

The Church of God
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Setting The Sacred Calendar – By Don Roth

SETTING THE SACRED CALENDAR

To understand how God's sacred calendar functions and its uniqueness, it must be recognized that there is an important difference between this calendar and the Hebrew, or the Hillel II calendar presently observed by the Jewish community. The Hebrew calendar shows the year 2018 AD as the third year of cycle 305 of the nineteen year cycles from creation, or 5,779 years from creation.

Counting back from their Hebrew year one, it would be 3,761 BC on the Gregorian calendar. By the Jews own method of calculation the first day of creation would fall on a Monday of the seventh month, Tishri, or day two of the creation week. Taking that same year back to the first month, Nisen, the first day of creation would fall on the seventh day of creation week. This clearly makes the Hebrew calendar false, and it cannot be used to establish an accurate bible timeline.

The setting of the sacred calendar is not determined by what we observe in the present skies. God's calendar was set by Him at creation. Genesis 1:14-18. *"Then God said, 'Let there be light in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, (appointments) and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth;' and it was so. And God made (set) two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good."*

God's calendar is determined by the astronomical cycle that is known as THE METONIC CYCLE. This cycle is composed of one rotation of the earth, the day, while the earth traverses one cycle about the sun. That is, 365 and not quite a quarter rotations of the earth, making up the solar year.

As the earth circles the sun, the moon is circling the earth. On average it takes twenty-nine and a bit greater than one half of a rotation of the earth for the moon to circle the earth once. This is known as THE SYNODIC CYCLE. For example: the shortest Synodic month in the one hundred years, 2001 to 2100, is 29 days, 6 hours and 35 minutes, and will occur in the latter part of June and the beginning of July 2053. The longest month of 29 days, 19 hours and 45 minutes occurred in December 2017 to January 2018, giving a maximum variation of only 13 hours and 12 minutes. What this means is that the variation cannot be more than one day in the count of the sacred calendar.

In the Gregorian calendar (which we presently use,) we say twelve months equals one year. Beginning at creation, God's calendar of twelve rotations of the moon about the earth is the first year. This first cycle is eleven days short of the 365 day solar year. As the earth continues moving around the sun on its second trip, which is year two, after 24 cycles of the moon about the earth, it is now 21 days short of the second solar year.

On the third trip of the earth around the sun the moon has enough time to make 13 cycles, or moon months. At that point it is still one day short of the solar year. This clearly shows that it is the traveling time of the earth and moon about the sun that dictates the addition of a 13th month. This proves that it is the travel time that dictates the 13th month, not the spring equinox or any other celestial phenomenon.

As the earth continues to circle the sun it never regains its original position until after 19 years. At the end of 19 years the moon, earth and sun come back into alignment as at the start of creation. The problem is that this alignment point does not fall on the same day of the week that it began on at creation, which was a Sunday. It takes 13 of these 19 year cycles, or 247 years for the first day of the 248th year to be the first day of the week, a Sunday, which was the same day on which the creation began.

This means that every weekly Sabbath and each Holy Day Sabbath was set at creation, and would not be set by the vagaries of men sighting the moon, but are set by the mathematical process of the METONIC CYCLE, which are the movements of the earth, moon and sun.

Because each Sabbath is repeated in the same order in the 247 year cycle, it also means that every High Day Sabbath will fall on a fixed day in those 247 years. That is precisely what this work of the sacred calendar proves.

This calendar tracks time beginning with the week of creation, and continues on to show the present days of the week perfectly fitting into the METONIC CYCLE.

By going to the web site www.biblicalcalendarproof.com, and clicking on the heading BIBLICAL RESEARCH, and bringing up chart #3, it will show a yearly chart starting at creation and running to the year 2045.

Look for the year 2018 to find cycle number 8 of the 13 cycles which we are presently in. From creation to the year we are now in, there are 24 complete 247 year cycles, plus 7 complete 19 year cycles, with three years of the eighth cycle, bringing us to the year 2018. Chart #3 will show every year, and the cycle number going back to the creation year of 4046 BC.

It is best understood when the celestial bodies are viewed as a mechanical clock whose movements are fixed by the gears within. Though it is seen that there is no mechanical connection, the movement of these bodies are controlled by the laws of physics, and their movements are repeated more reliably than any gear driven clock.

Chart #3 is further expanded into the CALENDAR GENERATOR. By consulting the Calendar Generator on the website it will be seen that every day from creation to the present is tracked in increments of seven days, the weekly cycle. Chart #3 is the yearly tracking of time.

The Generator shows three calendar types, running simultaneously. Black is the Gregorian, Red is the Sacred, and in Blue is the solar calendar. All three calendars track the weekly cycle of 7 days. Note the fact that all three calendars are in perfect agreement as they track this seven day cycle. The solar calendar is undisputable in its accuracy. It confirms the other two calendars to be accurate as they show the corresponding seven day increments matching those of the solar calendar.

Viewing the creation year, it can be seen that the first Passover day, the 14th of Nisen, sets the remaining Holy Days for that year, and cannot be moved, being a function of the week. This is true for all succeeding years to our present time. Once God initiated the movement of the celestial bodies it has NEVER CHANGED.

The bible confirms this way of tracking time by Noah recording the number of days in the flood year – 385, which is the longest year cycle used in the Sacred Calendar. Read the article NOAH’S FLOOD AND GOD’S CALENDAR for confirmation.

A final point to make is that the term “new moon” is not found in the original writing of the Old or New Testaments. The translators took license, using the term “new moon” when the actual wording is “the first of the month.”

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