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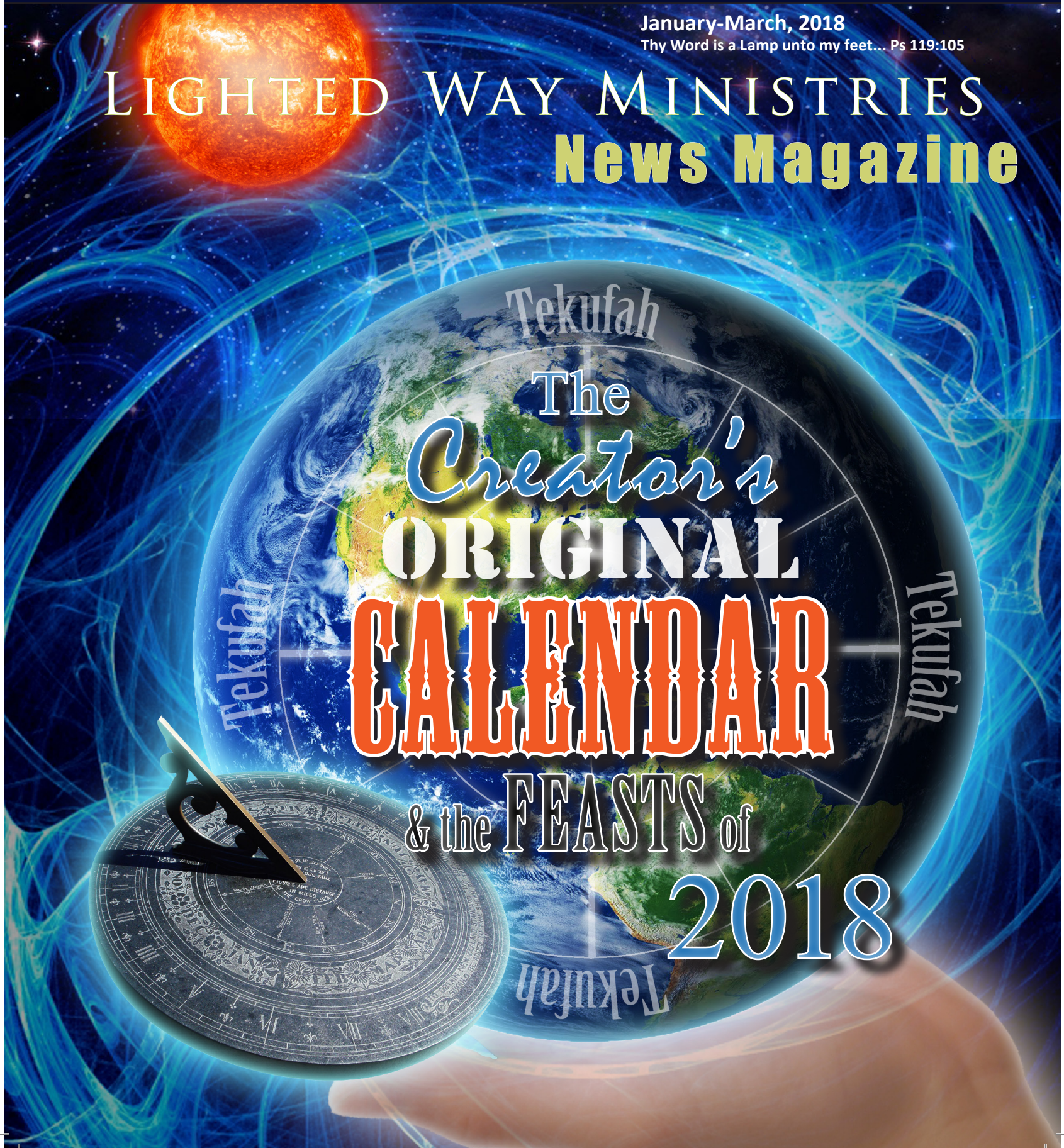
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## The Original Calendar Was Given at Creation

Scripture tells us, in Genesis 1:14, that *Yahweh* made the heavenly lights for several reasons. One reason was for “seasons”. The word “seasons” is translated from the Hebrew word “*mo’edim*” <sup>(H4150)</sup>, which means “Feasts” and “annual Appointed Times”. This same word is translated as “Feasts” in Leviticus 23, the chapter in which *Yahweh’s* Appointed Times are all listed. Because Genesis 1:14 mentions the heavenly lights (*plural*), we see that the sun, moon, and stars all play a role in Biblical calendation. These lights determine the length of a day and define a Biblical year.

“He (*Yahweh*) appointed the moon for seasons (*Feasts*)...” *Psalms* 104:19

“And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven... and let them be for seasons (*Feasts, annual Appointed Times*), and for days, and years.” *Genesis* 1:14

# The Creator's ORIGINAL CALENDAR & the Feasts of 2018

**1 Corinthians 5:8** *“Therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and Truth.”*

For many, who are serious about *Yahweh* and desire to worship Him according to His Will, discovering the Feasts is a great joy! As we learn of these annual Appointment Times, we eagerly seek to keep them in the *way*—and in the *time*—our Creator intends... But that’s when the trouble starts. There are so many schools of thought regarding calculating the timing of the Feasts and creating a Biblical calendar (see the yellow side panel on the right). How can anyone hope to accurately determine the timing of the annual Holy Days?

