

“THE KEEPING OF TIME”

How is time kept in GOD'S eyes? Well, in regards to the LORD'S return, we know that no matter what system or set of calculations one uses it will never be a totally accurate measurement of time. Even if the best scientists in the world were to pool their brain power together, the exact date (even from AD) could never be positively determined. “And why is that you ask?” One reason is because GOD set the plants and stars (that by which He said were for: “signs and for seasons and for days and years”) into irregular orbits, at least after the “fall” that is. That is why our Earth orbits the Sun in “365.2424-days” per year (<http://en.allexperts.com/q/Astronomy-1360/year-1.htm>) and not the even 365-day rotational period we call a year. In this way God made it that man will never be able to accurately calculate the exact date. Now add to that all the verses in the Bible that speak of the LORD'S return having to be “delayed,” or that He would “tarry” when He should have returned; apparently the Church is going to need a little more “time” (**great tribulation**) to be healed of her “sleeping sickness”:

“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.” Matthew 25:5

“Be patient therefore, brethren, unto **the [secret] coming of the Lord**. Behold, the husbandman waiteth [**G1551: Tarry**] for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.”

James 5:7

I believe this deliverance will be acquired through what the Bible refers to as the “**midnight**” experience (the **trimming of the lamps**: Mat 25:7), which is described in Matthew 25:6-9. Thus, once **midnight** does arrive some in the Church will awake and start to **trim** their lamps (repent and cry out). Then after this period of cleansing has done its work (“its strange work”), the “**wise virgins**” will be ready to enter into “**the marriage**” (the start of the **42-months** in Rev 11) upon the LORD'S (1st) “**secret return**”; see:

(http://www.theseventhmillennium.org/secret_coming.html http://www.theseventhmillennium.org/appearings_of_jesus_vs_christ.html)

It seems the Bible tells us there will be some time that elapses between actual **midnight** and the **marriage** as described in Matthew 25:6-10; maybe even months, or whatever it takes to remove any remaining **spots** and **winkles** from the “**wise virgin**” saints.

As I've often stated, the timelines found in this site only reflect the “approximate dates” in which the LORD “should have” returned, that is according to the types, prophecies, and chronology of the Bible. Now I'm not trying to be vain here, but after you have put some thousands of hours of “end-time” study into your craw, you start to comprehend some things. Another tool of guidance would be the days of creation and how they correlate to the seven millenniums of historical and biblical accounts (i.e., a day is as a thousand years...). So Jesus has not returned yet and GOD is still sovereign, but He has also told us in His Word that this, “not arriving when expected situation” was/is going to happen. As a matter of fact, this is prophesied so often I can't for the life of me understand why this period of *tarrying* and especially the reason for it never seems to get taught from the pulpits? Some verses say it (the LORD'S delay) outright, while others are spoken in type; like the story of the “two pence,” which represent the two thousand years the church of the Gentiles was given to receive the Word:

“...But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out **two pence**, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and **whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again**, I will repay thee [the time].” Luke 10:33-35

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord **delayeth his coming**; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a **day** when he looketh not for him, and in an **hour** that he is not aware of." Matthew 24:48-50

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the **last days** scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, **Where is the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things **continue** as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2-Peter 3:3-4

"The Lord is not **slack** [G1019: **to delay**] concerning his promise [**to return**], as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering** to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
2-Peter 3:9

"Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, **The days are prolonged**, and every vision faileth?" Ezekiel 12:22

"Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; There shall none of my words be **prolonged** any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord GOD."
Ezekiel 12:27-28

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at **even**, or at **midnight**, or at **the cockcrowing**, or in **the morning**: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping [mat 25:5]. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13:32-37
[see: http://www.theseventhmillennium.org/time_of_jacob's_trouble.html]

The Gregorian vs. Julian Calendar

The Gregorian Calendar (which some say is still 4-8 years off) is a revision of the Julian Calendar, which itself was instituted by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. The reason for the change was to correct for the drift that was accruing in the dates of significant religious observations (primarily Easter/Passover) and to prevent further drifting of these dates. The major changes were:

- Drop 10 days from October 1582 to realign the Vernal Equinox with 21 March
- Change leap year selection so that not all years ending in "00" are leap years.
- Change the beginning of the year to 1 January from the 25th of March

It was César who first used the Julian calendar to change the ancient tradition of beginning the "New Year" at the March (vernal) equinox, to January 1st.

