



GOD'S CALENDAR

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The Plain Truth About God's Calendar!

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Introduction:



The Apostle Paul has written in II Timothy 3:1: “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” It is obvious to almost every observant person living today that we are living in *perilous times*. Never in man’s history has there been such an accumulation of serious problems as the world faces today. These problems are seen “live” every evening on the television newscasts and in our newspapers. Violent crimes, so vicious and brutal that they are inconceivable, are common in today’s society. A sex-oriented, hedonistic culture has promoted godlessness—resulting in divorce and broken homes, undisciplined children, health problems, alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography, and a perversion of morals at all levels of society. And this describes only the “local” scene!

Paul continues with his up-to-the-minute description of our day in verses 2-5 (ISV):

For men will be self-lovers, money-lovers, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, unyielding, false accusers, without self-control, savage, despisers of good, traitors, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it...

The world scene is just as bad or worse. True leadership and concern for the masses has vanished from today's world. Religious and political hatreds have "boiled over", producing a new weapon of mass destruction—the suicide bomber! Violence is everywhere! Economic collapse threatens entire nations, leading to more violence and war, creating food shortages, malnutrition, and death. Environmental disasters, famine, and plagues of horrifying diseases, stalk many areas of the world today.

Paul was right! These are *perilous times* in which we live—but are these *the last days*? Are we just going through a “bad time”, or have we reached the point of *the last days*?

The Church of God's Faithful has two booklets that will help you understand not only that mankind has come to *the last days*, but also that we are over ten years into the Day of the Lord! Our booklets, *The Day of the Lord* and *Whoso Reads...Let Him Understand*, make it plain

that we are much farther into prophetic times than most people realize.

Paul was correct in his assessment of these *last days*, providing us with descriptive details about what Jesus Christ had already stated in Matthew 24:4-8:

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Honestly, when we read Christ's words, don't they perfectly picture world conditions today? And these are only *the beginning of sorrows*!

Our Lord also plainly tells us that certain very important signs will appear, to give those who have *eyes to see*, knowledge of where we are in prophecy. Matthew 24:14 is one vital key: **"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."**

I hope you understand that this scripture was fulfilled through God's end-time apostle Herbert W. Armstrong. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God was proclaimed to all nations through *The World Tomorrow* radio and television broadcasts, *The Plain Truth* magazine, and the work of the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) led by Christ's servant, Herbert Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong died in 1986—then Satan attacked the Church. And so much has happened in these past 21 years that the whole world is immersed in *the beginning of sorrows*.

Christ continues His Olivet Prophecy, step-by-step, leading to verse 21: **"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."** How close are we to this greatest time of trouble ever? Can we know?

Verse 15 is a warning from our Lord and Savior that when certain events happen, we must understand—then be ready to flee! **"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)..."** Christ says: "...understand"! Do you?

Many of us who were a part of the WCG know that the "man of sin" took his seat in the *Temple of God*—the Church of God—and caused the *great falling away from truth*. That is history! But do you know that

the *abomination of desolation...stands in the holy place*—the Church of God—right now, today? Foolish men have scoffed at prophecy in the last few years, but do you realize from God's Word that Jesus Christ is telling you to *understand prophecy*—even the prophecies of Daniel! And the prophecies of Daniel are directly linked to the Book of Revelation—and the Holy Days of God.

The remarkable arrangement of God's Holy Days and the “numbered days” in the books of Daniel and Revelation can all come together in only one amazing and inspired way. Christ is telling us that we must *understand* vital prophecies that are involved with the emergency situation of Daniel 12:11: **“And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.”**

Do you understand that scripture?

How about the joyous *blessing* of the 1335 days mentioned in verse 12? I am sure we all want to be included in that! These are very important numbered days which are connected with the *time, times, and a part of time* of verse 7, and also Revelation 12:14. And they are all intertwined with the rescue of God's *lost sheep* snared in the synagogue of Satan (Rev. 3:9). At the completion of the rescue work, the *place of safety* will be ready for those worthy to escape the horrors of the Great Tribulation brought on by the Beast Power's 42-month reign of terror (Rev. 13:5). How does the Two Witnesses' 1260 day ministry fit with these prophecies dealing with those specific numbers of days?

The 2300 *evenings and mornings* prophecy of Daniel 8, as well as the last half of the *Seventieth Week* prophecy of Daniel 9, must be placed accurately among all the other vital scriptures if we are to understand and heed Christ's warning!

He says: **“whoso reads— let him understand!”**

To fully understand requires a completely inspired “package of prophecy”—the scriptures all intricately woven together with the numbered days and dates of the Holy Days fitting precisely within God's Calendar. Our booklet, *Whoso Reads...Let Him Understand*, does exactly that! It weaves all of the scriptures together into a presentation that can be plainly understood by a sincere person yielded to God's will. Please request a copy of this important booklet or down load it from our website.

Our sincere efforts in *Whoso Reads* was not to “set dates”, although that was a product of our study; our prime objective is to follow Christ's

command to understand these vital prophesies—and to help others to understand. We cannot definitely “set dates”, yet we must be sincerely seeking to *understand* when we see prophesies being fulfilled at the accelerated rate seen today.

Understand this fact—from the Feast of Trumpets, September 30, 2008, to Pentecost, May 27, 2012, is 1335 days. Daniel 12:12 plainly states: **“Blessed is he who waits and comes to the 1335 days.”** Are we this close? The pattern of 1335 days is an important clue in weaving the scriptures together to produce the *understanding* needed in these crucial days.

The infrequent pattern of 1335 days between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Pentecost nearly 4 years later has occurred in the recent periods from 1996 to 2000 and from 2005 to 2009. It will occur again from 2008 to 2012, but after that, the pattern will not be repeated until 2025 to 2029! Therefore we are closely watching 2008 to 2012!

Whoso Reads...Let Him Understand lays it all out! I was astounded by the *understanding* God had given us as it is presented in the booklet. But then the thought occurred to me: “We know the Bible is true, but our calculation of the *times* cannot be correct if the Calendar is not true!”

So, is the Hebrew Calendar really God’s Calendar?

This is the purpose of *The Plain Truth About God’s Calendar*! Our objective here is to show that the Hebrew Calendar is the Calendar God has provided for His people so that we may understand the vital prophesies veiled in the “numbered days” and dates He has placed in His Holy Word. Keep in mind also as you read this booklet (and *Whoso Reads...Let him Understand*) that this is more New Truth that identifies the CGF as God’s True Church—and is a part of the urgency of the *midnight cry*!

