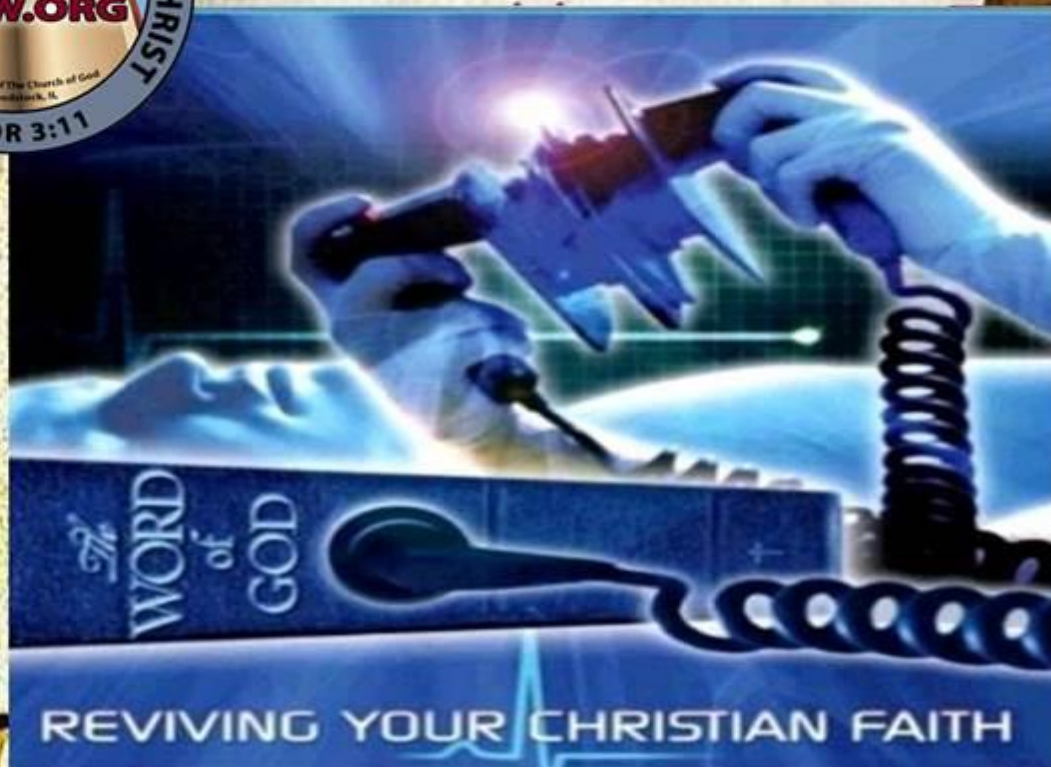
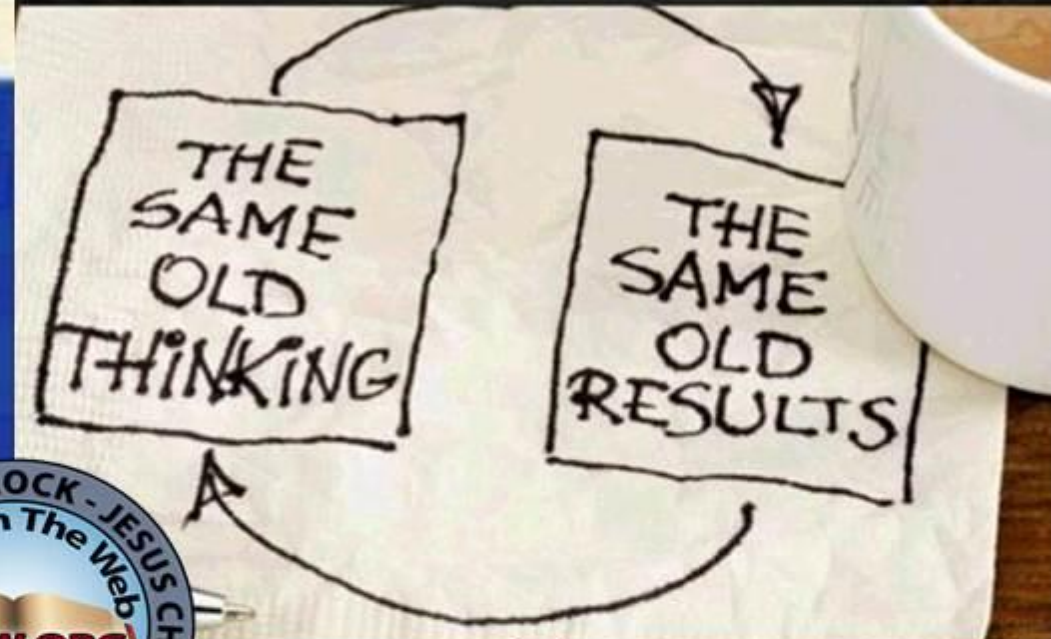