GOD'S Calendar

In Exodus 12:2 God told Moses, "This month ['Abib'] shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." Thus, the month "Abib" began to mark the Passover for all future generations and was to be the start of the new year for the Jewish people as far as the religious feasts were concerned. Although, the

Bible shows us there were both “pre” and “post” Passover calendars that kept time using secular dates, and those calendars began the New Year with the arrival of the September (Nisan) (autumnal) equinox. So there was both a “sacred calendar,” and a “civil calendar” in use during the time of the Old Testament. The present day month called “Tisri” (Abib), is now the beginning of the Jewish year. You will find much more information concerning the keeping of time on the internet and other places, but the picture I am trying to paint here is the complexity and impossibility that man would ever be able to know the true date in time.

Now having said all that, "was Christ to **secretly return** to His temple (Malachi 3:1; John 7:10-14) during the feast of Tabernacles in **2008**"? As was stated earlier, many biblical and historical factors must come into play to answer that question. To start with, we need to know what "God counts" as the last day of **2008** (which would have been our March 19th 2009) if **1968** signaled the start of the “last full **40-year** period of tribulation?” Because if it was, God must now be *delaying* the start of the “**great**” tribulation, which is the next and worst tribulation period that must be “**cut short**,” because no flesh would be able to survive if it wasn’t.

It must be apparent to some that Christ is already “tarring” and “delaying” His **secret coming**, because most all the “signs of the time” are now ripe (actually past due) for His return and still the virgins — all of them — sleep on. Now I have said "most signs" because Jeremiah 51:46 has yet to happen to America, since America is the epitome of the “**Babylon**” mentioned in Jeremiah 50, 51, Isaiah 13, and Revelation 17, 18. Although, the fullness of “great” Babylon's corporate (worldwide) destruction will not come to pass until after the **42-months** of Revelation 11.

AMERICA WAS WARNED!

Therefore [speaking of Babylon] shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city [below in Rev 16 you will see worldwide/corporate great Babylon get her's]! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that WAS clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls [all symbolic of a Christian nation; this is not China]! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

Revelation 18:8-19

“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city [God’s city] was divided into three parts, and the cities of **the nations** fell: and **great** [worldwide] **Babylon** came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of **the fierceness of his wrath** [which takes place at **Armageddon**, not at the start of the **42-months**].” Revelation 16:17-19

There was also a brother name "Dumitru Duduman," who prophesied how the LORD had showed him that "America" would be attacked during a time of inner turmoil and uprisings in the country. The angel showed him this back in the early '80s (<http://www.viddler.com/explore/david1057/videos/1>) that one day the people in America would rise up against the government and then Russia and her allies would strike the U.S.:

...He said, "Remember this, Dumitru. The Russian spies have discovered where the nuclear warehouses are in America. When the Americans will think that it is peace and safety - from the middle of the country, some of the people will start fighting against the government. The government will be busy with internal problems. Then from the ocean, from Cuba, Nicaragua, Mexico,... [all the places Russian war ships visited in 2007]" (He told me two other countries, but I didn't remember what they were.) "...they will bomb the nuclear warehouses. When they explode, America will burn!"

Jeremiah 51:46

"And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumor [H8052: **news report**] that shall be heard in the land; a rumor [the market is crashing?] shall both come one year [?], and after that in another year [?] shall come a rumor, and violence [anarchy] in the land, ruler [H4910: **governor**] against ruler. " Jeremiah 51:46

Brethren, could the "rumor #1" Jeremiah 51:46 prophesys about possibly be describing the economic crash that happened to the USA/(the city of Babylon) in **2008**? The verses surrounding it are most definitely describing the time preceding Babylon's destruction in the **end-time**, so what is this rumor? And what is the "second rumor" that follows it?