Our Lord admonishes us to *cry aloud* as our part in fulfilling the scriptures! The fact that we are told to understand such profound and multifaceted prophesies also gives us assurance from the Highest Source that the Hebrew Calendar, which I will call God’s Calendar throughout, is for our use here in the Day of the Lord. This is the same Calendar Herbert W. Armstrong used in bringing each of us into the knowledge of God’s Holy Days and the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, what is offered here is old established Truth presented from a *new perspective*. We will also review a few vital facts about the Calendar that have been either overlooked or ignored.

Our intention is to prove the reliability of this amazing document—God’s Calendar.

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As we begin, let us truly realize that Satan, the devil, would use all of his vast powers of deception to confuse God's people about the accuracy of God's Calendar. He is doing this today by deceiving a number of individuals and groups into producing their own calendars and dates for God's Holy Days. In doing so, they are arrogating God's authority—an extremely dangerous thing to do! Mr. Herbert Armstrong faced the same disputes and arguments in his day that are being brought up again today. Mr. Armstrong proved that the Hebrew Calendar was God's Calendar back in the 30's and 40's, and the Church of God has followed it since then. In the Laodicean Church, Gerald Flurry commissioned his son, Stephen, and Mark Nash, to write a very thorough article about the Calendar in the April 1996 *Philadelphia Trumpet* magazine, titled "God's Sacred Calendar". The CGF recommends this article for anyone wanting to do a study of God's Calendar.

As I have stated, in this presentation it is not my intention to go into all of the intricate details that God has designed in His Calendar. I am not a scholar! However, I want to focus on a few points to show the glory of God and the Supreme Intelligence behind the creation of His method of recording time. My objective here is based on the apostle Paul's statements concerning the Word of God in Romans 15:4-6:

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope... That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thus, I do not believe, nor am I particularly interested in, what others have written within recent history describing the evolution of the Calendar. Let's believe the Word of God! My approach shall be to view the Calendar as a completed, glorious, masterpiece given to man from the very beginning of the "world" by an all-wise God.

Understanding the Lord's Will

Philippians 2:5: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

With the mind of Jesus Christ, we want to look into the scriptures in full hope, faith, and confidence, to glory in that which God has done in creating *time* and a wondrous, accurate system to keep track of it.

I Corinthians 2:5-7 (ISV):

So that your faith would not be based on human wisdom but on God's power. However, when we are among mature people, we do speak a message of wisdom, but not the wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are passing off the scene. Instead, we speak about God's secret wisdom that has been hidden, which God destined for our glory before the world began.

I shall diligently try to apply the wisdom of that scripture as we explore the marvels of God's Calendar! And, hopefully, Romans 12:2 and I Peter 2:15 will be accomplished through this presentation as we seek the will of God.

Romans 12:2: **"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."**

I Peter 2:15: **"For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."**

Some people today are extremely critical of the Jews, who have the God-given responsibility to maintain the sacred Calendar. But, even though they do not keep the days as God intended, the fact remains that they have preserved God's Calendar.

Romans 3:1-4:

What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar...

Ephesians 5:10,15,17 instructs us to walk in wisdom:

Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Through the wisdom and mind of Jesus Christ, we want to understand the will of God relative to His Calendar. We will also, a little later, go straight to the "trunk of the tree" and the example of Jesus to determine exactly what He observed during his earthly ministry. By

that approach, most of the arguments should be avoided. Again, let me state here at the beginning, that, although the Jews have the authority to preserve the Calendar, most of their organizations keep it incorrectly, especially in their combining the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread into one festival, calling it Passover. Most Jewish groups observe the Wave Offering Day on the annual Sabbath of the First Day of Unleavened Bread, thereby keeping Pentecost always on Sivan 6. They have seriously erred in dating the time of the creation of the “world”! The Jews record this year, 2007, as 5768, being *unaware* that 6000 years have passed since the re-creation of the earth, and that we are already 10 years into the Day of the Lord. These errors will be made obvious in the New Testament by Christ’s physical life and example. And we will recall, as we look into the Old Testament, that He, as the Word, was the creator of the Sacred Calendar.

Writings, Books, and Documents!

God chose Moses to be the writer of the five books of the Law—a major part of the Old Testament canon. God’s way of preserving His *will* is to put it in writing: He records it in a book!

Notice Exodus 17:14, where the death sentence upon Amalek was recorded for a permanent reminder: **“And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book [Strong’s #5612, *writings, scroll*], and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua...”** After God had thundered forth His Ten Commandments and the details of His statutes and ordinances written in Exodus 20-23, the people agreed to keep the covenant, and Moses then *wrote all the words of the Lord*. Exodus 24:7 states: **“And he took the book⁵⁶¹² of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.”**

The very practical method God uses to preserve His Words is to have them written in a book! Notice Genesis 5:1: **“This is the book⁵⁶¹² of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him.”** Did God inspire Moses to write every word of this “book”? Or was this, indeed, a pre-flood writing, “a book”, God had preserved to be given to Moses? Had the Eternal commissioned writers throughout the pre-flood generations, to precisely record each generation until “the book” contained the family data of 10 generations, from Adam to Noah? That is what the scripture implies!

Chapter 10 of Genesis presents the generations of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth—surely a carefully recorded family log. Beginning in verse 10 of chapter 11 another 10 generations are listed, from Shem to Abram, certainly an important written record—a book!

Abram was later named Abraham, the father of the faithful. He obeyed the voice of God and kept His charge, commandment, statutes, and laws, which included the Sabbath and the Holy Days (Gen. 26:5).

My reason for including these Old Testament scriptures is that it certainly appears that God had certain pre-flood documents preserved in writing. Through Noah and the descendants of Shem, these “books” were passed on through the centuries to Abraham and later to Moses, thus becoming a part of the Old Testament canon.

The Creation of Time

The Mighty God created His Calendar during the seven days of the re-creation of the earth. Genesis 1:14-16 states:

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs,²²⁶ and for seasons,⁴¹⁵⁰ and for days,³¹¹⁷ and years:⁸¹⁴¹ And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made⁶²¹³ two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he *made* the stars also.

