**GOD’S REDEMPTIVE CALENDAR FOR ALL MANKIND**

**Gen. 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; let them be for signs and for seasons** [mowed], **and for days, and years:**

From the beginning God wanted Israel and all other nations to easily recognize Messiah and His plan for mankind. On the fourth day of creation God created lights in the firmament to divide daytime (with the sun) from nighttime (with the moon and the stars). He said they would also be for “signs”(like the special star that announced Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem (Matt. 2:2, Num. 24:15-19) and the solar eclipse while Jesus was on the cross (Matt. 27:45 noon to 3 pm)], to confirm that Jesus is Messiah. God also gave us the moon for a lunar calendar i.e. “for days and years” with great meaning so we would not miss anything that God had planned for us. Unfortunately, men later designed a solar calendar, the Gregorian calendar, in 1582 which we use as a nation, but Israel and many others still use the lunar calendar. It’s God’s choice. This lunar calendar began right from the beginning of creation. Every month starts with a new moon, a sliver. In the middle of each month is a full moon. It all has great meaning. Israel still uses this calendar as a nation.

Natural Israel made *Tishrei* or *Tishri* in the fall the first month with their New Year on the first day (1 *Tishri*). It is still Israel’s civil and agricultural calendar to this day. But God rearranged it into **His Calendar** around 1446 BC on the first Passover in Moses’ day (Exod. Chap. 12). God started His timetable with the spring-time month *Nissan* for *Nissan* means “new beginning.” **God’s New Year is 1 *Nissan***. In a seven-month span of time by His calendar (spring to fall *Nissan or Nisan, Iyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Av or Ab, Elul or Ellul, Tishri*), God is going to lay out all His plans: the coming of Messiah, the Gentile Church Age and Rapture, Tribulation, and the Millennial reign of Christ all by the “seasons.” But these “seasons” are not winter, spring, summer and fall but *mowed* the “feasts of the LORD” described in Leviticus chapter 23 (but not the feasts later added by men). The enemy tried to hide this easy guide from us through dark age church leaders who changed our calendar to a solar one and placed dates of Biblical happenings on other dates to supposedly cover occult practices. The true calendar of God makes far, far more sense. Let’s focus on the first season in the first month.

The first season *Pesah*, we call Passover, was originally Israel’s miraculous rescue from slavery in Egypt. Thereafter and to this day, Israel keeps *Pesah* annually to remember how God set them free. (This season includes 3 feasts: Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits.) Israel did not realize God was also using this annual feast season (15-22 *Nissan*) to help them recognize their Messiah. Passover is all about the life of Jesus on earth and His work of redemption for mankind. First, Jesus was NOT born on December 25th though there is nothing wrong with celebrating then, however you might want to note the real date. **Jesus was born on 1 *Nissan***. Jesus started the Calendar of God. He was our “New Beginning” born on a new moon. The new moon was a symbol of Him as a baby. How do we know it was *Nissan*? The Bible says, “the shepherds (were) abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night” (Luke 2:8). Bethlehem shepherds did not stay in the field in the winter. It was too cold. Two years ago, my husband and I visited the caves in Bethlehem where the shepherds stayed at night in the winter months. They could sleep outside from mid spring to mid fall but they only “abided in the field” when waiting for lambs to be born. Lambs were always born in the spring and all at the same time in early *Nissan*. These lambs were special too. They would be sacrificed in Jerusalem at Passover one year from birth. So, The Paschal Lamb of God (Jesus) was born around the time when the lambs to be sacrificed a year later at Passover would soon be born. (For more details of proof listen to Jonathan Cahn on tube “When Was Jesus Really Born?)

Thirty-three years later, Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (10 *Nissan*), the day those *Pesah* lambs were brought from Bethlehem into Jerusalem (Exod. 12:3) for the Passover feast. Then Jesus will be crucified on the cross for our Redemption to set us free from the slavery of sin. He will die on the day of *Nissan*’s full moon—15 *Nissan* as the fulness of His first coming. The solar eclipse will occur from noon to 3 pm (Matt. 27:45) and Jesus will give up His life, i.e. die, the very day and hour (6 pm) the Passover lambs are slaughtered (Matt. 27:46). Jesus will rise from the dead on First Fruits which ends the Passover season. Jesus totally fulfilled the first “season” Himself. Unlike Israel, the Church keeps Passover but in a very different way. We keep Passover through the Sacrament of Communion, remembering how Jesus fulfilled this first “season” for us. We also remember that day on Easter Sunday—that is a man idea. Every Sunday, every communion is our remembrance.