For some, this task has seemed so daunting that they have thrown up their hands and walked away from Feast-keeping altogether. But it is really possible to know when to keep the Holy Days! The Scriptures are very clear. Confusion has only arisen because well-meaning people have *added details* for calculating the Feasts of

*Yahweh*—details which were not part of His **original calendar**. In this article, we will Scripturally strip away these added details and restore the original way that the annual Appointments were determined. As we prayerfully do this, we will also clear away the muddling debris and regain the “old Path” of Truth for calculating the Feasts. The old Path (the original way) is always the right Path!

*“Thus saith **Yahweh**, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and **ask for the old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls...” **Jeremiah 6:16***

At Creation, *Yahweh* instigated the original calendar. He not only gave us the week, culminated by the Seventh-day Sabbath, *Yahweh* also created the yearly calendar with its annual Appointed Times. We know this because the Bible says so, in Genesis 1:14:

*“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, and **for seasons** (Feasts, annual Appointed Times), and for days, **and years.**”*

*(...continued)*

## Schools of Thought on how to Calculate the Feast Days...

### OPTION #1: JERUSALEM BARLEY

One school of thought on how to determine the timing of the Feasts is to begin the year with the first new moon after the Jerusalem barley is “*Abib*.” The barley calculation method is thought to be Scripturally supported by Exodus 23:15, which says:

*“Thou shalt keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread... in the time Appointed of the **month Abib**...”*



### OPTION #2: NEW MOON NEAREST THE TEKUFAH

Another way to determine the timing of the Feasts is to begin the year with the new moon that is **nearest** to the Spring *Tekufah* (Vernal Equinox). The new moon may be either **before** or **after** the *Tekufah* in this calculation method, which is thought to be Scripturally supported by 2 Samuel 11:1:

*“And it came to pass, after **the year was expired** (tekufah)...” (2 Sam. 11:1 KJV).  
“In the **spring of the year**...” (Ibid., RSV)*

### OPTION #3: FIRST NEW MOON AFTER THE TEKUFAH

Similar to option 2, the *Tekufah* marks the end of the prior Biblical year. But the first new moon of the new Biblical year must be sighted **after the Tekufah**.

With the goal of restoring the Creator's original calendar, let us look at the three basic teachings regarding starting and ending the Biblical year.

The first school of thought on the Biblical calendar issue is that the year begins with the first new moon after the Jerusalem barley is "*Abib*" (also known as "*Aviv*"). The question we must carefully consider is this:

### Was Jerusalem barley the determining factor for the Creator's original calendar?

Even before opening to the first Bible verse, we can immediately see that neither Jerusalem, nor "*Abib*" barley were present at Creation. But for thoroughness, let us summate. The reason barley proponents use Jerusalem barley to begin the Biblical year is because Jerusalem was the "holy city" (Isaiah 52:1 and Matthew 4:5). But there were no cities present—Jerusalem included—at

## The Barley of Abib



barley was not part of the original calendar? *Abib* barley is romantically termed "golden" grain. In plain terms, it is dry, dead grass. But nothing died in Eden, before the Fall. In the beginning, grasses and grains like barley would never have been in the ripe state which we now call "*Abib*". Thus, we may be sure that *Abib* barley was not the determining factor for the Creator's original calendar.

Creation. In fact, Jerusalem did not become the "holy city" until about 1004 B.C., when David took Jerusalem from the Jebusites and made it his capital city (2 Samuel 5:6-10). Yet *Yahweh's* people were keeping His holy Days and were correctly calculating the start and end of the year long before Jerusalem's conquest. Clearly then, in the Creator's original calendar, Jerusalem was not used to calculate the start and end of the Biblical year.

But how can we know that "*Abib*"

Additionally, as is shown in the timeline below, for many generations *Abib* barley was not used for starting the Biblical year. In fact, when we look up the Bible references to *Abib*, we find that it is the name of the first Biblical month, but never does the Bible say to start the year by the barley's *Abib*... The teaching that the Biblical year begins with Jerusalem barley being *Abib* is an extra-Biblical teaching. It is an example of adding words to Scripture. To demonstrate this, the following are all the Scriptures using the term *Abib*. Note that they

In the beginning, *Yahweh* appointed the "heavenly lights" (sun, moon, and stars) to determine the timing of His annual "Seasons" (Feasts) and to determine the start of a year (Genesis 1:14).

### Circa 3000 B.C.

During the flood, Noah was able to determine the first day of the year without consulting a barley harvest anywhere. Genesis 8:13 tells us that he removed the ark's covering on the first day of the new Biblical year. Noah did not use *Abib* barley to start the year.

### Circa 1446 B.C.

After the Exodus, the Children of Israel wandered in the Wilderness for 40 years. Because their travels prevented planting, the fact that they kept track of the passage of years during this time indicates that a barley harvest was not required to start a Biblical year.

### Circa 2065 B.C.

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed during the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Genesis 19:3). The timing of this Feast was known and kept prior to Jerusalem becoming the holy city.

reference a *month name*, in every case:

- Exodus 13:3-4 “...in the month Abib”.
- Exodus 23:15 “...of the month Abib”.
- Exodus 34:18 “...of the month Abib... “in the month Abib”.
- Deuteronomy 16:1 “Observe the month of Abib...”