The embedded numbers attached to the selected words above are from the computer Bible program *e-Sword*, which gives the definitions of the words from *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*. The complete or partial definitions are below:

- Signs: **H226**: Probably from H225 (in the sense of *appearing*); a *signal* (literally or figuratively), as a *flag*, *beacon*, *monument*, *omen*, *prodigy*, *evidence*, etc.: - mark, miracle, (en-) sign, token.
- Seasons: **H4150**: From H3259; properly an appointment, that is, a fixed time or season; specifically a festival... feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn (-ity), synagogue, (set) time (appointed).
- Days: **H3117**: From an unused root meaning to *be hot*; a day (as the *warm* hours), whether literally (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next), or figuratively (a space of time

defined by an associated term...

- Years: **H8141**... from H8138; a year (as a revolution of time): - + whole age, X long, + old, year (X -ly).
- Made: **H6213**: A primitive root; to do or make, in the broadest sense and widest application...

The earth, moon, sun, and stars had been created (#1254) *in the beginning* (Gen. 1:1). In the seven days of re-creation God made (#6213) them; He positioned them as they are today. God set those celestial bodies in the heavens. One of their important functions is to measure *time*! **The evening and the morning were the first day** (verse 5). One rotation of the earth, a 24 hour period (John 11:9-10), was “set” as a day. The seven-day week was established as God created the Sabbath by resting upon the seventh day and designating it as *holy time*. At the end of the Sabbath another week of seven days would begin. The moon orbits the earth once in 29 days, 12 hours, and 44 minutes, a *lunar-month*. And the earth was “set” to orbit the sun once in 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 12 seconds, which is one *solar-year*.

New Moons or Months?

Psalms 104:19 adds this: “**He appointed⁶²¹³ the moon³³⁹⁴ for seasons⁴¹⁵⁰ the sun⁸¹²¹ knoweth his going down.**” Read carefully, this is important! It says *the moon is made for seasons*—not months! *Moon* is #3394, which according to *Strong’s* simply means, *the moon*. In the definitions above, *seasons* (#4150) are “appointments” or “set times”. In Leviticus 23, God’s annual Holy Days, the *feasts of the Lord* are designated five times as #4150. Understand that God’s Holy Days are *seasons* or “appointed times” that date from the re-creation of the earth.

Psalms 81:3 reads: “**Blow up⁸⁶²⁸ the trumpet⁷⁷⁸² in the new moon²³²⁰, in the time appointed³⁶⁷⁷, on our solemn feast²²⁸² day.³¹¹⁷ ...**”

Again, take careful note of Psalms 104:19, that the word for *moon* is #3394, but observe that *new moon* in Psalms 81:3 is written as two words, although it is only one Hebrew word (*Strong’s* #2320, *chodesh*). In the entire Old Testament, the expression *new moon* is used 9 times, and as *new moons* 11 times, by the same one word, *chodesh*, #2320. The Hebrew word *new* is #2319 and is used numerous times in the Old Testament, but not as *new* in *new moon*. You would think *new moon* would be a combination of the words represented by #2319 [new] and #3394 [moon], but it is never written that way! Perhaps an overzealous

or deceived translator along the way used #2320 as “*the new moon*” instead of “*the month*”—and it has produced a serious problem!

Understand, #2320, *chodesh*, is the commonly used word for *month* or *months*. According to the rules God created to keep His Calendar in the proper season, the months do not necessarily begin on the new [2319] moon [3394]. There are times when the beginning of the seventh month must be postponed according to laws God set in motion from the beginning.

God is perfect! He does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Mal. 3:6 and Heb. 13:8). The Bible makes is abundantly clear to those with the “mind of Christ” that He intended the food harvests of the spring and fall seasons to be physical types of the spiritual harvests in His great plan. First would be the small harvest of *Firstfruits* in the spring, then the large harvest in the fall.

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In His wisdom He created the earth as it would appear in the seventh month viewed from the Northern Hemisphere (most likely where Jerusalem would be located) with ripening fruits to amply provide food for the entire creation.

Leviticus 23:23-24 gives us the starting point:

And the LORD³⁰⁶⁸ spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month,²³²⁰ in the first day of the month,²³²⁰ shall ye have a sabbath,⁷⁶⁷⁷ a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.”

The seventh month is the beginning point—a memorial of the creation of the “world”. The *first day of the seventh month* is the Holy Day to determine the Calendar for the entire year. The re-creation week

was completed by the creation of the Sabbath day on the first day of the seventh month according to the *set* positions of the earth, moon and sun, and the rules of the Calendar. We will look at this more thoroughly a little later.

God's great Plan of Salvation was ready to begin.

In the seventh month, the trumpet was blown, setting the point of time for the beginning of the first day of the month (not the *new moon*), to keep the Holy Days in their *season*—and as the memorial of creation. The first day of the seventh month, the only Holy Day on the first day of the month, is the starting point for God's Calendar. The re-creation was completed on the first day of the seventh month. The beginning of a new year, the first month, would always be 177 days prior to the beginning of the seventh month!

Exodus 12:1 tells us plainly: **“This month²³²⁰ shall be unto you the beginning of months:²³²⁰ it shall be the first month²³²⁰ of the year⁸¹⁴¹ to you.”** In this one verse #2320, *chodesh*, is used three times as *month*. This is only 3 of over 280 times where *chodesh* (month[s]) is used by the translators. In 20 places they use *new moon(s)* instead of *month*. I stress this point to show that unwarranted emphasis has been strangely placed on the *new moon* rather than the *month* as recorded on the Calendar. This erroneous expression, *new moons*, has affected the thoughts of some persons in a very wrong way, but God has everything “set” in His Calendar, along with revealed rules to keep His Holy Days in their correct *season*.

One orbit of the moon around the earth requires approximately 29.5 days. Twelve revolutions of the moon around the earth is a *lunar year* ($12 \times 29.5 = 354$ days), but falls short of a *solar-year* of about 365.25 days by 11.25 days.

(365.25 days in a *solar year* — 354.00 days in a *lunar year* = 11.25 days less)

Remember, this is God's doing! He “set” the heavens this way. He could have made the lunar and the solar years exactly the same, but He “set” them as they are. He *made* the moon for *seasons* or “appointed times”.

God *made* the solar system as it is, and was well aware that other adjustments would need to be made in the Calendar to bring the *lunar* and *solar* years into agreement at given points of time. Therefore God created a *lunar/solar* Calendar involving a 19-year time cycle and important rules to keep the times and seasons in harmony. The inspired Calendar and His special rules have been in existence from the beginning—for millennia. We will look at more of these rules a little later.

