HEBREW VS GREGORIAN CALENDAR

- We have to have a complete mind reset to understand the "Hebrew Nature" of the Word of God. We tend to read and try to understand a Hebrew culture with a western mindset.
- At one stage when I battled to reset my mind (overriding everything that I have been taught – I imagined the following scenario:
  We are a group of people – survivals with no memory – on an island. We are just given a Bible as a Life Instruction/ Manual book.
  How different will we approach a lot of things – including our understanding of a calendar.

LOOKING THROUGH YHVH'S LIFE MANUAL:

- WHEN DOES A NEW DAY START?
  - **GEN.1:5,8,13,** etc.
  - It was evening (sunset) and morning – the first day
  - How to apply: If your birthday is 16 Oct – it will start at sunset 15 Oct and end sunset 16 Oct. (To apply time if birthed during the night – makes it difficult to default to hebrew mindset if it was set in gregorian calendar.)
- IN HEBREW THOUGHT THE DAYS OF THE WEEK/MONTH WAS COUNTED – NOT NAMED.
  - i.e. 14th day of Nissan (First month)
  - Only one day of the week had a name: – 7TH day
  - Have a look at your "gregorian" calendar:
    - The gregorian calender follows the sun.
    - Each day of the week as a name derived from idol worship: Sun-day, Moon-day, Thor-day, etc._
    - The year of the Gregorian has its foundation in Yeshua's coming. 2025 AD
    - – on which day does the week begin, i.e. day 1
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  - Which day did God bless?
    GEN.2:2 – 7TH day (SABBATH = REST)
  - Direct instruction from YHVH about the 7th day:
    EX.20:8-11
  - Later more about the Sabbath.

HOW DID YHVH CALCULATE MONTHS?

- The hebrew calendar follows the moon – a new moon signals a new month (every 29.5 days) so months have 29 days and some 30 days
- YHVH gives an instruction to celebrate and remember the new moons (Roch Chodesh)
  Numbers 28 begins with this Instruction from YHVH: **NUM.28:1-2**
  - Then it mentions offerings that must be brought daily, weekly (Sabbath), and then…
    NUM.28:11-15
    - Do yourselves a favour and go and read Num.28 for yourselves and see what kind of offerings are brought at every appointment. See the signicance of the amount brought on New Moon appointments – this is a special time for YHVH.
    - Also read: ISA.66:23

- I realised every new moon must be celebrated as a mini “new year” / NEW BEGINNING.
    - Blow the shofar, be joyful and bring a prayer before YHVH for the new month
- If we go back to Leviticus 23 – YHVH introduces His special appointments with mankind, we see that the days are indicated according the month and day (as counted with the lunar calendar).
- **LEV.23:4,5,6**
  LEV.23:23-24
  LEV.23:26-27
  LEV.23:33,34
- Are these the Jews festivals only?
  LEV.23:44

YEARS

- The Hebrew year count will always be ahead of the Gregorian calendar by 3,761. So 2025 + 3761 = 5786
    - There is a “complicatd” cycle to keep the seasons in place according to the months which results in a month added in the following years: 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 19. 19 Year cycle. (Don’t break you brain with this info – just interesting to know.)
    - The Jewish year as 50 weeks + 3,4 or 5 days – except for the leap year (Gregorian has 52 weeks)
- The Hebrew year is counted from Elul – 7th month.
  So you have heard about Rosh Hashana – Jewish new year – falls with Yom Teruah (Feast of Trumpets). Once again – instituted by man.
- According to our Instruction Manual – the new year will start in the same month as Pesach (Passover).
    - **EX.12:2**

DID YESHUA CHANGE HIS FATHER’S INSTRUCTIONS:

- **JOHN.12:49-50**
- **MATT.5:17,18**
- **1 JOHN.5:3**
- **MATT.5:19**



You have YHVH’s instruction Manual for life. Whose word are you going to follow.
If you choose to follow YHVH – this is His promise throughout the scriptures:
DEUT.28:1-9

WHOSE CALENDAR ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW?