple instruction as to what part of them we use. Remember these are heavenly tools which we use for one purpose, keeping the times to be kept holy declared by God/Elohim. Verse 15 makes it clear we use the light as it is visible from the earth for doing so. Verse 14 tells us these two lights are to be used as signs, Hebrew owth, "something clearly visible." We use the light of the sun to determine the start of a day and the weekly cycle so we know when the Sabbath is as well as the other days which are to be kept holy when combined with the light of the crescent moon. The stars are used for the watches of the night and for navigation. Psalms 104:19 tells us that the moon is to be used to determine appointed times and the sun knows it's going down. That is simple instruction as to the use of each. Satan has been very cunning in confusing that simple instruction. Instead of the light of the moon shining on the earth he uses its dark period (conjunction) and then has convinced vain mankind that they can use their mathematical intellect to decide when to establish the first of the month. He does not limit it. He has convinced every pagan religion in the world to use the magic, unseen, hocus pocus, mathematical, imaginary moment in time called the vernal equinox as the baseline for their calculations for their calendars. If God/Elohim intended for us, Israel, to use this moment in time located 2000 miles away from the Promised Land He sure has a big omission in our instruction here, as well as an error. He says we are to use the Moon for setting appointed times. God/Elohim is not the author of confusion, Satan is. I happen to be simple and dumb enough to believe God/Elohim and keep vanity out of the equation. These are really simple patterns in creation given to us by our Creator for being obedient to Him. They are humble patterns and witnesses. They are just like the barley which is a key component in describing the function of the first three stages of the plan of Salvation and thus a good understanding of how we fit into it at this time and how we are to use them in our proclaiming the appointed times of God/Elohim. So now where do the deep things of Satan come in with more detail? Once again I recommend you read the article on the site "Why I do not use an Equinox in anything Biblical." In brief a couple of the points made and elaborated on in the article. In Isaiah 47 we read about the effects of Babylon's wayward ways. We are told that because of the multitude of her sorceries and the great abundance of her enchantments that evil will come upon her. Now notice the nature of this. Verse 13;

"You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; let not the astrologers (not astronomers, big difference), the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators (those giving future knowledge as to what you should be doing each day in the month to come) stand up and save you from these things that shall come upon you." (NKJ)

Now JP Green, "You are exhausted by your many plans, let those dividing the heavens (Zodiak, solstices, equinoxes, etc.) stand up now and save you, the gazers into the stars, making known what is coming on you to the new moons."

The Equinox is used to tell us what is coming on us by many in this world. Some are now using it to declare the start of a new year. Are you aware that there is a great year with all its doings generated by the equinox? Please read the article. These are the deep things of Satan. God/Elohim instructs us not to use them, not to be dismayed by the signs of heaven (Jeremiah 10:2). They develop mathematically based unseen lines. Our Equinox article addresses this in detail and also gives examples of how these doctrines of Satan are used. They do not clearly show us the attributes and plans of God/Elohim as to salvation let alone the divine nature. They are cunningly conceived deceptions which most in the world have bought into. That includes the Catholic and Protestant religions as well in calculating their calendars. All that we need to keep the righteous calendar of God/Elohim, is the light from the moon, the light from the sun showing us sunset, and the volunteer barley growing in Israel. All clearly seen evidence in creation!

These are my firm convictions, and they are shared by many more brethren as well. They come in all types; Protestants, Sacred Names, Messianics, followers of Judaism, and church of God folks. We all derive them from scripture as well as the things which are made to reveal knowledge to us about the calendar pattern tied to the harvests in Israel. They are our baseline. Unfortunately every pagan religion in the world starts with an equinox baseline. If Satan has deceived the whole world why would that doctrine not fall under that heading especially since there is no mention of it in scripture, no instruction as to applying it? We hear delusional arguments for it, but not from God/Elohim. Once again the proponents of these deceptive doctrines do not use astronomy but rather astrology. They are dividers of the heavens looking for knowledge in them. They are used to change times and seasons. They are loaded with vanity and not humility.

The Biblical Calendar understanding is a watershed event here at the end of the age. Many are having their eyes opened to it. Satan is very aware of that and is very active in the churches, as Christ/Messiah has warned us prior to His return. I have just given you, the reader, a brief description of the hope which is in me. If you have a different understanding, then that is between you and God/Elohim. As I mentioned earlier I am simple enough to believe that all our calendar signs are clearly visible and must be conducted from the territory we call the Promised Land. Once again Deut. 11:10-12;

“For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot as a vegetable garden; but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys which drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land for which the Lord/Yehovah cares; the eyes of the Lord/Yehovah your God/Elohim are always on it from the beginning of the year to the very end of the Year.”

The Calendar of God and all its visible criteria for determining it, are to be found within the land of Israel. God's/Elohim focal point on earth! He cares for it which means He regulated the meteorological conditions there to suit His yearly desires as to its start and finish. Isaiah 2:3;

“Many people shall come and say, come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord/Yehovah, to the house of the God/Elohim of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord/Yehovah from Jerusalem.”

We have that ability to do so once again. And we are required to make the effort in righteousness. That has not been the case for hundreds of years. It was a curse for Israel to be expelled from the land. But now at the end of the age our Creator is turning the hearts of the children to the Father. We are waking from our sleep and slumber which has been going on for a long time, for our Husband/Savior is returning for us and we are to make ourselves ready. We will be reviled and accused of being evil doers. Stand firmly before the Lord/Yehovah in your hearts. 1 Peter 3:13-16 gives us the following instructions.

“And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake: blessed, do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. But sanctify the Lord/Yehovah God/Elohim in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that

when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ/Messiah may be ashamed.”

I hope I have done that this day. Our peace we give to you.

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