The Pre-flood Patriarchs

We have already seen that years were carefully recorded by those before and after the Great Flood. *Months* were carefully kept! (*New moons* are not mentioned in any of Moses' writings. I Samuel 20 is the first place *new moon* is used.) The *week* and the Sabbath day were continually observed. The Sabbath Day is Holy Time, and God has seen to it that it has always been kept. In Noah's day, he was the only righteous man left on earth—and in his righteousness he kept God's Law. Therefore he kept the Sabbath and the Holy Days. The seven-day week has continued, uninterrupted since the beginning of the "world".

Genesis 6: 9, 22 and 7:1 plainly reveal that Noah was a righteous man walking in the ways of God (see also II Peter 2:5). Keep in mind that God is perfect and changes not. He established His Sabbath and Holy Days from the beginning—and someone was there to keep them, surely those righteous men listed in the faith chapter of the Bible—Abel, Enoch, and Noah—kept them (Heb. 11:4, 5, 7).

God created His Calendar—and as far back as can be traced—the Calendar has shown that the week of the re-creation began on the first day of the week. (Be sure you grasp that which I am stating.) When the Eternal stepped out in the darkness of Planet Earth and said, "Let there be light," it was the first day of the week and it was the 24th day of the sixth month! The seventh day of that week was the Sabbath! It was also the first day of the seventh month, later called Tishri. God's Calendar, as far back as can be traced, has always recognized the first of the seventh month as New Years Day (Rosh Hashana) and the High Holy Day of the Feast of Trumpets. Let me state again that God re-created the earth at the time when the fall harvest season would shortly begin according to the position of the earth, sun, and moon as they are "set" in the seventh month—in the Northern Hemisphere. He began time at the point of the seventh month to insure an abundance of food for man and beast. The first day of the seventh month, God says, is a memorial! And with the mind of Christ we can understand that it is a memorial of the creation of the "world"!

The sun, moon, and earth were "set", with even the distant stars having a part in this wonderful Calendar, which only God could create.

Thousands of years before Hillel II revealed the rules of the Calendar, it had been kept just as it is today. Check it out! Search back into antiquity and you will find God's Calendar just as it is today. From

pre-flood times, God had given the understanding of the Calendar to those who walked with Him.

Please understand, the Sabbath was a cardinal commandment, and the Holy Days were appointed times, from the very beginning. To keep these observances on the correct date, instructions had to have been given to Adam. The responsibility to watch for the appearance of the new [#2319 chadash] moon [#3394 yareach] of the seventh month, and to adapt the rules of the Calendar, was passed down from father to son through the generations before the flood. From that observation and the inspired rules that made it God's Calendar and a *lunisolar* calendar, they calculated the other months—regardless of how ignorant modern scholars want us to believe the pre-flood world was.

The rules of the Calendar are too perfect for man to have just gradually devised them. God is the Creator and He created His Calendar in the very beginning and revealed it to those who were called to walk with Him. All nations have their own calendars based in part on the sun or the moon relative to the earth, but God's Calendar is based on a lunisolar cycle involving even the stars of heaven in a 19-year sequence—truly an inspired creation.

Abel was a faithful man, and Enoch and Noah *walked with God*. When God informed Noah of His decision to destroy the wickedness of the world by a great worldwide flood after 120 years, Noah understood that God meant 120 years. And he did all that God commanded him.

I want to place here an excerpt from our booklet, *Whoso Reads...Let Him Understand*, which verifies Noah's knowledge of God's Calendar and the documentation of it by Moses.

The Holy Days are determined according to God's calendar as He "set" the earth, moon, and sun to measure time—years, months, weeks, and days. It is obvious that God's calendar was observed in the pre-flood world. The ages of the patriarchs of old are carefully recorded before and after the flood (Gen. 5 & 11:10-32). Noah was informed of the number of years that would be allotted to mankind before the great flood would come (Gen.6:3). The exact time of Noah, his family, and the animals being protected in the ark is given as an ancient example of the use of God's calendar. See Romans 15:4.

Comparing Genesis 7:11 with 8:14 we read:

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened...And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

From the time the flood began until they were commanded to leave the ark is precisely recorded. In the 600th year of Noah's life on the 17th day of the second month until the 27th day of the 601st year of his life is clearly stated. These dates provide deep assurance to us through the Holy Scriptures that God has preserved His calendar for our use today.

Observe these same dates from the Hebrew calendar in the years of 2006 to 2007:

The 17th of the second month (Iyar) in 2006 was on May 15.

The 27th of the second month (Iyar) in 2007 will be on May 15.

From May 15, 2006 to May 15, 2007 is one year of 365 days.

This is proof positive that God's calendar is based on a lunar/solar calculation. God "set" the moon, the earth and the sun in their exact orbits and position as a measure of time. A lunar year contains 354 days (12 months x 29.5 days). In addition the inspired "rules" of God's calendar, preserved through millennia of time, allows a lunar year of 353, 354, or 355 days as is evident in Noah's 600th to 601st year. A solar year is approximately 365.25 days. Therefore we see in Genesis 7 and 8 a lunar year of 355 days plus 10 more days that equals exactly one solar year. The Hebrew calendar is remarkably devised (inspired) to bring the lunar year and the solar year into close agreement every 19 years.

According to the rules of the Calendar which God set in motion, *leap years* containing a 13th month must be added in the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years of a 19-year time cycle. The addition of a 13th

month seven times in nineteen years brings the *lunar* and *solar* years close to agreement in total number of days, but not perfectly. Other rules are also applied that only God could establish. All odd numbered months (including the 13th month) have 30 days each, and the even numbered months have 29 days; except the 8th and 9th months in certain years can have 29 or 30 days. God also has a system of postponing the beginning of the seventh month to meet certain requirements that He initiated to keep the Calendar in exact agreement with the heavens. In fact, the Eternal has 15 different ways for the Calendar to be adjusted to keep it in perfect order. I will mention one of these spectacular ways later in this writing.

As stated, the re-creation week began on the 24th day of the sixth month and was completed on the first day of the seventh month. This was God's starting point in His Calendar and the establishing of His Sabbath and Holy Days. As far back as you can search, the beginning of the first month is always 177 days prior to the first day of the seventh month. Three months of 30 days plus 3 months of 29 days equal 177 days. The "world" began on the 1st of Tishri (the seventh month); thus the Calendar is calculated from that precise point.

