

The Church of God (La Iglesia de Dios)

Setting The Sacred Calendar – By: Don Roth

HOW DID GOD SET HIS CALENDAR?

Ask yourself these questions. When did God create Adam and Eve? When did He destroy all living beings except those on the ark? When did these historical events take place? Is there an unbreakable mathematic principal that God used to establish time?

God's word contains many historical dates which take on a greater meaning when they are shown to validate the creation week. This article will explain how God tracks time and how He set His Sacred calendar for all mankind to understand. His calendar is not determined by what is observed in the present skies. **It was set at creation by the seven day week.**

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 – high day Sabbaths) 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 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 which is 19 years and is known to astronomers as THE METONIC CYCLE. This cycle is composed of one rotation of the earth, a day, while the earth traverses one cycle about the sun, which is a solar year. That is, 365 and not quite a quarter rotations of the earth, making up the solar year. It takes 13 of these 19 year cycles to make a complete series of Metonic cycles.

The following is a quotation from The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, page 305. "Meton, the Athenian, won immortal fame by announcing it. The evidence of these Syene papyri renders it probable that Meton did not himself discover the cycle but learned it from Jewish sources."

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. Reference: Astropixels.com.

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. However 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 trip around the sun or 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 (lunar) months. At that point it is still one day short of the solar year. This clearly shows that it is the travel time of the earth and moon orbiting the sun that dictates the addition of a 13th month. Again, it is the travel time that dictates the 13th month and not the use of the spring equinox or some celestial phenomenon. This would include the search for the green ears spoken of in Exodus 12. This 13th month year results in a length of 383, 384, or 385 days.

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 that year, a Sunday, which was the same day of the week on which the creation began. Regardless of what one might see in the sky the Passover will occur on a Saturday of the 248th year, the 14th day of that year.

It is clear that the 247th year cycle is tracking the seven day week, which must be maintained. This is because it marks the start of man's life, yet is also the factual count of the revolutions of the earth, beginning with day one of the creation week.

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 track the movements of the earth, moon and sun. Throughout this process the seven day creation week is maintained. It is the first rule of God's calendar and **cannot be broken.**

Because each Sabbath is repeated in the same order in each of the 247 year cycles, 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. All Sabbath days, weekly or high days, are fixed by this mathematical process, and are not dependent on the vagaries of men sighting the moon. These sightings are affected by where the sighting takes place, weather conditions and

industrial smog present. These varying conditions result in a variety of days that do not agree depending on who makes them and where they are made. God is not the author of confusion. He gives us a single mathematical formula to designate His holy days, which has, at its foundation, the seven day week. The day that celebrates man's creation and the beautiful world God created for him to live in.

God's 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. This proves that the day we presently call Saturday is the repetition of the original seventh day of creation and is the one constant that cannot be moved. All other numbered dates are subject to this prime number seven. **There are no exceptions!**

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 the creation year of 4046 BC and running to the year 2045 AD. 4046 BC is the year of creation which is proven because it provides the exact number of years required to validate the historical events of the Bible.

Look for the year 2018 AD 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. As these bodies are the creation of God, so also are the laws that govern their movements.

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 is the seven day tracking and 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. See the video PROVING THE CALENDAR GENERATOR on this web site.

Viewing the creation year, it can be seen that the first Passover day, the 14th of Nisan, 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.

Knowing how God's sacred calendar functions and its uniqueness, it must be recognized that there is an important difference between His 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.

The Jewish Hebrew year one would be 3,761 BC on the Gregorian calendar. In year one of the Jewish 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, Nisan, the first day of creation would fall on the seventh day of creation week, showing that whatever starting month is used by the Jewish reckoning, the beginning year for creation is incorrect and does not follow the Biblical narrative. This clearly makes the Hebrew calendar unusable to establish an accurate Bible timeline.

It should be noted that the Jewish system is very complex in determining their calendar but they correctly place the high Sabbaths into our present Gregorian calendar. Their pattern of the Hebrew calendar joins seamlessly to God's sacred calendar in the year 3761 BC, and continues to mirror the sacred calendar. The fact that their calendar, either the Hebrew or Hillel II, joins seamlessly to the sacred calendar of God, shows their calendar is correct but incomplete. Therefore, it cannot be used to establish an accurate timeline of the Bible. As already explained, the sacred calendar dates automatically fall into a fixed pattern beginning at creation.

All the above can be confirmed by consulting an early edition of the encyclopedia Britannica under "calendars" which charts the work of E. H. Lindo. He sets forth the first day of the seventh Hebrew month in the Gregorian calendar date beginning with the year 1845 AD and ending in the year 2072 AD. This passage of time represents 228 years, covering 12 of the 13 – 19 year cycles.

In showing the day of the month he also shows the day of the week which accurately points out the Sabbath day by either going forward or backward to the day called Saturday, the Sabbath of God. These are days presently observed by the Jews, and they have set for us the 13 – 19 year cycles of 247 years that are the same as the Metonic cycle. They are also the days we presently

observe. By backtracking the 247 years it is not necessary to use the postponement rules, but to just follow the math of the calendars to the creation year 4046 BC. It amounts to 24 complete cycles of 247 years, plus 7 cycles of 19 years each, with the addition of 5 years of the eighth cycle, bringing it to the present year 2020.

There are two important reasons that God recorded the many dates in the Bible. They bring to light the orderly progression of time, highlighting important events and days of the week, such as the Sabbaths and when they occur. Secondly, and more important, they show God's majesty and power by dictating events and bringing them to pass. Read the article [DESTRUCTION OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE DATED](#) where God shows this destruction through the death of Christ. God proves His might and majesty by giving man an unalterable clock in the sky, tracking man's history, proving that He is the God of creation who gave us the Bible, which is proven to be true by His sacred calendar.

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