# Think BIBLICALLY



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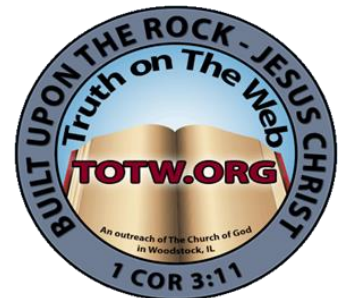


REVIVING YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

# HOLY DAY CALENDAR:



**Biblical Timekeeping Series**



# Authority of the Calendar

At the outset it ought to be made clear that the present Jewish Calendar is an authoritative one that is sanctioned by the Holy Scriptures though it is not in strict accord with the calendar established by Moses nor that which the Jews had in the time of Christ. The upkeep of the Holy Scriptures and the calendar was placed by Moses into the hands of the priests and elders of Israel (Deuteronomy 31:9). The apostle Paul also stated that the oracles of God (that is, the words that make up the Holy Scriptures) are committed or entrusted into the hands of the Jewish authorities (Romans 3:1,2). And even more pointed is the teaching of Christ himself which stated that the Jewish authorities in Christ's time known as the Scribes and Pharisees were those who sat in the very Seat of Moses and that those under the Mosaic Law ought to pay strict attention to what they say. Jews should do as they command, but not with their hardheaded demeanor regarding the application of those laws and regulations (Matthew 23:1-3).

# Authority of the Calendar

Though there is no Sanhedrin (the biblical Supreme Court) at the present, there was a Sanhedrin in the fourth century that made the decision to accept the present Jewish Calendar as official and that the Holy Days positioned on that calendar should be those that all adherents of the Law of Moses should follow. If a further Sanhedrin is ever raised up (that is, another "Seat of Moses"), then what that official body of Jewish authorities decides is what all keepers of the Law of Moses ought to observe. This means, simply, that since Passover is now reckoned by the Jewish officials as being on Nisan 15 and Pentecost on Sivan 6, these two days should now be observed by keepers of the Law of Moses even though different days may have been kept in Christ's time.

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<http://www.askelm.com/doctrine/d911001.htm>

# Jews Will Make An Exodus From Error

"The present system was expected to be replaced again by a system based on true values more akin to the earlier Jewish calendar in which New Moon (days of the phasis) and intercalations were proclaimed on the basis of both observation and calculation."

Cecil Roth, editor, *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, Vol. 5, p.47, article: Calendar

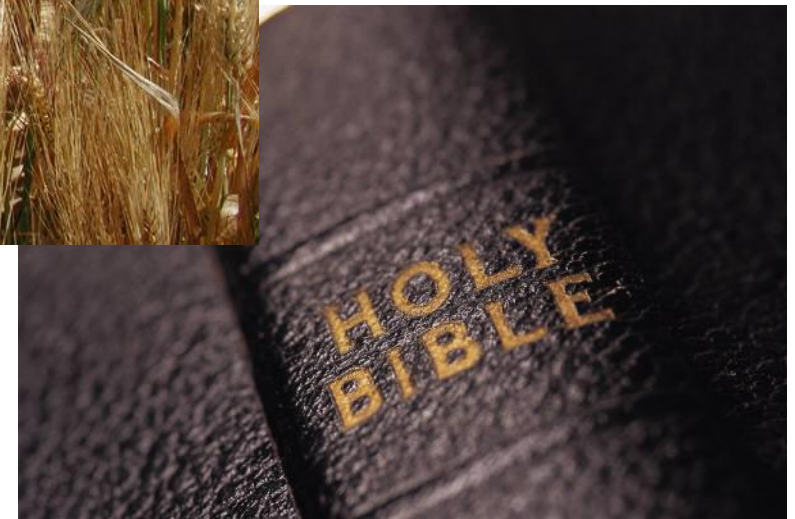
”Today, the Hebrew calendar does not match that fixed by observing the Moon. Even though the gap between the two calendars continues to increase, we do not have the authority to alter the calendar until a new Sanhedrin (religious high court) is reestablished.”