Moses is the author (or better stated, the "scribe") who wrote the five books of the Law. Let us go back to the second book, Exodus, and read chapter 12, verses 1-2 again: "**And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month²³²⁰ shall be unto you the beginning⁷²¹⁸ of months:²³²⁰ it shall be the first⁷²²³ month²³²⁰ of the year⁸¹⁴¹ to you.**" Thus the first month is always 177 days before the "memorial of creation", the first day of the seventh month—the Feast of Trumpets! The Hebrew word *month* and *months* in this verse is *chodesh*, #2320, and as previously stated is used nearly 300 times in the Old Testament. *Chodesh* is mistranslated 20 times as *new moon(s)*. Why the expression *new moon* was ever used, I have no idea, but it has caused too much emphasis to be placed on the moon instead of the calculated months in the Sacred Calendar.

God issued a warning to Israel that they must be careful not to be overly attentive to the heavens. That warning is recorded in Deuteronomy 4:19:

And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and

serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Peering up into the heavens in an attempt to determine the precise moment of every *new moon* was unnecessary—and sometimes impossible during periods of stormy weather. Remember, the starting point for the entire year is calculated from the memorial of creation, which is the first day of the seventh month, determined by the appearance of the faint crescent moon and the application of God's rules of the Calendar! Deuteronomy 4:19 is a warning that the emphasis should not be on the *new moon*, but on the Great God who created the months beginning at the creation of the world—as *time* was created!

Believing that God had special worship services on the *new moons* does not come from the Bible. Extra sacrifices were offered on the “**beginnings⁷²¹⁸ of your months²³²⁰**” (Num. 28:11-14).

God's Calendar Commonly Observed In Ancient Days!

King David lived 1000 years BC. In I Samuel 20:5 an interesting situation involving God's Calendar is shown: “**And David said unto⁴¹³ Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow⁴²⁷⁹ is the *new moon*,²³²⁰ and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat...**” How did David know that tomorrow was the *new moon*? Did he sit out on the hillside every night and watch for the moon? No! As you read the next verses, it is evident that “tomorrow” was the beginning of the *month* and it was common knowledge to David, Jonathan, and King Saul! How did they know? Isn't it apparent that they knew in the same way we would know today—because they had access to God's Calendar? I am sure everyone in David's time did not have a “pocket calendar” as we do; nevertheless, it is obvious that dates were known and plans could be scheduled by the Calendar, as we do today.

The events of I Samuel 20 took place in Jerusalem, but 150 years later, in the town of Shunem in the outlying area several miles north of Jerusalem, the story of Elisha and the Shunemmite woman is recorded. In II Kings 4:23 this righteous woman was pleading with her husband to allow her to go to Mt. Carmel to visit the prophet, Elisha. She desperately wanted Elisha to come to their home and raise her son back to life. Her son had been a miracle birth, a gift from God, but had died, evidently, of a heat stroke. Her husband was well aware of the date of the month as he exclaims in verse 23: “**And he said, Wherefore wilt thou**

go to him today?³¹¹⁷ it is neither *new moon*,²³²⁰ nor³⁸⁰⁸ *sabbath*.⁷⁶⁷⁶ And she said, It shall be well."

In the scriptures where *new moon* is substituted for *month* or where "a new month" should be understood, the thought that God's people of ancient times did not possess the Calendar has become a preconceived idea in most minds. As we examine scriptures regarding these ancient people it is evident that they weren't ignorant of time. They were fully aware of the days, weeks, and months. The vanity of modern scholars, the educated of the world, seems to find satisfaction in the false belief that the Calendar—and man—have gradually evolved over the centuries. The *Theory of Evolution* has affected most all scientific research. Much historical research is flawed in the presupposition that as man grew more intelligent he began to understand the wonders of the heavens, thereby creating calendars to suit their purposes. But the truth is that God's Calendar was revealed knowledge from the beginning of time!

The heavens declare the glory of God! Read the following verses and think of the greatness of God and the light of knowledge He has revealed:

Psalm 19:1: **"...The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."** Read the entire Psalm which makes it obvious the physical creation is intricately woven in with the light of knowledge. And that knowledge includes the revealed knowledge of *time* by the Creator—from the beginning.

Psalm 50:6: **"And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah."**

Psalm 97:6: **"The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory."**

Psalm 119:172: **"My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness."**

God changes not! He is perfect! The physical creation shows the glory of His power, wisdom, and might, united with the spiritual magnificence of His perfect Law emphasized in the Sabbath and the Holy Days.

In the great Plan of God, He revealed how to record *time*—from the very beginning—He created His Calendar. He gave us *light* and *truth*! The Calendar did not gradually evolve by the intelligence of man! That is a misconception planted in the minds of many by the master of lies and deceit, Satan, the devil. The Calendar, and how it works, is revealed knowledge from the all-wise God!

Starting Point

There is only one annual Holy Day of the year that always falls on the first day of the month. The command is in Leviticus 23:24, which we copy here again: **“Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh⁷⁶³⁷ month,²³²⁰ in the first²⁵⁹ day of the month,²³²⁰ shall ye have a sabbath,⁷⁶⁷⁷ a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.”** Notice carefully the *new moon* expression is not used here. Again remember, the first of the seventh month is the starting point for God’s Calendar. In Exodus 12:2, God had Moses explain the Calendar to that generation of Israel. We can understand that they had been enslaved for so many years, laboring seven days a week, that *time* had been lost to many of them—even the Sabbath! But God knew, and He had men who walked with Him in His Law. Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, was the priest of Midian and a descendant of Abraham through his wife Keturah. Jethro was also known by the name *Reuel*, which means *friend of God* (see *Strong’s* #7467), indicating that he kept God’s laws and statutes. Jethro’s wisdom is proof that he walked with God (Ex. 18:15-23 and Prov. 1:7).

The Great Creator had promised Abraham that he would become a “father of many nations” and his “seed” would be a blessing to all nations. An interesting story in the Word of God reveals that from the conception of Abraham’s son Isaac to the day Israel would be freed from Egyptian slavery would be 430 years according to God’s Calendar.

Notice a part of this in Genesis 18:1-2:

And the LORD appeared unto him [Abram or Abraham] in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground...

Abram had no problem recognizing that this was the Lord. He had met with the Eternal when He appeared as Melchizedek in chapter 14 while he was returning from the rescue of his nephew, Lot. Melchizedek had invited Abram to dine with Him: **“And Melchizedek⁴⁴⁴² king of Salem brought forth bread³⁸⁹⁹ and wine:³¹⁹⁶ and he was the priest of the most high God”** (Gen. 14:19).

Abram recognized Him approaching his tent, and being a hospitable man, wanted to return the favor. He invited them to sit down and

rest...**“And I will fetch a morsel⁶⁵⁹⁵ of bread,³⁸⁹⁹ and comfort ye your hearts.”** Abram then prepared a sumptuous feast for the Lord and the two (angels) who accompanied Him.