Since it is our goal to determine what Scripture says, while stripping away anything added that it does not say, we must note that verses referencing “*Abib*” do not tell us to determine the Biblical year by the barley’s *Abib*. But it is Scripturally provable that the first month of the Biblical year was named “*Abib*”—unlike most other months, which were just given an ordinal number.

Leviticus 23:10-11 *does* tell us that “firstfruits” was to be waved on the day of First Fruits. And 2 Kings 4:42 *does* connect this first fruits grain with

barley. But the fact that a sheaf of first fruits barley was to be present during the ceremony of First Fruits does not mean that the *timing* of the Feast is determined by the barley. Barley, which was added later, is always available for First Fruits, when you calculate the timing of the Feast as *Yahweh* instructed—by the heavens.

### How was the Biblical year determined in the Creator’s original calendar?

Genesis 1:14 and Psalm 104:19 are two witnesses which plainly tell us to calculate a Biblical year and determine the timing of the Feasts by the heavens—the sun, moon, and stars.

Jewish historian, Josephus, records the fact that the heavenly lights, including the constellation Aries, were used to determine the start of the year at the time of Messiah.

“In the month of *Xanthicus*, which is

by us called Nisan (Nisan is Babylonian for the Hebrew month *Abib*), and is the beginning of our year, on the fourteenth day of the lunar month, when the sun is in Aries, (for in this month it was that we were delivered from bondage under the Egyptians,)... which was called the Passover; and so we do celebrate this Passover...”

*Josephus: The Complete Works, Chapter 10: CONCERNING THE FESTIVALS; AND HOW EACH DAY OF SUCH FESTIVAL IS TO BE OBSERVED*

This helps. But a bit more precision is required to start and end a Biblical year. The sun is visually in Aries for a period of time. But you mark the start and end of a year on a single day. So what day marks the end of the Biblical year? According to Scripture, the end of the Biblical year is called the *Tekufah*—specifically, the spring *Tekufah*. The word *Tekufah* is a Hebrew word (#H8622).

(continued)

### Circa 1004 B.C.

David captured Jerusalem and made it the “holy city”. During this period of time, Jerusalem was the center of Feast-keeping. And the people gathered in Jerusalem to keep the Feasts.

### Circa 28 A.D.

By the time *Yahshua* met with the Samaritan woman at the well, Jerusalem’s epoch as the epicenter of Feast-keeping was ending, in fulfillment of Daniel 9:24 (70 weeks which were determined upon the holy city were fulfilled at the time of Messiah). The Samaritan woman asked *Yahshua* about where people should go to worship *Yahweh*. Citing the on-going argument, the woman asked *Yahshua* about whether people should worship *Yahweh* in Jerusalem or at “this mountain” (her local Mount Gerazim) (John 4:19-24). *Yahshua* told her that the time was coming and “NOW IS” when people would worship *Yahweh*—not in one place, but in Spirit and in Truth. This ended Jerusalem’s brief time of being the holy city where folks should gather to keep the Feasts. But Jerusalem’s barley was never the primary or original way to start the Biblical year.

Scripture identifies the day of the *Tekufah* as the end of the year in Exodus 34:22, which says:

“And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end (*Tekufah*).” Exodus 34:22

2 Samuel 11:1, In the RSV, goes on to state that the year expires at the **spring** *Tekufah* (in the Northern Hemisphere).

“And it came to pass, after the year was expired...” (2 Sam. 11:1 KJV).

“In the spring of the year...”

(Ibid., RSV)

The Bible also states that the *Tekufah* is Biblically linked to the circuit of the sun through the heavens:

“His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit (*Tekufah*) unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid

from the heat thereof.” Psalm 19:6

The word “circuit” is translated from the Hebrew word *Tekufah*, which means:

“a revolution of the sun, course of time, circuit... end” (#H8622) **Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Old Testament**

There are actually four *Tekufoth* (plural) every year. They are:

- the spring *Tekufah* (which is often called the Vernal Equinox)
- the summer *Tekufah* (summer solstice)
- the fall *Tekufah* (autumnal equinox)
- the winter *Tekufah* (winter solstice)

Jewish sources refer to the spring *Tekufah* as the Vernal Equinox:

“...Tekufat Nisan, the Vernal Equinox... (is) when the sun enters Aries. This is the beginning of spring, or “*et hazera*” (seed-time), when day and night are equal...”

**Jewish Encyclopedia, The Unedited Full Text of the 1906 Jewish Encyclopedia, by Joseph Jacobs and Judah David Einstein**

The Hebrew word *Tekufah*—in plural *Tekufoth*—literally meaning “period or season, also, equinox or solstice, referring to the annual seasonal changes. The four *Tekufoth* are the month of *Aviv/Nissan* at the spring equinox... at the summer solstice... the autumnal equinox and... the winter solstice.”

[www.cryptojews.com/gad\\_nassi.htm](http://www.cryptojews.com/gad_nassi.htm)

The four *Tekufoth* are heavenly events, which are caused by the circuit of the sun through the heavens during the year (which aligns with the meaning of *Tekufah* in **Strong's** —#H8622). Equinoxes are the days in spring and fall when the sun crosses the celestial equator and the length of sunlight and dark is equal. And the summer solstice and the winter

## The Northern and Southern Hemispheres have opposite seasons...

The site of the Garden of Eden was in the Middle East, situated somewhere near where the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers are today. This is based on the description of the rivers, which flowed out of Eden, given in Genesis 2:8–14

Iran

Iraq

The Biblical year begins and ends in the Spring. But, the northern and southern hemispheres are opposite in their seasons. This means that when it is spring in the Northern Hemisphere, it is fall in the Southern. And vice versa... Going by the spring *Tekufah* in

the Northern Hemisphere means that Passover will be kept in April/May. But April/May is autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, where spring is in September/October. But Passover should not be kept in September/October by the Southern brethren...

