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Dear Scattered Brethren an Co-workers

We are now just days away from the blessing of memorializing God's Passover. Keeping the right day for God's Passover will be the most important decision we will ever make this year, our eternal life depends upon it. Among the earliest of Apostle's Paul's writings, he was inspired to write "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 5:19-21,23). Are these verses just spiritual sounding instructions for us today? According to the traditions of men, the Hebrew Calendar, Passover, April 8th, 2020 is their Passover date this year. But, is it truly the correct day for partaking of God's Passover?

For the passed 27 years the Church of God, In Truth, has been explaining how the Postponements are calculated in the tradition of mans Hebrew calendar. This year, 2020, Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread are going to be kept three day late! Why am I saying this year 2020 Passover is going to be kept three day late, later than the true Passover of April 5th!

Molad is the Hebrew word used for their New moon: meaning, rebirth or conjunction. In past, "Prove all Things", we have given sources for the definition of new moon. One from Maimonide's book "Sanctification of The New moon," Pg. 89, Chapter 6. The second, was from New Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius Hebrew and English Lexicon. Third, was Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary. Fourth, "Understanding the Jewish Calendar" by Nathan Bushwick, Pg 71, titled the "Molad", "As the moon moves around the earth there is one moment that it is exactly between the earth and the sun. At that moment, the earth faces the dark side of the moon. Already for about a day before this moment the moon has not been visible from any point on the earth and it will remain invisible for about a day more. This moment is called the molad, the birth of the new moon. The [Hebrew Calendar] use the molad (conjunction or rebirth) as the official beginning and end point of the cycle of the moon"(Rambam KHC 1:3 and Rambam KHC 6:1,3). Notice, this is not taken from God's word, the bible! On page 51, Rabbi Nathan Bushwick continues, "In the time of the Sanhedrin there were no published calendars as there are today. The Sanhedrin declared the beginning of each month when the moon was actually sighted."

Where in God's Word are the Sanhedrin's, or Pharisees [who never received God's Holy Spirit], given the authority over God's inspired Word to declare and sanction their young crescent new moon phase, to have precedence over God's true New Moon phase? Satan's moon is the crescent moon. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary definition: "Crescent is, the moon at any stage between the new moon and first quarter and last quarter." The Hebrew calendar today is calculated as Nathan Bushwick explains from a astronomical [mean/middle] dark moon, the moon that is neither in its beginning or ending stages, just like being lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, Laodicean-ish.

Satan has fooled most Israel nations into believing that Sunday is the Sabbath, and now Satan is fooling most of God's called out ones into believing the astronomical moon is the beginning of a new month. By keeping the astronomical moon for the first day of the month, you can be as much as 15 to 48 hours late for what God calls the first day of the new month. The true New Moon is when the beginning dark side of the moon is fully facing the earth. That is when the true conjunction phase of the Sun and Moon first start **PASSING** each other, and on that day the new Month Begins. The new month begins on the day the dark conjunction phase first takes place. It happens everywhere on earth at the same time. This is when the waning crescent moon light has disappeared and a new month begins, just as a day begins at sunset when the sun can no longer be seen "He appointed the moon for seasons: (appointed times) the sun knoweth his going down" [Psa. 104:19].

God always starts things at the beginning and in harmony, "In the beginning"! [Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1]. The Hebrew Calendar that intercalates the Postponements into the Holy Days of God, and sets Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread three day later this year, 2020 is of **Satan**. These types of lies, is why Christ throughout His inspired word condemns the Sanhedrin who became tied in with the Scribes and Pharisees. We need to rid ourselves from Satan's influence. Satan has many worshiping on his counterfeit holidays that are set by his counterfeit, new moon.

In the book of Matthew, written around 50 A.D, tells us a lot about what Christ thought of the Scribes and the Pharisees, "All their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogue" (Matt. 23:5-6). Reading the rest of chapter 23 we will find Christ's concluding remarks, "Woe unto you Scribes, Pharisees, Hypocrites, you serpents, you generation of vipers". History now reveals it is through the sect of these Scribes and Pharisees who Christ called "Hypocrites" that the Hebrew Calender was created and passed off as God's sacred calendar

Christ is our example and He did not keep the Jews postponed Passover. Had He kept it John would **not** have called it the Jews' Passover and the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles. "And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem" (John 2:13). And the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh" (John 6:4). "Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with His disciples. And the Jews' Passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves" (John 11:54-55). "After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for He would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill Him. Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand" (John 7:1-2).

John could not have made it any clearer. These are not God's Feasts. John is talking about the Jews' Passover and Feast of Tabernacles. Remember they [those who practice Judaism and the keeping of the crescent moon for there first day of a month] wanted to have Christ killed.

Looking at John 8,

where Christ was in another conflict with the Pharisees, He said. "I know that you are Abraham's seed; but you seek to kill Me, because My word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with My Father: and you do that which you have seen with your father. Why do you not understand My speech? even because you cannot hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, you believe Me not. He that is of God hears God's words: you therefore hear them not, because you are not of God" (John 8:37-38, 43-45, 47).

Those are stinging words coming from Christ's own mouth, as He spoke to the Scribes and Pharisees who wanted to have Him killed. The Pharisees are responsible for the Postponements and using the astronomical moon to calculate God's Holy Days today. The people that keep the Hebrew Calendar Dates and days for Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread are being misled. Why?? Because Judaism never accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Therefore they did not receive God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Why would you want to keep their dates for God's appointed Holy Days?

Keeping the Passover on the pharisees date, April the 8th instead of the bible date of April 5th is like keeping Sunday for God's Sabbath. Is this what God means by separating the wheat from the chaff? The sheep from the goats? There are some Pastors and Evangelists who have been in God's Church for over 40, 60 or more years, that cannot explain why Judaism themselves say, "God's Holy Days are kept 60% of the time on the wrong day!"

God's Word is clear. **Passover is to be observed starting at sunset [of April 4**th], **the beginning of the fourteenth of Abib, April 5**th **2020!!** May God give us all, more of His Holy Spirit to do His will, and not what the traditions of men say. "I will **pass over** you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt" (Exo 12:12-13).