Well, it seems both rumors concern the same thing, only whatever it is it seems to manifest shortly after the first end-time rumor and that is what brings the "violence in the land." So what would cause the people to rise up and fight each other and their government? I can only think of a couple of things that would cause this or any nation to come against its leaders, one of them being "war," and the other being "economic collapse." Now if we are truly entering the time of Jeremiah 51:46, then it must be the economic collapse scenario because that is the only real "trigger threat" that continues to increase "in America" from year to year. Apparently, the people are willing to fight for their god of "filthy lurker" as they see the unfairness of all this "bailout money" and corporate favoritism going to certain classes of people (the rich), while they themselves lose their jobs over this supreme era of greed. On the other hand, there are now more people depending on the government for their substance than ever before, and the government (first at the state level) is on the verge of having to cut-off all these entitlements.

One last thing for you to consider is that GOD is more than likely using the calendar "He established" back in Exodus 12:2, which same calendar starts the new year (for religious feast and the likes) at the March equinox (see bottom of page 6). Now if this is so, then the actual date that **2008** would have begun on would have been our March 19, 2008. However, we should have discerned by now that the LORD has begun to "tarry" and "delay" His coming because the Church – all of it – is still sleeping! Thus, instead of being able to return for a "**faithful bride**" back in **2008**, the LORD has to enact 2-Peter 3:9, which is also paralleled in Luke 10:35 where the Lord "might" have to "give more" (time) if when He should have returned by the Church was still not ready. So in GOD'S sovereignty it seems He is extending the sixth millennium awhile longer. He is not adding onto the seventh as some suppose, because there are just too many prophecies that mention the "one thousand year events" that will take place after **Armageddon**: "Satan bound a thousand years," "the saints ruling & reigning a thousand years," "the dead not living again for a thousand years," etc. So we know the "added time" is somehow assimilated into the sixth millennium. "Let GOD be true and every man (and calendar) a liar."

“How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations [Rev 18:8-19]! The sea [many **nations**] is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby. And I will punish Bel [Satan] in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall [defense] of Babylon shall fall. **My people**, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the **fierce anger of the LORD**.” Jeremiah 51:41-45

“Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of **Babylon**: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon [Rev 18:10-19]: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the **north**, saith the LORD. As Babylon hath caused the slain of [spiritual] Israel to fall [into greed and adulterous lusts], so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth [mixed multitude]. Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the **sanctuaries** of the LORD'S house. Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan. Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD. A sound of a cry cometh from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans: Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered: Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men [military] are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite. And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary. The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And this Seraiah was a quiet prince. So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon.” Jeremiah 51:47-60

Keep in mind, although it is true that the world has already seen the natural fulfillment of this prophesy, yet it has not seen the spiritual (fullness) aspect of this destruction.

The Jews Reckoned The Year In Two Ways

- (1.) according to a “sacred calendar,” in which the year began about the time of the vernal (March) equinox, with the month “**Abib**”;
- (2.) and according to a “civil calendar,” in which the year began about the time of the autumnal (Sept) equinox, with the month Nisan. The month Tisri is now the beginning of the Jewish year.

Abib ā'bib (אֲבִיב, 'ābhīb, young ear of barley or other grain, [Ex 9:31](#); [Lev 2:14](#)): The first month of the Israelite year, called Nisan in [Neh 2:1](#); [Est 3:7](#), is Abib in [Ex 13:4](#); [Ex 23:15](#); [Ex 34:18](#); compare [Deu 16:1](#). Abib is not properly a name of a month, but part of a descriptive phrase, “the month of young ears of grain.” This may indicate the Israelite way of determining the new year ([Ex 12:2](#)), the year beginning with the new moon nearest or next preceding this stage of the growth of the barley.