This is because we need to align our timing for the Feasts with the Creator's Calendar. And the Creator's Calendar was first put in place (on earth) in the Garden of Eden...

Northern Hemisphere

Southern Hemisphere



solstice are when the sun reaches its highest or lowest point in the sky at noon, marked by the longest and shortest days.

Since the *Tekufoth* are heavenly events (caused by the passage of the sun through the heavens), the idea that the spring *Tekufah* determines the year's end aligns with Genesis 1:14, which indicates that years are determined by the heavenly lights.

The trouble with the *Tekufah* teaching is that respected Hebrew scholars strongly disagree about what this Hebrew word actually means. Some claim that the spring *Tekfuah* has absolutely nothing to do with the heavens and actually associate it more with barley. Others who are teachers of Hebrew and speak the language fluently state that the *Tekufah* of the Spring is the end of the year and is Hebrew word for "Vernal Equinox".

Because most of us do not speak Hebrew, we cannot cast our "hats" into the "ring" of the *Tekufah* debate. We can, however, notice that only one viewpoint fits with the Scriptural context and definition of *Tekufah*. The Hebrew scholars who state that the spring *Tekufah* is the original Vernal Equinox (equinox means that day and night are of equal length) align with Scripture. Among these, who agree that the heavens—and not the barley harvest—mark a year's end is the ancient Jewish historian, Josephus.

Because they align with Scripture, the scholars who mark the end of the Biblical year on the *Tekufah* are right. As we have already seen, the spring *Tekufah* (Vernal Equinox) is the end of the prior Biblical year, and is the marker from which to calculate the beginning of the next Biblical year. But what celestial event actually begins the new year? Immediately following the spring

*Tekufah*, the next new moon day is the first day of the next Biblical year. "This **month** (New Moon) shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first **month** (New Moon) of the year to you."

**Exodus 12:2**

When we look up the word "month" found in Exodus 12:2 we find that the primary meaning of "month" is "New Moon". It only came to mean month, by implication. A month was the length of time from one new moon to another. So, the first New Moon of the year is the New Moon which follows the end of the year—the spring *Tekufah*, which is often called the Vernal Equinox.

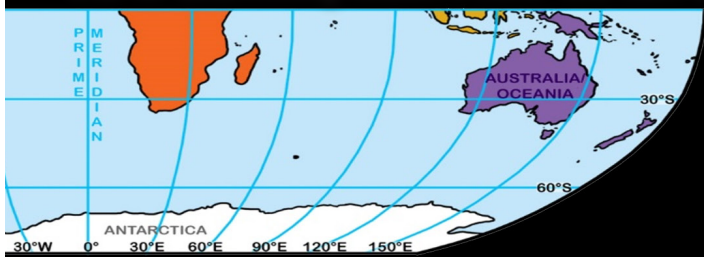
Before going further, we should also address the hemispheres. When it's spring in the Northern Hemisphere, the Southern is having Fall. What now? (See below.) *(continued)*

## Should they also have opposite Biblical calendars? No... Here's why...



Showing that *Yahweh's* Clock aligns with the Northern Hemisphere, every Feast Fulfillment has aligned with the Northern Hemisphere.

Eden was the first home of Adam and Eve. It was the place where the Feasts were first given to mankind—Genesis 1:14. Now the Garden of Eden is no longer found on planet earth. But its former location can be identified. (Eden was located in the red circle. See also the map on the left.) Eden's location is vital for determining Heaven's Clock. And Eden was in the North.



*Yahshua* died on Passover—when it was spring in the Northern Hemisphere... Notably, there are no exceptions to this timing rule.



Even in the sinless future, Heaven will align its Calendar and Government from the Northern Hemisphere. We know this because the New Jerusalem will sit in the same region as former Eden (See Zechariah 14:4; Revelation 21:1-2; Isaiah 66:22-23)

As the graphic shows on the previous page-spread, the Creator's Calendar has always been aligned with the Northern Hemisphere. This is because *Yahweh* established His Calendar with mankind in Eden, which was located in the Northern Hemisphere. The fact that Eden had to have been located in the Northern Hemisphere is provable by the current location of the rivers, which Scripture tells us flowed out of Eden (Genesis 2:8-14). These rivers which once flowed out of Eden are located in the Middle East, which is in the Northern Hemisphere.

Notably also, every time that *Yahweh* performed His mighty, prophetic Works on a Feast day, it was always (without exception) according to a Northern Hemisphere Calendar. Here are a few examples:

- **Sodom & Gomorrah Destroyed**  
Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed during the Feast of Unleavened Bread—Genesis 19:3. Since these cities were located in the Northern Hemisphere, we can know that this timing was according to when it was Unleavened Bread in the Northern Hemisphere.
- **Deliverance from Egypt**  
The Children of Israel were delivered from Egypt on Passover—Exodus 12:11-12. Since Egypt is located in the Northern Hemisphere, we can know that this timing was according to when it was Passover in the Northern Hemisphere.
- **Yahshua's Death on Calvary**  
*Yahshua* died on Passover—Matthew 26:2; Luke 22:15; John 19:14. Since Jerusalem (where Messiah died) is located in the Northern Hemisphere, we can know that this timing was according to when it was Passover in the Northern Hemisphere.