Israeli New Moon Society

“The rebirth of the state of Israel rekindles in us the hope that a new Sanhedrin, recognized by the whole people of Israel, will be established again in our time. It will be the task of the Sanhedrin to make a decision as to when and how the sanctified calendar of Hillel II is to be modified in accordance with the requirements of astronomy and the Torah.”

Arthur Spier, *The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar*, p.227

# Should We Wait For A New Sanhedrin?



# CALENDAR AUTHORITY: Four Main Texts

Leviticus 23:4

Deuteronomy 17:8-13

Matthew 23:2,3

Romans 3:1,2



# **Leviticus 23**

These are the feasts of the LORD, even  
holy convocations, which ye shall  
proclaim in their seasons.

Leviticus 23:4

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are My feasts.

**Leviticus 23:1-2**

# **Deuteronomy 17**

**Deuteronomy 17:8-13** If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose; And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment: And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, *to* the right hand, nor *to* the left. And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

**Hebrews 7:11-18** If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need *was there* that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For *it is* evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For He testifieth, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

# **Matthew 23**

Then spake Jesus to the multitude,  
and to His disciples, Saying, The  
scribes and the Pharisees sit in  
Moses' seat:

All therefore whatsoever they bid  
you observe, that observe and do;  
but do not ye after their works: for  
they say, and do not.

**Matthew 23:1-3**



# Pentecost (According To Pharisees)

“The date of the feast came to be firmly fixed only in later Judaism. It was now dated on the 50th day after the Passover. Opinions varied as to the significance of the "day after the Sabbath" mentioned in Lv. 23:15. The Boethuseans (Sadducees) took this literally and counted from the first regular Sabbath (Saturday) after the first day of the Passover, so that Pentecost would always fall on a Sunday. The Pharisees, however, took the Sabbath of Lv. 23:15 to mean the first day of the Passover, the 15th Nisan, and thus counted seven full weeks from the 16th Nisan, so that Pentecost would fall exactly on the 50th day after the 16th Nisan. Acc. to this reckoning the day of the week on which Pentecost came would depend on the day of week the Passover began.”

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, 1976, The Jewish Feast of Pentecost

Pentecost is sometimes on the fifth of the [third] month, sometimes on the sixth, and sometimes on the seventh. For instance, if both of them are full, it is on the fifth; if both of them are defective, it is on the seventh; if one is full and the other defective, it is on the sixth.

Rosh haShanah 6b

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**Matthew 23:1-3**

# What Is “Moses Seat”?



# Moses' Seat

**Exodus 18:13** And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.

**Exodus 18:16** When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.

# Moses Did Not Have Authority To Alter God's Commands

**Numbers 20:8** Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speake ye unto the rock before their eyes...

**Numbers 20:11** And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice...

**Numbers 20:12** And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed Me not, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

**Deuteronomy 4:2** Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

**Deuteronomy 12:32** What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

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"The scribes and the Pharisees have set themselves down in Moses' seat" Darby

"The scribes and the Pharisees sat on Moses' seat." WEB

"On the seat of Moses sat down the scribes and the Pharisees" Young's Literal



**WDJD?**

What *DID* Jesus Do?

# Did Jesus Obey Those Who “Sat In Moses' Seat”?

**Matthew 9:11-13** And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto His disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

# **Did Jesus Obey Those Who “Sat In Moses' Seat”?**

**Matthew 12:1-2** At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath day through the corn; and His disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto Him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath day.

# Did Jesus Obey Those Who “Sat In Moses' Seat”?

**Matthew 12:10** And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? that they might accuse Him.

**Luke 13:14** And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.

# **Did Jesus Obey Those Who “Sat In Moses' Seat”?**

**Matthew 15:1-3** Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But He answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

# Did The Apostles Obey Those Who “Sat In Moses' Seat”?

**Acts 5:27-29** And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

# Jesus Warned Against Their Teachings

**Matthew 16:6** Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

**Matthew 16:12** Then understood they how that He bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

# Jesus Warned Against Their Teachings

**Matthew 23:13** But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

**Matthew 15:14** Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.



# Jesus Says They Are Not Planted By God

**Matthew 15:12-13** Then came His disciples, and said unto Him, Knowest Thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But He answered and said, Every plant, which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

# **Romans 3**

**Romans 3:1-2** 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.

# **Strong's Greek Dictionary**

## **3051. λογιον logion**

neuter of 3052; an utterance (of God):—oracle.