He told his wife to **“...Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth”** (verse 6). Thus in a short while he presented his guests with a fine meal: **“And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat”** (verse 8). Bread, butter, milk, and good steak make a very fine meal anytime!

The *bread* (#3899) that was served by Melchizedek and Abram is defined from *Strong’s* as:

“lechem...From H3898; food (for man or beast), especially bread, or grain (for making it): - ([shew-]) bread, x eat, food, fruit, loaf, meat, victuals.”

Next let us go to Genesis 19 and notice that the same two angels who dined with Abram have now come to the home of Lot and his family. The sun has set and another day has begun. Lot, being hospitable like his uncle, invited the angels to come in and dine with him.

And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant’s house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into⁴¹³ his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread,⁴⁶⁸² and they did eat.

Observe that Lot fed the angels unleavened bread! As you read *Strong’s* pronunciation of the word represented by #4682, *Matstah*, what do you think about? We may spell it a little differently today: *matzos*, but we know that it means the Days of Unleavened Bread have arrived! *Strong’s* definition is:

From H4711 in the sense of greedily devouring for sweetness; properly sweetness; concretely sweet (that is, not soured or bittered with yeast); specifically an unfermented cake or loaf, or (elliptically) the festival of Passover (because no leaven was then used): - unleavened (bread, cake), without leaven.

The only reason Lot would offer unleavened bread to his guests was that the Days of Unleavened Bread had begun and they were observing

them. This is the only reason I am aware of why Lot would be designated as *righteous* in the New Testament (II Peter 2:7). He observed God's Holy Days—and the Sabbath—therefore it is evident that he possessed a Calendar.

Lot and his family were freed from Sodom, and their lives were providentially saved on the First Day of Unleavened Bread as the angels hurried them out of the city. (Israel was freed from Egypt on the First Day of Unleavened Bread 430 years later—as we will see.)

The previous evening, as Passover Day ended and the First day of Unleavened Bread began, Isaac was begotten by Abraham in the womb of Sarah:

And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed⁴¹⁵⁰ I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. (Gen.18:9-14)

Isaac was the “seed”, a type of Jesus Christ, the blessing of all nations (Gal. 3:16), as pictured by the Passover.

From studying the Word of God, we see how, when, and why these wondrous events have occurred—and the power and glory of the Mighty God that brought it all about. From the conception of Isaac on the first day of Unleavened Bread to the day Israel would be freed from Egypt, would be 430 years—*the selfsame day*. “**And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt**” (Ex. 12:41)—exactly as God had stated! (See Gen. 15:13-16 and 22:12-18.)

Only the Eternal God could do that! He knows the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:10). Wise King Solomon writes:

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past (Ecc. 3:15-16).

It is interesting that during every 216th year, a special application of one of the 15 specific calendar methods God has revealed is applied to correct a one-day drift of the lunar and solar cycles. In 430 years, two of these special modifications would have been used to bring the Israelites to the point of the *self same day*. Again God is perfect and He designed the Calendar. He brought them out the *selfsame* day! In my opinion, this special application is another proof that the Calendar is a marvelously revealed document! If it was not revealed knowledge, how many centuries of time would have gone by before someone actually noticed the developing error? And who would have the mathematical genius and the authority to even suggest a change every 216 years? The Calendar is revealed knowledge from an all-wise God!

We have now completed 10 full years in the Day of the Lord. Acts 3:21 tells us plainly that at *the times of the restitution of all things*, Christ will restore all things, thus if any correction to the Calendar is needed, He will do it!

In Numbers 28 the instructions for burnt offerings and other sacrifices were given to Israel. These offerings and sacrifices were to be done daily, but were increased for the weekly Sabbath and for the *beginning of months*. Verse 11 and 14 declare:

And in the beginnings⁷²¹⁸ of your months²³²⁰ ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year⁸¹⁴¹ without spot... this is the burnt offering of every month^{2320, 2320} throughout the months²³²⁰ of the year.⁸¹⁴¹

Again notice *new moons* are not used. The ancient Israelites knew when the *months* would begin. The months were “set” by the new moon of the seventh month according to the rules of the Calendar! The Israelites did not have to worry and wonder when the *new moons* would be; they were set! By the time of the Book of Numbers, the Levitical priesthood had been established, and the priests were, evidently, responsible for determining the beginning of the seventh month. One hundred seventy-seven days prior to the seventh month would always be the

first month! Corrections to keep the months in season would always be performed in the latter half of the calendar.

The Bible does not give instructions as to when a 13th month must be added, nor does it state that the 8th and 9th months can contain 29 or 30 days. The Bible does not mention a 19-year time cycle nor an adjustment at the end of 215 years. It does not reveal any information in regard to the 15 different designations of the Calendar. However, all of that is necessary information for the Calendar to be correct; thus, it was revealed! Moses wrote the five books of the Law (Genesis through Deuteronomy) around 2500 years after the re-creation of the earth. God's Calendar had been in existence all that *time*. The Sabbath and the annual Holy Days are revealed knowledge and had been observed in their proper seasons by those few, faithful, called out ones, during those centuries of *time* before Moses.

Altering Time!

Recorded in the Bible are two fantastic miracles involving *time*, which only the Mighty God of the Universe could have accomplished. These two miracles involved the altering of the pattern of *time*—for an interval of *time*! The first miracle is recorded in Joshua 10:12-14:

Then spoke Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

The second mighty miracle involving an “adjustment” of the heavens is recorded in II Kings 20:8-11. The Eternal answered the request of King Hezekiah in a most remarkable way:

And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day? And Isaiah said, This sign shalt

thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

Joshua's "long day" caused *time* to stand still, but Hezekiah's request caused the laws measuring *time* to temporarily reverse! Absolutely amazing! Our minds cannot imagine how God performed these wonders without seriously disrupting all life on the earth. The utter magnitude of the physical effects imposed upon the oceans and land masses of planet earth cannot be comprehended. But God is God—and He accomplished both of these incredible miracles.

Perhaps these two "adjustments" to *time* can help us understand why, in 1997 when the 6000 years of man's allotted time to go his own rebellious way ended, a new 19-year time cycle began, even though 6000 is not perfectly divisible by 19. Yet, according to God's Calendar, precisely as the Day of the Lord began on October 1, 1997, a 19-year time cycle ended and another cycle began on that first day of the seventh month—the Feast of Trumpets—the memorial of creation! The year 2007 was the 10th year of a 19-year time cycle, classified as a common year containing 355 days. Look it up on a Hebrew calendar.