The Hebrew or Jewish calendar had three stages of development: the **preēxilic**, or Biblical; the postexilic, or Talmudic; and the post-Talmudic. The first rested on observation merely, the second on observation coupled with calculation, and the third on calculation only. In the first period, the priests determined

the beginning of each month **by the appearance of the new moon** and the recurrence of the prescribed feasts from the **vernal and autumnal equinoxes**.

Thus, the month **Abīb** ('ābhīb), the first month of the year according to the Levitical law, in which the “Passover” (the new year) was to be celebrated, **was determined by observing the March equinox** (Ex 12:2; Deu 16). After the exile more accurate methods of determining the months and seasons came into vogue [but was that God?], and calculation was employed to supplement and correct observations and the calendar was regulated according to the Babylonian system, as is evidenced by the names of the months which are derived from it. In later times the calendar was fixed by mathematical methods.

The **March equinox** and **September equinox** is becoming the preferred standard technical writers choose when trying to avoid the classical Northern Hemisphere bias, which is implied by the assumption that March is in springtime and September is in autumn. While this is only true for those in the Northern Hemisphere, the complete opposite is true for dwellers in the Southern Hemisphere. Although God must surely be using the northern hemisphere reckoning seeing how “Israel” (the country in question) is north of the equator.

The difficulty of ascertaining the first day of the new moon by observation in the early period, led to the celebration of two days, as seems to be indicated in 1Sa 20:27. We have only four names of months belonging to the preëxilic period, and they are Phoenician. Of these **'Abīb** ('ābhīb) was the first month, as already indicated, and it corresponded to *Nisan* (nīṣān) in the later calendar. It was the month in which the Exodus occurred and the month of the Passover (Ex 13:4; Ex 23:15; Ex 34:18; Deu 16:1). The 2nd month of this calendar was *Ziv* (zīw) (1Ki 6:1, 1Ki 6:37); *Ethanīm* ('ēthānīm) was the 7th (1Ki 8:2), corresponding to *Tishrī* of the later calendar, and *Būl* 'būl' the 8th, corresponded to *Mkḥesvan* 'Mkḥeshwān' (1Ki 6:38).

There were of course other month names in this old calendar, but they have not come down to us. These names seem to refer to the aspects of the seasons: thus, **Abīb** 'ābhīb' means “grain in the ear, just ripening” (Lev 2:14; Ex 9:31); *Ziv* 'zīw' refers to the beauty and splendor of the flowers in the spring; *Ethanīm* 'ēthānīm' means perennial, probably referring to living fountains; and *Būl* 'būl' means rain or showers, meaning, the month when the rainy season commenced. The full calendar of months used in the postexilic period is shown in a table on page 5 of this article. The names given in the table are not all found in the Bible, as the months are usually referred to by number, but we find *Nīṣān* in Neh 2:1 and Est 3:7; *Śīwān* in Est 8:9; *Tammūz* in Eze 8:4 (although the term used in Eze, refers to a Phoenician god, after whom the month was named); *'Ēlūl* occurs in Neh 6:15; *Kīṣlēw* (the American Standard Revised Version “chislev”) in Neh 1:1 and Zec 7:1; *Tēbhēth* in Est 2:16; *Sh^ebhāt* in Zec 1:7 and *'Ādhār* in Ezr 6:15 and several times in Est. These months were lunar and began with the “new moon,” but their position in regard to the seasons varied somewhat because of the intercalary month about every three years.

The year (שנה, *shānāh*) originally began in the autumn, as appears from Ex 23:16 and Ex 34:22, where it is stated that the “feast of Ingathering” should be at the end of the year; the Sabbatic year began, also, in the 7th month of the calendar year (Lev 25:8-10), indicating that this had been the beginning of the year. This seems to have been a reckoning for “civil purposes,” while the year beginning with *Nīṣān* (**Abīb**) was for ritual (feast days) and sacred purposes. This resulted from the fact that the great feast of “the Passover” occurred in this month, and the other feasts were regulated by this, as we see from such passages as Ex 23:14-16 and Deu 16:1-17. Josephus (*Ant.*, I, iii, 3) says: “Moses appointed that *Nīṣān*, which is the same with *Xanthicus* (pg. 5), should be the first month of their

festivals, because he brought them out of Egypt in that month; so that this month began the year as to all solemnities they observed to the honor of God, although Moses preserved the original order of the months as to selling and buying and other ordinary affairs.” A similar “dual” custom is still followed in Turkey, where the Mohammedan year is observed for feasts, the pilgrimage to Mecca and other sacred purposes, while the civil year begins in March O.S.