The second feast season is *Shav’ot* which we call Pentecost on 7 *Sivan,* the third month of God’s calendar. The original *Shav’ot* was Israel’s experience at mount Sinai when God’s Shekinah glory sat upon and filled the top of the whole mount and Israel became Jehovah’s Bride through the Old Covenant. Pentecost was the beginning of her marital relationship with the LORD. Israel was meant to remain faithful and to mature into intimate fellowship with the LORD like Moses, Daniel, David et. al. This date of marriage was 50 days after Passover, the number of Jubilee or Liberty for those (the Church) who recognized The Lamb of God sacrificed in their stead. Our first Pentecost was the beginning of the Church Age when God’s Shekinah glory sat like tongues of fire upon 120 believers in the Upper Room (Acts 2). That was the Church’s beginning as the Bride of Christ (like a new moon) through the New marital Covenant. We keep Pentecost by staying full of His Spirit, staying faithful to the One Who died for us, maturing in the things of God and developing intimate fellowship with our Groom, Jesus. That is our everyday commitment, but we also should wait for a greater out-pouring of His Spirit in the last days (Joel. 2:23) by seeking God’s face together annually on Pentecost for the sake of the great final harvest of souls. Internationally in the 1980s and 90s, it was called Jesus’ Day. In 2005 it was changed to the Global Day of Prayer. It will change again but we must collectively keep seeking God for world-wide revival the way Joel preached and God warned (2 Chron. 7:14). This greater out-pouring will be the Church Age’s full moon, fulfilling her role on earth before she leaves in the Rapture. Pentecost is the church’s feast to keep. This is how the Bride of Christ keeps herself ready for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb for only the five wise virgins arrived. The five foolish virgins did not (Matt. 25:1-12). Read my book: *The Bride Made Ready* by Judith Lyon Kesselman for far more details and the many levels of keeping the feasts of God while here on earth.

In very brief terms, God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will keep the final three feasts of the last feast season in the seventh month, *Tishri*. Seven means completion. God’s plans for mankind will come to full completion. *Rosh Hashanah* or the Feast of Trumpets (1 *Tishri*) is the glorious calling out of Christ’s Bride which we call the Rapture. But only those ready will go. Some believers of the “falling away” (2 Thess. 2:3) will remain. Jesus did say that no one knows the day nor the hour (Matt. 25:13). That is true. But we know the feast each year which covers two days from sundown to sundown. We won’t ever know the specific moment, but we can make sure that we are ready on this feast. This is also why the 30 days of *Ellul* (the 6th month) are all about examining our hearts. To be ready stay full of His Spirit. Stay close to Jesus. Do not think you can live dry but seek His Spirit the day before *Rosh Hashanah* and all will be well! No. Get ready and stay ready. On *Yom Kippur* or the Day of Atonement (10 *Tishri*), the Tribulation will start for those who refused Jesus and those not raptured, and it will finish seven years later on that day. Finally, God will come to tabernacle (live, dwell) among us on earth on *a day of Sukkot*, the Feast of Tabernacles (15-23 *Tishri*). There are far, far more details in my book and books by other writers. Make sure you are ready to go for that day is drawing near!

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THIRD FIRST SECOND

**SOLAR CALENDAR MAN’S LUNAR CALENDAR GOD’S REDEMPTIVE LUNAR CALENDAR**

**GREGORIAN 1582 (From Creation – Civil, Agr.) God’s Plan for Mankind calendar 1446 BC**

**January 1st Month** *Tebeth* or *Tevet Tebeth* or *Tevet*

**1 January New Year!!!**

**February** *Shebat* or *Shevat Shebat* or *Shevat*

**March** *Adar Adar*

**April**  *Nissan* or *Nisan* ***Nissan* 1st Month**

 **1 *Nissan* New Year!!! (3 feasts)**

 **1 *Nissan* JESUS IS BORN**

 **15-22 *Nissan first PASSOVER SEASON* 1446 BC**

 **Passover, Unleavened Bread, and Firstfruits**

 OC - Israel redeemed from Egypt

 NC - **JESUS SEASON** to redeem us

 (Jesus’s beginning to end on earth of 1st advent)

**May**  *Iyar Iyar*

**June**  *Sivan*  ***Sivan* 3rd Month**

 6-**7 *Sivan*** ***PENTECOST SEASON (1 feast)***

 God’s Shekinah on mount Sinai **Ex. 19:16, 18**

 OC – Jehovah’ Bride (mature/intimate or not)

 God’s Shekinah in upper room **Acts 2:1:4**

 NC – **BRIDE SEASON** (mature/intimate or not)

 (Bride’s beginning to end until rapture, 1 *Tishri*)

**July** *Tammuz* *Tammuz*

**August** *Ab* or *Av* *Ab* or *Av*

**September** *Elul* or *Ellul* *Elul (30 days of Elul + 10 days of Tishri = Teshuvah)*

**October** ***Tishrei* or *Tishri* 1st Month *Tishri* 7th *Month (3 feasts)***

 **1 *Tishri* New Year!!! 1, 1-10, 10 *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur* and**

**15-23 *Tishri* *FEAST OF TABERNACLES SEASON***

 OC - God manifestly dwells in Israel’s midst

 NC – Millennial Regin of Christ – 2nd advent

 **GOD’S SEASON ON EARTH**

**November** *Heshvan* or *Cheshvan* *Heshvan* or *Cheshvan*

**December** *Kislev* *Kislev*

13th month sometimes *Adar I* and *Adar II* (before *Nissan*)