The Israelites were under the law and lived from Sabbath to Sabbath and Holy Day season to Holy Day season. They did not sit out in the darkness waiting for the *new moon* to appear. They were given knowledge of the Calendar and knew the days, weeks, months, times, and years—and planned ahead—as we do today.

Exodus 12:2 and 13:4 make it very clear that the first month of the year on God's Calendar is called Abib. Abib is *Strong's* #24 and means: "From an unused root (meaning to *be tender*); *green*, that is a young *ear* of grain; hence the name of the month *Abib* or Nisan: - Abib, ear, green ears of corn."

"Abib" simply means spring time is approaching and new plant growth is tender and green.

The first of the seventh month, the memorial of re-creation, occurs prior to the fall harvest season. Fall begins around September 20-23 at

the equinox. Therefore, exactly one-half year earlier, the spring harvest season would shortly begin. The first of the firstfruit of the early grain harvests was usually barley.

Specific instructions are given for the Passover and the Holy Days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread in Leviticus 23:5-6:

In the fourteenth day of the first month²³²⁰ at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month²³²⁰ is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

Now come to verse 10:

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf^{f6016} of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf^{f6016} before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

A *sheaf* (omer, #6016) is a measure of the newly harvested first-fruit grain, as Exodus 16:36 tells us: “**Now an omer^{f6016} is the tenth part of an ephah.**”³⁷⁴

Many of us have had the preconceived idea that the *sheaf* of the Wave Offering was a bundle of the harvested stalks of grain tied in the middle. But that *sheaf* is an entirely different Hebrew word. In Genesis 37:7, Jacob's son Joseph related a dream he had: “**For, behold, we were binding⁴⁸¹ sheaves⁴⁸⁵ in the field, and, lo, my sheaf⁴⁸⁵ arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves⁴⁸⁵ stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.**”⁴⁸⁵

The Wave Offering was conducted as described by *The Jamison, Fawcett, and Brown Commentary*:

A sheaf, literally, an omer, of the first-fruits of the barley harvest. The barley being sooner ripe than the other grains, the reaping of it formed the commencement of the general harvest season... it was reaped after sunset on the previous evening by persons deputed to go with sickles and obtain samples from different fields. These, being laid together in a sheaf or loose bundle, were brought to the court of the temple, where the grain was winnowed, parched, and bruised in a mortar. Then, after some incense had been sprinkled on it, the priest waved the sheaf aloft before the Lord towards the four different points of the

compass, took a part of it and threw it into the fire of the altar - all the rest being reserved to himself.

The Word, who became Jesus Christ, instructed Moses to write the statutes involving His Holy Days. He knew that He, Himself, would become the true Passover Lamb—and the Firstfruit pictured by the Wave Offering.

I have already mentioned that the Calendar is an amazing and inspired document showing the wisdom and intelligence of the Mighty God. By following the rules of the Calendar, the Wave Offering would always be ripened around the time of spring or a little later—and the Feast of Tabernacles would always be in the fall season. Exodus 34:22 states: **“And thou shalt observe...the feast of ingathering at the year’s⁸¹⁴¹ end.⁸⁶²²”**

The word *end* at the close of that verse is *Strong’s* #8622 defined as: “From H5362; a *revolution*, that is, (of the sun) *course*, (of time) *lapse*: - circuit, come about, end.” In the margin of most Bibles, the clause *at the year’s end* reads: “*at the revolution of the year*”.

With the sun as the subject, Psalm 19:6 adds this: **“His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit⁸⁶²² unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.”**

The word *end* and *circuit* (#8622) in these two verses refers to the equinoxes. *Equinox* is defined in *Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*: “The time when the sun’s center crosses the equator and day and night are everywhere of equal length, that is about March 21 (*vernal* equinox) or September 23 (*autumnal* equinox).”

Therefore, to concur with Exodus 34:22, the great fall harvest, pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles (Ingathering) and the Last Great Day, would be observed on or after the autumn equinox, “about September 23”. By the same rule, the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread must be observed in the spring season, in the month Abib. And the very first of the Firstfruits of the spring harvest, the Wave Offering sacrifice would always occur on or after the spring equinox, “about March 21”.

In the year 1997, an individual fairly well-known in the WCG and the PCG, took upon himself the authority to produce his own Calendar. However, the only thing he accomplished was to confuse himself and his handful of followers. Perhaps he was unaware of the command in Exodus 34:22, but in the year 2000, according to his calculations, he assigned September 12-18 as the Feast of Tabernacles and September 19 as the Last Great Day. He “observed” the fall festival before autumn began!

There are others who do not determine when the first month, Abib, begins until they are informed of the *barley being green* by the *Karaite-korner Newsletter* published by a Karaite Jew living in Israel. These people, like the man in the preceding paragraph, accuse the Jews of a multitude of sins. They believe the Jews have disqualified themselves from having authority over the preserving of the Calendar that God gave to them. Of course, that is their opinion, only! But, although they distrust the Jewish authorities, they still wait for a report from an isolated Jewish sect to tell them *the barley is ripe* before they make plans for their holy days. How could they possibly understand Christ's warning in Matthew 24:15?

The "new calendars" these persons "invent" still have many of the same rules the Jews must use in God's Calendar. The Bible nowhere explains the necessity of adding a thirteenth month at certain intervals. Yet these people, who claim to disagree completely with the Jewish authorities, follow the practice of adding a 13th month at different intervals.

But, notice how the addition of a 13th month does not correct the total time necessary. Take three solar years for an example: 365.25 days in a year x 3 years = 1095.75 days in three solar years.

Those who follow the *new moons*, instead of the months established by God's Calendar, also would add a 13th month every third lunar year, but still come up short in days. (12 months x 29.5 days per month = 354 days in a lunar year.) Three lunar years of 354 days plus a 13th month of 30 days (354 + 354 + 354 + 30) equal 1092 days. Nevertheless, 1095.75 minus 1092 is easily seen to be 3.75 days short of three solar years.

So they come up with the bright idea of adding another month more often than every third year! But don't the Jews do something like that, too? Aren't they copying a form of this practice, too? But in reality they can't plan the years ahead because they do not know when *the barley will be ripe*! Thus, whatever they do, it still will not be the same as God's Calendar, and it will be wrong most of the time. Other corrections must be made to insure that the Holy Days fall within their prescribed seasons. How is it possible for an individual to have the colossal nerve to assume such authority, to be so presumptuous to change a formula that was established at the beginning of the "world"—by Almighty God?