GOD CHANGED THE TIMES

Moses and Aaron receive of the Lord in Ex 12 what they were afterwards to deliver to the people concerning the ordinances of the Passover to which is prefixed an order for a new style to be observed in their months (Ex 12:1, Ex 12:2): “And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.” Ex 12:1-2

Previous to this, they had begun their year from the middle of September, but henceforth they were to begin it from the middle of March, at least it seems for all their ecclesiastical computations.

The year was composed of 12 or 13 months according as to whether or not, it was an ordinary or leap year. Intercalation is not mentioned in Scripture, but it was employed by man to make the **lunar** (new moon reckoning) correspond approximately to the **solar** (equinoxal reckoning) year; a month being added whenever the discrepancy of the seasons rendered it necessary. This was regulated by the priests, who had to see that the feasts were duly observed at the proper season.

The intercalary month was added after the month of **'Ādhār** and was called the “second **'Ādhār**” (שני, *shēnī*, ואדר, *wa-’ādhār*, “and **Adar**”), and, as already indicated, was added about once in 3 years. More exactly, 4 years out of every 11 were leap years of 13 months, this being derived from the Babylonian calendar. If, on the 16th of the month *Nīṣān*, the sun had not reached the vernal equinox, that month was declared to be the second **'Ādhār** and the following one *Nīṣān*. This method, of course, was not exact and about the 4th century of our era, the mathematical method was adopted. The number of days in each month was fixed, seven having 30 days, and the rest 29. When the intercalary month was added, the first **'Ādhār** had 30 and the second 29 days.

Adar: Large, the sixth month of the civil and the twelfth of the ecclesiastical year of the Jews (Est 3:7, Est 3:13; Est 8:12; Est 9:1, Est 9:15, Est 9:17, Est 9:19, Est 9:21). It included the days extending from the new moon of our March, to the new moon of April. The name was first used after the Captivity. When the season was backward, and the lambs not yet of a paschal size, or the barley not forward enough for Abib, then a month called Ve-adar, i.e., a second Adar, was intercalated.

The cycle of religious feasts depended on the moon. The commencement of a month was determined by the observation of the new moon. An equinox happens each year at two specific moments in time (not a whole day) when the center of the Sun can be observed to be vertically above the Earth's equator, occurring around March 20 and September 22 each year.

| Year | Equinox March | | Solstice June | | Equinox September | | Solstice December | |
|------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| | Day | Time | Day | Time | Day | Time | Day | Time |
| 2002 | 20 | 19:16 | 21 | 13:24 | 23 | 04:55 | 22 | 01:14 |
| 2003 | 21 | 01:00 | 21 | 19:10 | 23 | 10:47 | 22 | 07:04 |
| 2004 | 20 | 06:49 | 21 | 00:57 | 22 | 16:30 | 21 | 12:42 |
| 2005 | 20 | 12:33 | 21 | 06:46 | 22 | 22:23 | 21 | 18:35 |
| 2006 | 20 | 18:26 | 21 | 12:26 | 23 | 04:03 | 22 | 00:22 |
| 2007 | 21 | 00:07 | 21 | 18:06 | 23 | 09:51 | 22 | 06:08 |
| 2008 | 20 | 05:48 | 20 | 23:59 | 22 | 15:44 | 21 | 12:04 |
| 2009 | 20 | 11:44 | 21 | 05:45 | 22 | 21:18 | 21 | 17:47 |
| 2010 | 20 | 17:32 | 21 | 11:28 | 23 | 03:09 | 21 | 23:38 |
| 2011 | 20 | 23:21 | 21 | 17:16 | 23 | 09:04 | 22 | 05:30 |
| 2012 | 20 | 05:14 | 20 | 23:09 | 22 | 14:49 | 21 | 11:11 |