From Eden onward, *Yahweh's* Calendar has been aligned with spring/fall timing of the Northern Hemisphere. Furthermore, Scripture tells us that the Northern Hemisphere will continue to be the alignment point of *Yahweh's* Calendar, as it will be the location of the coming New Jerusalem. (See the graphic on the bottom of page 9.)

As followers of *Yahweh*, we need to align with the Creator's original Calendar. This involves restoring mankind to the Creation timing and time-keeping, given by *Yahweh* Himself. As we have seen in this study, the original timing of the annual Feasts was determined *only* by the heavenly lights, in the Creator's Calendar. Clearly then, Passover and Unleavened Bread are to be kept when it is spring in the Northern Hemisphere, even though this means folks will be keeping the "spring Feasts" when it is autumn in the Southern Hemisphere.

Bearing this in mind, let us return to our examination of the original Biblical calendar, so that we may discover how to determine the timing of the annual Feasts for 2018. Let us recap our points of calendation which we have already established:

- 1) The Biblical year is determined by the heavenly lights—Genesis 1:14.
- 2) The Biblical year ends with the spring *Tekufah* (according to when it is spring in the Northern Hemisphere)—Exodus 34:22; 2 Samuel 11:1.
- 3) The Biblical year starts with the first new moon, which immediately follows the *Tekufah*—Exodus 12:2.

Additionally, as we have already established, the spring *Tekufah* is more commonly called the Vernal Equinox (which is supposed to be the day when day and night are of equal length).

**"The (Equinox is the) time when the sun crosses the plain of the earth's equator, making night and day of approximately equal length all over the earth and occurring about March 21<sup>st</sup>... Night and day are nearly the same length—12 hours—all over the world. This is the reason it's called an "equinox", derived from Latin, meaning "equal night."**

— Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language

But this is yet another potential pitfall in restoring the Creator's original Calendar. We have long been told that March 20-21 is the Vernal Equinox. But this is not the time when days and nights are of equal length (as required for the *Tekufah*). The day on which the length of day and night is closest to exactly 12 hours each year is March 17!

As the U.S. Naval Observatory chart on the following page shows, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, sunrise (in Roseburg, Oregon) will be at 6:22 AM and sunset will be at 6:22 PM. But on March 20<sup>th</sup>—the supposed date of the Equinox (*Tekufah*)—sunrise is at 6:15 AM and sunset is at 6:27 PM (which is 12 minutes off). While the chart on page 11 is for Roseburg, Oregon (our hometown), March 17 is the day when day and night are of equal length *in most every region (It certainly is March 17 in every region we have checked)*. Thus, March 17 is the actual *Tekufah*, not March 20!

In fact, the original (and early issues of) *The Farmer's Almanac* listed March 17 as the Vernal Equinox. So why does the modern calendar cite March 20 or 21 as the Vernal Equinox, when the true equinox (and *Tekufah*) is March 17?

Would it surprise you to learn that this

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**The Biblical Tekufah Isn't on March 20-21! So, When is It?**

**On March 17: Sunrise is at 6:22 AM Sunset is at 6:22 PM The Tekufah is March 17**

**March 17 is the true Tekufah (Equinox)...**

is yet another calendar change which was made by Constantine at his infamous Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.? Notably, one reason the date of March 20-21 was set as the Vernal Equinox by this papal council was to prevent Passover and Easter from ever falling on the same day (which this year, it does, using the March 17 Tekufah)!

**“In 325 (A.D.) the Council of Nicaea established that Easter would be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the Vernal Equinox. From that point forward, the Easter date depended on the ecclesiastical approximation of March 21 for the Vernal Equinox. Easter is delayed by 1 week if the full moon is on Sunday, which decreases the chances of it falling on the same day as the Jewish Passover. The council’s ruling is contrary to the Quartodecimans (14<sup>th</sup> day keepers—a term which referred to people keeping the 14<sup>th</sup> day, which is Passover), a group of Christians who celebrated (Passover) on the day of the full**

**moon, 14 days into the month.” (“Calculating the Easter Date”, www.timeanddate.com)**

Most years, the Biblical calendar isn't effected by mistakenly using the March 20-21 date as the Tekufah. This is because the next Biblical year doesn't begin until the first new moon following the Tekufah. But sometimes (as happens this year), there is a new moon that falls between March 17 and March 21. For example, this year there is a new moon on March 19 (the sighting is the eve of March 18), placing that new moon between March 17 and 21. This has created some discrepancy between Lighted Way Ministries' 2018 Biblical Calendar and some others.

Because we understand March 17 to be the true Tekufah, we count the New Moon day of March 19 to be the first day of the 2018 Biblical Year. Counting from this date, the fourteenth day of Abib (see Leviticus 23) is April 1, with the Feast of Unleavened Bread on April 2-8.

The mistaken belief that March 21 is the Tekufah is causing some to miss the New

**When is the New Moon?**

A study of the Biblical Calendar would not be complete without also asking when is the date of the New Moon? Since we are to count from the New Moon dates to determine the timing of the Feasts, knowing when the New Moons are is vital to accurate Biblical calendation.