**Acts 7:37-38** This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear. This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

# Moses Wrote Down ALL of God's “Oracles”

**Exodus 24:3-4** And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

# Oracles of God

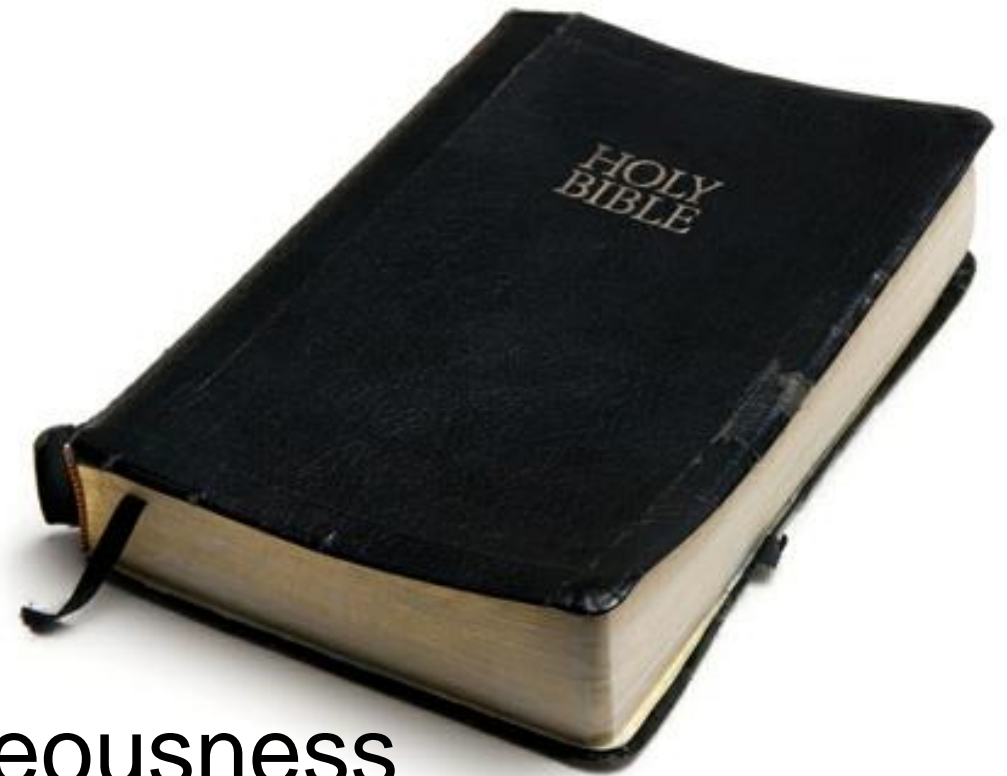


# **The AUTHOR is The Authority**

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17





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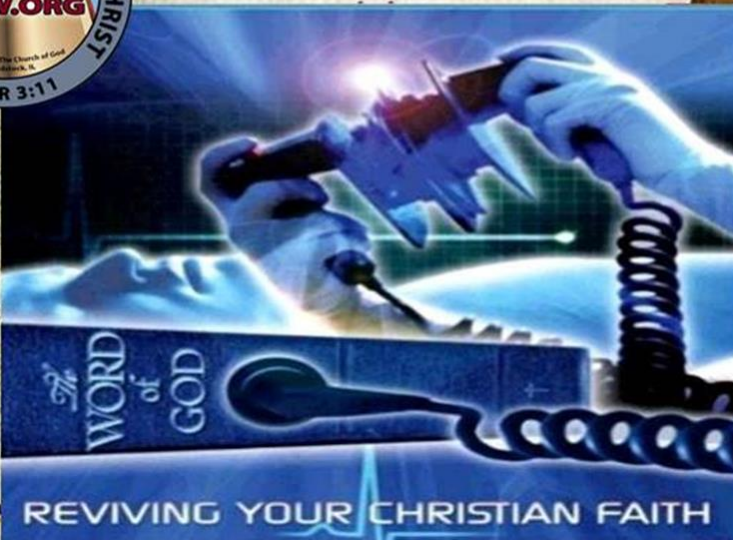
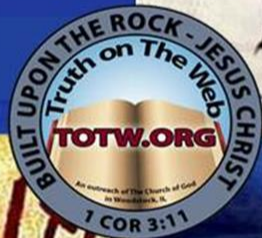


# The Conclusion Of The Matter

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Acts 5:29

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