The Hebrews and Phoenicians had no word for month save 'moon,' and only saved their calendar from becoming vague like that of the Moslems by the interpolation of an additional month. There is no evidence at all that they ever used a true solar year such as the Egyptians possessed. The latter had twelve months of thirty days and five epagomenac or odd days. Palestine Quarterly, January 1889. See table on next page:

| Months | Beginning with new moon | Sacred | Civil | Seasons | Festivals |
|--|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------------|---|
| Nisan, or Abib (30 days) Ex 12:2 , Ex 12:18 ; Est 3:7 | March April | 1 | 7 | | 14. Paschal lamb killed 15. Passover 16. First-fruits of barley harvest 21. Passover ended |
| Zif (29 days) 1Ki 6:1 | April May | 2 | 8 | Harvest | 14. The second Passover (Num 9:10 , Num 9:11) |
| Sivan (30 days) Est 8:9 | May June | 3 | 9 | | 6. Pentecost. First-fruits of wheat season |
| Tammuz (29 days) Eze 8:14 | June July | 4 | 10 | Summer | |
| Ab (30 days) | July August | 5 | 11 | | |
| Elul (29 days) Neh 6:15 | August Sept. | 6 | 12 | Hot Season | |
| Ethanim, Tisri (30 days) 1Ki 8:2 | Sept. Oct. | | | | 1. Feast of Trumpets. 10. Day of Atonement 15. Feast of Tabernacles |
| | | | | Seed | First-fruits of wine and oil |
| Marchesvan, Bul (29 days) 1Ki 6:38 | Oct. Nov. | 8 | 2 | Time | |
| Chisleu (30 days) Zec 7:1 | Nov. Dec. | | | | 25. Feast of the Dedication of the Temple |
| Tebeth (29 days) Est 2:16 | Dec. Jan. | 10 | 4 | Winter | |
| Sebat, Sevet (30 days) Zec 1:7 | Jan. Feb. | 11 | 5 | | |
| Adar (29 days) Est 3:7 | | 12 | 6 | Cold Season | 14, 15. Feast of Purim |
| Ve-Adar was added to this month when necessary | | | | | |

| Hebrew Month | | Greek Month | | English Month |
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| <i>Nīṣān</i> | ניסן | <i>Xanthikós</i> | Χανθικὸς | March-April |
| <i>Iyyār</i> | אייר | <i>Artemísios</i> | Ἀρτεμῖσιος | April-May |
| <i>Šiwān</i> | סיון | <i>Daísios</i> | Δαῖσιος | May-June |
| <i>Tammūz</i> | תמוז | <i>Pánemos</i> | Πάνεμος | June-July |
| <i>ʾĀbh</i> | אב | <i>Lōos</i> | Λῶος | July-August |
| <i>Ēlūl</i> | אלול | <i>Gorpiaíos</i> | Γορπιαῖος | August-September |
| <i>Tishrī</i> | תשרי | <i>Huperberetaíos</i> | Ὑπερβερεταῖος | September-October |
| <i>Mkḥeshwān</i> | מרחשון | <i>Díos</i> | Δίος | October-November |
| <i>Kīṣlêw</i> | כסלו | <i>Apellaíos</i> | Ἀπελλαῖος | November-December |
| <i>Ṭēbhēth</i> | טבת | <i>Audunaíos</i> | Αὐδυναῖος | December-January |
| <i>Šṭʾbhāt</i> | שבט; | <i>Perítios</i> | Περίτιος | January-February |
| <i>ʾĀdhār</i> | אדר | <i>Dústros</i> | Δύστρος | February-March |
| Calendar of Months Used in the Postexilic Period (this is not the Preëxilic , or Biblical calendar). | | | | |

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