During Jesus' earthly ministry, He observed four Passovers. He knew the Jews were in deep error in combining Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread as one festival. On his final Passover, He gave us

the perfect example of observing it at the correct time and date—24 hours before the Jews’ Passover would begin: “**And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer**” (Luke 22:14-15).

Jesus was the Passover Lamb *slain from the foundation of the world*. The Calendar was correct—the Jews were wrong!

The Word who became flesh as Jesus, the Son of God, gave us the perfect example of when the Wave Offering was presented, and the proper means of counting weeks until Pentecost. He was the Wave Offering on that first day of the week after the weekly Sabbath (not the annual Sabbath, the First Day of Unleavened Bread, from which the Jews count) after He had lain dead three days and three nights in the grave.

Connecting Mark 16:9, John 20:1, 16, 17, and I Corinthians 15:20, and applying *the mind of Christ*, it is apparent that Jesus was the fulfillment of the *Wave Offering* on the First Day of the Week:

Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene...

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark unto the sepulcher, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher... Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God...But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Understand the perfect example of Jesus’ appearance on the *first day of the week*, and the plain statement that He is the *Firstfruit*—the Wave Offering! This is emphatic proof that the *Wave Offering* day is the first day of the week during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Counting seven weekly Sabbaths (7x7=49 days) from the *Wave Offering* day plus one more day is, then, Pentecost.

Our Lord gave us no warning about the Calendar being in error during those four years of His ministry, because it was not. The Jews were in error. The Calendar was correct, with the Passover and Holy Days clearly defined. And Jesus Christ observed that Passover on April

25, 31 AD, according to the rules of postponement!

Why should we go any further? Jesus is our example, our Lord, our Savior, and the *Faithful Witness*. As the Word of God, He created the Calendar at the beginning of the *world*, and in the flesh He observed the Holy days according to His Calendar. And His Church, the Church of God's Faithful, here in the Day of the Lord, follows His example.

Our Living Savior gives us the encouragement of Revelation 1:1: **“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass...”**

Therefore, when we read again our Lord's warning in Matthew 24:15--**“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)”**—we can have faith in the Scriptures—and in His Calendar—and as His faithful we can truly *understand* those powerful prophecies that will *shortly come to pass*.

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Whoso Reads, Let Him Understand!

We Live In A Violent World!

Wars and rumors of wars everywhere are the news of the day. International Terrorism plagues the earth. Yet, Life goes on! Especially here in the Western World, eating, drinking, living it up, marrying, starting families—just as it was in the Days of Noah! Violence and wickedness is everywhere, but Life goes on.

But how long can Life continue on as usual? Where are we in Bible prophecy? Can we really know?

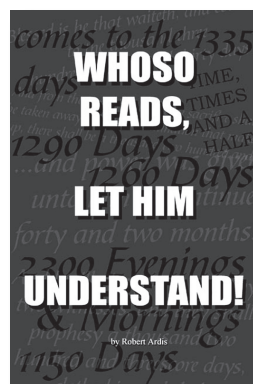
Matthew 24:15 states: *“When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand).*

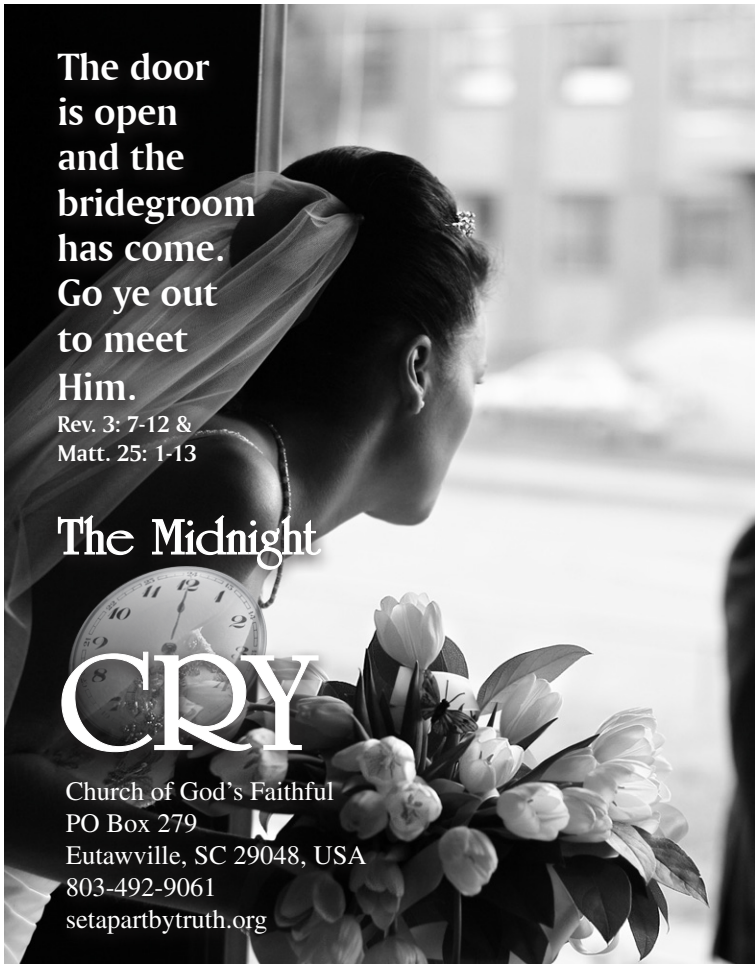
Today many understand that the amazing prophecy of the “*man of sin sitting in the Temple of God*” has already been fulfilled. But do you realize “the abomination standing in the Holy Place” has also been fulfilled—NOW!

Do you understand? And do you understand what happens next in prophecy? Do you understand the prophecies of the 1335, 1290, and 1260 days?

These are the urgent subjects of this booklet!
Please write for your copy, then read carefully
and UNDERSTAND.

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The door
is open
and the
bridegroom
has come.
Go ye out
to meet
Him.

Rev. 3: 7-12 &
Matt. 25: 1-13

The Midnight

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**Are you a part of the “WOMAN” or the “REMNER”
of Revelation 12:14, 17? Your life depends on the answer!**

But where is the WOMAN? And how will she be found?

The answer is found in Christ's parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25. The time has come for God's people to read, understand, and heed Matthew 25:6 - The Midnight Cry.

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