The Biblical New Moon was always sighted—which, of course, demonstrates that the Biblical New Moon could not have been the conjunction (when there is no moon to sight).

The term “New Moon”, in Scripture, is translated from the Hebrew words *Rosh Chodesh*. The term “New” is from the root which means “renewed” and “rebuilt”. The moon is visually “renewed” and “rebuilt” after it has been invisible, in its conjunction phase. In other words, the **Biblical New Moon is the first visible sliver which is sightable following the conjunction (dark moon).**

The day of the New Moon follows the eve when the new moon sliver was first sightable. For the Biblical year 2018, the first new moon eve will be on March 18, 2018. You can go out to see it at just about sunset. Then, the next day, which is March 19, 2018 will be the first New Moon day of the new Biblical year.

Moon of March 19. They wait a for the next new moon, which isn't until April 17. Counting from April 17, as the first day of the year would put Passover on April 30—a whole month late.

With the corrected date of the Tekufah and a right understanding of how to calculate the New Moons, Torah-keepers are well-equipped to construct an accurate Biblical calendar, according to Leviticus 23 and the Creator's original plan. To view Lighted Way Ministries' Biblical calendar for 2018, go to our website at [www.lightedway.org](http://www.lightedway.org) (the 2018 calendar is listed towards the bottom of the homepage). We also have printed copies and a few copies of our spiral-bound photo calendar, which you may request while supplies last.



# Preparing for Passover

## *Unleavening Your Heart and Home*

*"...Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth,"*

*1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

Do you remember back to the time when you were first courting your beloved one? You and your dearest would set up dates when you would get to spend quality time together. Maybe you would go out to eat with him/her or do some other enjoyable activity that would give you both time to delight in each other's company.

A date with your beloved one was one of the highest points of your week. In anticipation of these delightful times together, you would prepare in advance, schedule to accommodate it, and look forward to it all week long. It would have been impossible for a date with someone so dear to your heart to creep up on you unplanned, unprepared for, and forgotten. In fact, as husbands and wives well know, forgetting one's wedding anniversary sends an unspoken message to your spouse that you are no longer "in love". For—excepting in extreme circumstances—an "in love" couple would never forget their special dates, so central in our thoughts and anticipations are those special times together.

Similarly, for those who love *Yahweh*, His annual Feasts and Sabbaths are dates that we hold dear. While love for *Yahweh* reigns supreme in our hearts and homes, these special Appointments with Heaven will be central in our thinking, foremost in our planning, and worked-for in all areas of needed preparation.

So how do we go about preparing our



hearts and homes for the upcoming Feasts? What steps does the Word of God encourage us to take to unleaven our hearts and homes in Preparation for Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread this coming April? Listed in the order that they need to be done, the following is a list of the steps to prepare for the Spring Feasts:

### **Right After the Fall Feasts of 2017:**

Set aside a second tithe. Double tithing is given in Scripture to make sure that all of *Yahweh's* people are able to afford to go to the next Feast.

In Scripture, the first tithe (1/10 of a family's increase) was to be saved up and given in its entirety to the Priests. The individual giver was not to use any of it personally—Malachi 3:8-10; Leviticus 27:30; Numbers 18:21.

For those who did not have regular places to worship on the weekly Sabbath, tithes were saved up and brought to the Feast convocation.

**"Thou shalt keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the Time Appointed of the month *Abib*... And none shall appear before Me empty) (without tithes or offerings)."**

**Exodus 23:15**

*Yahweh* commanded His people to come as a group to the location He would choose for them to observe the annual holy festivals (Deuteronomy 16:16). When they came to this place, they were commanded to bring their tithes (plural—Deuteronomy 12:6).

One of these tithes, as we have already seen, was set aside entirely and exclusively for the priests who were holding the Feasts. But God gives further instruction that another tithe (singular) was to be eaten (used) by the individual, but not at home. It was to be set aside so the family could go to and enjoy the annual festivals (Deuteronomy 12:17).

**1-2 Months Before the Feast:**

Begin unleavening your home. The process of unleavening a home involves deep cleaning. It was because the preparations for Unleavened Bread involved a deep cleaning this process came to be called “spring cleaning.”

Go through your cupboards and pantry. Clean everything out as you take note of each food item’s ingredients. All leavening agents should be noted and put in a separate area. For economy, you may wish to eat more of those items in order to have less waste on Passover. (Leavened items must be removed from the home and destroyed on or by Passover—Exodus 12:19; Exodus 13:7.)

Leavened foods include breads, pancake mixes, baking mixes of all kinds, crackers, cereal, and many more foods. Check the ingredient labels for raising agents such as raising yeast, baking soda, and baking powder. Items like Brewer’s yeast (even though it uses the name “yeast”) are not leaven, because they are not raising agents.

Leaven is also spiritual. Spiritual leaven is sin. As you go through your home, cleansing it from physical leaven, prayerfully also remove any spiritual leaven which you may find. Claim Psalm 139:23-24 throughout this process. Spiritual leaven includes items like: ungodly books, movies, or games. Images or idolatrous souvenirs (often “cultural” items are really from demonic practices and do not bring blessing in a Christian home)—Deuteronomy 7:26.

Also, when you are 1-2 months from the Feast, you should pray about where to go to keep it with your family and like-minded believers. Make the arrangements and plan to attend.



