

# WHY COUNT 177 DAYS BACK FROM ROSH HASHANAH?

## SHOULD GOD'S CALLED FOLLOW THE HEBREW CALENDAR?

### ARE WE TOLD TO CHANGE GOD'S WORD?

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Which Passover date have you marked on your Gregorian calendar for the year 2019?  
April 17<sup>th</sup> ?, OR April 19<sup>th</sup> ? ,

You and I know only one of these dates are correct, but which one? It is scripturally clear we are to prove all things! (I Thess. 5:21).

If you marked April 19<sup>th</sup> on your Gregorian calendar for Passover, do you know how you, or the Church group you meet with today, derived at that date?

### CALENDER DEFINITIONS

Abib ----- First month of the year

Pesach ----- Passover

Molad ----- mean conjunction

Tishri ----- Hebrew seventh month

Rosh Hashanah ----- Feast of Trumpets

Dehioth ----- Postponement rules

The Hebrew calendar that Hillel II in 358-359 AD, put together is responsible for, the intercalated postponement rules.

"When the molad (mean conjunction) Tishri occurs on a Sunday, Wednesday, or Friday, Rosh Hashanah is postponed to the following day." WHY? Cannot have a back to back Sabbath, too hard on people! This rule is quoted from "The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar", by Arthur Spier, page 14 & 15.

The Hebrew calendar does not start the first month of the year as God told Moses in the Torah (Book of the Law)! The Hebrew calendar finds the date for the first day of the year by **subtracting 177 days** from Tishri 1 (Rosh Hashanah), to find the Abib 1 and **163 days** to find the day for Passover.

In the book "Understanding the Jewish Calendar" Rabbi Nathan Bushwick states on page 84: "Since the months between Pesach (Passover) and (Rosh Hashanah;) each have a **fixed number of days**."

Take a Gregorian calendar and count back 177 days from the Hebrews Tishri 1 (Rosh Hashanah).

September	29
August	31
July	31
June	30
May	31
April	25

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177 days

By subtracting 177 days from Rosh Hashanahs, you can see April 6, according to the Hebrew calendar is the first day of the year for 2019. April 6 is **2 days past the true new moon** of the first month Abib. Now count 14 days forward and you will come to April 19<sup>th</sup>, Pesach, – Passover.

Moses was instructed to count 14 days! "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S Passover" (Lev. 23:5) Not 2 or 3 days past the true new moon! Nor are we instructed to count backward 177 days from Rosh Hashanah. Bible calls Feast of Trumpets!

The Israelites that fled Egypt knew the importance of keeping Passover on the very day God said. "For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial"(Exo. 12:12-14)

This memorial has just become rote and ho hum, just another Passover for many of God's called today! History from God's Word shows us the importance of keeping God's appointed times and belief in what Moses wrote. "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me; for he wrote of Me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?" (John 5:46-47).

If the Israelites had felt that Passover could be kept at any time it was convenient for them, (as Hillel II did by putting postponements into the Hebrew calendar), then they would have left Egypt without their firstborn. God instructed Moses and showed him the **covenant sign** that would protect the Israelites from death! "Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the Passover. "And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as He hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead" (Exo. 12:21-30).

Not one of us can afford to postpone Passover or the Days of Unleavened Bread! The partaking of the blood and flesh of Christ at its appointed time is a **sign**, and a sealing of God's very elect.

These symbols are the **seal of the New Covenant!** "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath God the Father **sealed**. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:27,53-54).

**ASK YOURSELF, CAN YOU AFFORD TO POSTPONE PASSOVER AND THE DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD?**

ABIB 1	APRIL 4 <sup>TH</sup>
PASSOVER	APRIL 17 <sup>TH</sup>
U.L.B.	APRIL 18-24th
PENTECOST	JUNE 9 <sup>TH</sup>
TRUMPETS	SEPT 28 <sup>TH</sup>
ATONEMENT	OCT 7 <sup>TH</sup>
TABERNACLES	OCT 12- 18 <sup>TH</sup>
L.G.D.	OCT 19 <sup>th</sup>

**GOD'S CALENDAR DATES  
2019**

# VERSES

ABIB 1	APRIL 6 <sup>TH</sup>
PASSOVER	APRIL 19 <sup>TH</sup>
U.L.B.	APRIL 20 <sup>TH</sup>
PENTECOST	JUNE 9 <sup>TH</sup>
TRUMPETS	SEPT 30 <sup>TH</sup>
ATONEMENT	OCT 9 <sup>TH</sup>
TABERNACLES	OCT 14-20 <sup>TH</sup>
L.G.D.	OCT 21 <sup>ST</sup>

## HEBREW CALENDAR DATES 2019

There are some who always keep the new crescent moon after the spring equinox (Tekufoth in Hebrew). By keeping this observance you are **not** always keeping God's Holy Days at the turn (equinox) of the year. "Celebrate the Feast of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the **turn of the year**" (Exo. 34:22 NIV). Interlinear Bible version says, "turn of the year." This is the most accurate.

By not keeping Passover and the Last Great Day at the turn of the year, you will be keeping the feasts as far as 42 days away from what God calls the turn (tekufah or equinox). For some Passover is closer to the end of spring than the first of spring when there are green ears of barley. And November 2, the Last Great Day would be in the rainy season in Jerusalem.

When God spoke to Moses, he recognized that the barley harvest was yet green. "And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. This day came ye out in the month Abib" (Exo. 13:3-4).

In Jerusalem, the middle of April, is beginning to get very warm. Jerusalem has a very short spring season.

Every month must begin on a day close to the "molad", (mean conjunction). For the beginning of the year, the first day of the seventh month is called "Tishri" (seventh month), the calendar follows this rule: Rosh Hashanah (Trumpets) should be on the day of the molad except for the so-called dehiath (postponement rule), which takes place in four specific cases.

In this year 2019, the Hebrew calendar calculation placed the molad (mean conjunction) on Friday September 13th! By the postponement rule. Tishri 1 cannot be on a Friday, they moved Trumpets to September 14th a Saturday. By this rule, Trumpets will be postponed by one day later, than when God in His Word says, it is to be kept.