The Passover Seder table should have the items shown in the picture above. If you are keeping Passover at home and joining us via Livestream (online Live), we will take you through the Seder experience and tell you when to use each item. In addition to main Seder setup (see above) each person needs a Seder Plate and a set of four cups as shown below:

Certainly, we will love for you to join us in keeping this upcoming Feast! For more information about how to join Lighted Way Ministries for the upcoming Passover/Unleavened Bread retreat, see page 14.

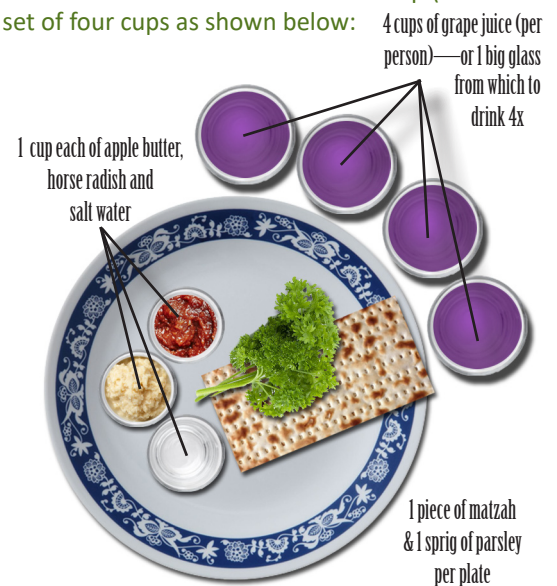
If you are planning to keep the Feast with us online, you will need to purchase your own (or make) unleavened *matzah* bread. Check with your local grocery store. Some stores will order *matzah* upon request. If you cannot get *matzah* from your local grocery store, you may order it online (this is why you need to plan ahead). Since the *Torah* commands (Exodus 12:15; Exodus 13:6) each family member to eat at least a small piece of unleavened bread at every meal throughout the whole week of Unleavened Bread (all 7 days), you will need 1-2 boxes of *matzah* per family member (depending on how big a piece they will eat each meal) to last you through all seven days of the Feast.

**1 Week Before the Feast:**

Unleaven your freezer(s) and refrigerator(s) in the same way you unleavened your cupboards and pantry. Collect all your remaining leavened items in one area for easy removal on Passover.

**1-2 Days Before the Feast:**

If you will be keeping the Feast of Passover at home (you can join us online, live, via



Livestream for the Seder program), you will need to purchase the Seder food items and set up for the Passover Meal as shown in the diagrams above. Here is what you’ll need (if you’re coming to our Passover, we will provide you with all of this):

- *Matzah* (1 sheet per person)
- Horseradish (1 small cup size per person—we use plastic candy cups made for weddings)
- Haroset (apple butter) (1 small cup size per person)
- Salt water (1 small cup size per person) – mix water with salt, enough to taste salty
- Parsley (1 small bunch of parsley per person)
- Grape juice (4 small cups per person)



# Lighted Way Ministries

## *Passover & Unleavened Bread Retreat*

*This Passover and Unleavened Bread, we will be hosting an old-fashioned, camp-meeting-style retreat from April 1-8, 2018. You are cordially invited to join us—either in person, or online via Livestream. Here’s the retreat information:*

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We start at 5:30 PM on Sunday, April 1 with our Passover Seder meal and program. The retreat concludes the evening of April 8, 2018. See the schedule on the following page for details.

### WHERE IS THE RETREAT?

We have rented the building formerly known as “Noah’s Ark”, which is located at 411 Safari Rd., Winston, Oregon. All of the meetings and meals will be held at



this facility.

### WHAT IS THE COST?

There is no charge to our retreat guests for attending. Free-will donations are a blessing and make it possible for us to continue providing such events.

### WHAT ABOUT MEALS?

Two hot, vegetarian meals are provided each day, from April 2-8. There is no charge for these meals. There are gluten free options. And of course, all the meals are prepared without leaven.

### IS THERE RV CAMPING?

No camping on-site is permitted, but there are two RV parks just a short drive up the road from the retreat site. Guests must arrange their own accommodations. The nearest RV Park is Umpqua Safari, information below:

#### Umpqua Safari RV Park

511 NE Main St, Winston, OR 97496  
(541) 679-6328  
www.umpquasafari.com

### WHAT ARE THE LOCAL HOTELS?

The hotels listed below are within a 15 minute driving distance of the retreat site. Closest hotels are listed first:

#### Wildlife Inn

*\$69.00 per night for Lighted Way Ministries retreat attendees*  
251 N Main St, Winston, OR 97496  
(541) 679-2420  
www.wildlifeinn.com

#### Safari Inn

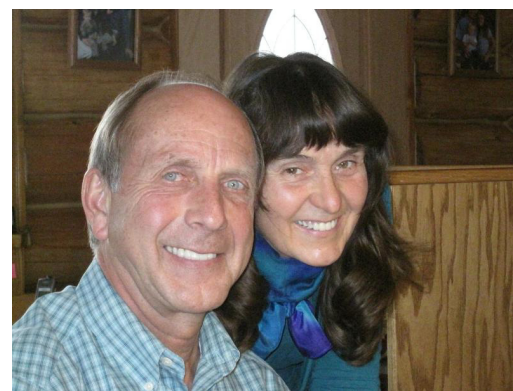
101 N Main St, Winston, OR 97496  
(541) 679-6736  
www.winstonsafariinn.com

#### Best Western Garden Villa Inn

760 NW Garden Valley Blvd,  
Roseburg, OR 97470  
(541) 672-1601  
www.bestwestern.com

### WHO ARE THE SPEAKERS?

We are delighted to announce that our special guest speakers will be Jim and



Jim and Sally Hohnberger (above)

Sally Hohnberger of Empowered Living Ministries. Jim and Sally have blessed and inspired us at several of our past retreats, calling us all into a closer walk with *Yahweh*. At this upcoming retreat, Jim’s talks will be focusing on sanctified living and practical godliness. Sally will be doing a series on how to revitalize and have a Christ-centered marriage.

Additionally, Mark and Shauna Manfredine will share at this retreat. Mark will be giving a daily devotional on the theme of spiritual unleavening. And each evening, Shauna Manfredine will be giving a planetarium-style series called *God’s Amazing Star Secrets*, which is from her new book (due out at this Feast).

### FUN & RE-CREATION

At this retreat, we are planning activities to enjoy recreation amidst our spiritual re-creation. The highlight will be a trip to the Bandon West Coast Game Park Safari, which allows guests to touch and even hold many wild animals.



## Lighted Way Ministries Spring Retreat Schedule: April 1-8, 2018

	Passover	Feast of Unleavened Bread							
	April 1 Sunday	April 2 UB Sabbath	April 3 (Tues)	April 4 (Wed)	April 5 (Thurs)	April 6 (Fri)	April 7 Sabbath	April 8 UB Sabbath & First Fruits	
8:00 AM		Breakfast (Full, vegetarian meal provided by Lighted Way Ministries)							
9:30 AM		Supercharge Your Day (Praise and Devotional) - Mark Manfredine							
		Theme: "An Hour in Prayer"	Theme: "Rak Chazak Amats"	Theme: "Intercession"	Theme: "Blessings in the Torah"	Theme: "Prayer in the Sanctuary"	Theme: "Spiritual Disciplines"	Theme: "The Weapon of Praise"	
10:30 AM		Union & Communion Marriage Series		Day-trip to West Coast Game Park Safari in Bandon, Oregon  (sack lunches provided)  -Guests pay park admission	Union & Communion Marriage Series - Sally Hohnberger				
		"The Fairy Wand Experience"	"God Wants All"		"Walking With God"	"Focused on Her"	"Empowerment to Surrender"	"Will You Let Christ Rule?"	
11:30 AM		Break					Break		
1:00 PM		Marriage Series "Union & Communion"	Botanical Gardens Walk (free)			Wildlife Village Walk-through (free)	Break / Sabbath Prep	Revival Series "Focused on Him"	Prophetic World Watch - Mark Manfredine
2:30 PM		Break						Break	
4:00 PM		Dinner			Dinner (Full, vegetarian meal provided by Lighted Way Ministries)				
5:30 PM	Passover Seder Meal and Program (RSVP required)	Praise & Worship			Praise and Worship				
		Theme: "The Lamb of God"	Theme: "Spiritually Unleavened"		Theme: "Whiter Than Snow"	Theme: "A Living Sacrifice"	Theme: "Filled With His Spirit"	Theme: "First Fruits"	
6:00 PM		Spiritual Revival Series - Jim Hohnberger			Spiritual Revival Series - Jim Hohnberger				
		"Stagnant, Anesthetized, Robotic"	"The Idol of Religion"		"Two Simple Principles"	"Who is the One?"	"Extravagant Love"	"The Church of the 7000"	
7:30 PM		An Evening Under the Stars: God's Amazing Star Secrets Series - by Shauna Manfredine							
		"What do the Heavens Declare?"	"Principles of Biblical Astronomy"	"The Righteous Branch"	"Victory Over Sin & Death"	"Philadelphia & Smyrna"	"Marriage Supper of the Lamb"	"The Roar of the Lion"	
8:30 PM		Closing Prayer							

### HOW TO ATTEND ONLINE, VIA LIVESTREAM:

At the scheduled times (PST), go to our website at [www.lightedway.org](http://www.lightedway.org) and select the Livestream link. You will be able to select the presentation you wish to join. Watch Live, or later, from our Livestream archive [www.livestream.com/lightedway](http://www.livestream.com/lightedway).



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## The Lighted Way News Magazine



It is a positive Commandment for every member of Israel to write/study all of the *Torah*. This is because *Yahweh* wants us to know His Law, in which is revealed His Character and the foundations of His Government.

Deuteronomy 31:19 - "Now write this song for yourselves". Notably, since we are all called "priests and kings" in our Father's service, Scripture tells us that every Israelite king was also commanded to write a copy of the *Torah*, which was always to accompany him.

Deuteronomy 17:18-19 "When the king sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write a copy of this *Torah*... It shall be with him, and he shall read from it, all the days of his life".

David and Moses, both of whom were especially close to *Yahweh*, had one powerful thing in common—they came to know *Yah* through His *Torah* (Psalm 1:1-3, Acts 13:22, Exodus 33:11, Psalm 103:7). If you also desire to seek the blessing that is only found in the beautiful *Torah*, we invite you to join us for our **NEW DAILY TORAH PORTION**. **To find it, go to our website at:**

**[www.lightedway.org](http://www.lightedway.org) and select the BLOG link in the upper right hand corner.**

Psalms 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the Law of *Yahweh*; and in His Law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

**New TORAH Blog! Join Daily to Study all 613 Statutes in 2018!**