

The Error of looking to start the Biblical New Year when the sun transits through Aries.

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be turned from the simple purity that is in Christ/Messiah. For if he who comes preaches a different Jesus/Yeshua, whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not entertained, or a different gospel which you have not internalized, that you may well put up with it!”

I love being a simpleton in Christ/Messiah, as a recruit to qualify to be the second Eve to the Second Adam. I love following the Lamb of Fathers household wherever He goes. Stopping and gazing into the teachings of “angels of light” can be a detrimental mistake in our keeping it simple and pure if one is not founded in the faith once delivered. We are to witness to the deceptive works of the messengers and servants of the evil one, but not in any way internalize them. So today I am going to show you how simple that can be with the assistance of Fathers spirit and our Saviors spirit working in and leading us.

I have never bothered to address the use of the stars publicly as detailed on the 4th day of creation week outside of the simple function they have for navigation. The stars can do so in both a physical way and a spiritual way to get some simple directions. That is the end of it for them. They have been placed in the heavens to write a record so that our Elohim can once again show the end before the beginning. They hold a wonderful truth and evidence of the timeline of the Plan of Salvation. We are only going to touch on a part of that today as you will see. However, now it is necessary to set the Biblical use of the stars straight for some, because they are young in their calling are being misled by the evil one and his emissaries.

Genesis 1:14-18 instructs us in the use of the 2 celestial bodies given to us for Calendric applications as to their movements relative to the earth specifically determine the basic moedim or appointed times. These moedim are sunset and sunrise which forms the boundaries of a day, and then the length of a Biblical month from first crescent to first crescent, and then the accumulation of months to form Biblical years which consist of 12 or 13 months. Do not confuse the stars in those declared uses of the sun and the moon. They have nothing to do with it. We will answer why and how soon enough.

“Then Elohim said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and appointed times, and for days and years (years are numbered and determined by the number of months); and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth; and it was so. Then Elohim made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. Also (He made) the stars. Elohim 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 Elohim saw that it was good.”

It is very clear that the stars do not rule over the day or the night for it clearly says that is the function of the sun and the moon. A very simple straight forward fact stated here is Genesis. The command is applied to them for appointed times, days, and years. Some say there is no mention of months here. That is a Biblically brain-dead claim because a Biblical Year is a grouping of a number of Biblical months. Specifically, 12 or 13; but of course, the deceivers are deceived themselves all the while they are attempting to deceive the called of Father. To claim the stars have any authority over any of these functions is inserting a falsehood into the narrative clearly delineated by Yehovah here in Genesis. However, Yehovah added them here because they are lights in the heavens and do have a defined function physically and in prophecy. It confounds so many when it should not.

The stars are not used to navigate between the boundaries of day and night (both are clearly defined moedim) or any of the moedim the Elohim assigned to us for times of meeting with Them annually to rehearse the spiritual realities of the Plan of Salvation, or for the determining of lunar months 29 or 30 days to determine

length of years which are 12 or 13 lunar months in combination which are used to keep the annual moedim in the correct growing seasons in the Promised Land. But they are to be used for navigating distances between two places or times which have boundaries. I have mentioned that since the early days of my writing on the Abib Calendar.

Why?

Because they are used physically to give us a specific location and thus determine a specific direction or time span between two things or places. That is clearly displayed with the use of a sextant. A specific set of locations are used to understand where you are and the direction you need to take to get to your desired location. The same can be used for a specific time setting in the heavens when using the stars as well. All the constellations have boundaries. This knowledge obviously came out of the age of Taurus with Noah after the flood into the age of Pisces. Its intended use as the written record declaring the end before the beginning, was not to be added to or taken away from in any way, and above all, was not to be used for a false pagan worship system.

We certainly do not use all the stars for the written record, but a specific set, in a specific location to get our bearings which also instruct us in the timeline of the Plan of Salvation. You are going to see how simple this process is. No hocus-pocus or deceits involved. It is all simple astronomy and absolutely no astrology involved. Satan has hijacked the arrangement of the stars in heaven as seen from the earth to predict future events: daily, weekly, and yearly. That is called astrology. Remember he hijacked the understanding of what our Elohim have put in place and uses it for a different purpose as he takes it all out of context just as he did repeatedly with the scriptural challenges to Christ/Messiah when he was allowed to try to tempt Him. It's the same old pattern over and over again.

So, it is apparent the time has come to deal with the error which satan and his emissaries are using with the stars to predict how and when the Biblical New Year and thus the Month of Abib starts, which is being circulated to cause doubt as to the clearly defined methods and witnesses, we are to use to correctly keep the annual appointed times of meeting from year to year. Yes, there is nothing new under the sun as you will see once their deceitful confusion is exposed.

The particular wind of doctrine I am referring to is this: the Biblical Year cannot start until the sun transits through the constellation of Aries. This is very easily shown to be a lie and tool of chaos by those who have little understanding of the truth once delivered let alone simple historical facts, and the facts located in the heavens as seen from the earth. Most of these deceived who are deceiving use the instructions given by Flavius Josephus in their vain attempts. You will see how these slippery tongued folk's work. So, let's start there and read Josephus' take on it.

Below is a quote from the Works of Flavius Josephus. It is very accurate and full of many unwelcomed surprises to those who actually read the entire instruction. This portion is relevant to the first month of the year. Let's read through it and then we will note many of the important instructions of interest before we address the one about Aries which is the main focus of this study.

“[248] In the month of Xanthicus, which is by us called Nisan, 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,) the law ordained that we should every year slay that sacrifice which I before told you we slew when we came out of Egypt, and which was called the **Passover**; and so we do celebrate this passover in companies, leaving nothing of what we sacrifice till the day following. The feast of unleavened bread succeeds that of the passover, and falls on the fifteenth day of the month, and continues seven days, wherein they feed on unleavened bread; on every one of which days two bulls are killed, and one ram, and seven lambs. Now these lambs are entirely burnt, besides the kid of the goats which is added to all the rest, for sins; for it is intended as a feast for the priest on every one of those days. But on the second day of unleavened bread, which is the sixteenth day of the month, they first partake of the [first of the] fruits of the earth, for before that day they do not touch them. And while they suppose it proper to honor God, from whom they obtain this plentiful provision in the first place, they offer the [first of the] first-fruits of their barley, and that in the manner following: They take a handful of the ears, and dry them, then beat them small, and purge the barley from the bran; they then bring one tenth deal to the altar, to God; and, casting one handful of it upon the fire, they leave the rest for the use of the priest. And after this it is that they may publicly or privately reap their harvest. They also at this participation of

the [first of the] first-fruits of the earth, sacrifice a lamb, as a burnt-offering to God.”

*Flavius Josephus. The Works of Flavius Josephus. Translated by. William Whiston, A.M. Auburn and Buffalo. John E. Beardsley. 1895.

That is a real big mouthful of historical facts being presented by a Jew and a follower of Judaism, who lived in the first century. Some are already way ahead in their minds here after reading this but slow it down and take it step by step. And then some of you are probably screaming out why did they not include all the other really important statements of fact about the worship system in place at the time of Christ/Messiah spoken of clearly here by Josephus about the first month?

That answer is simple, they do not fit into their deceitful narrative so why would they ever show them to you let alone bring them to your attention? These folks live by taking “one liner’s” out of their given context to deceive intended victims. That is the tried and true methodology of their father. Look at a simple example of this. Matthew 3:6-7

“Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, if You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: He shall give His angels charge over you, and, in their hands, they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. Jesus said to him, it is written again, you shall not tempt Yehovah your God.”

So here we have a prime example of satan’s methodology of taking a “one liner” out of context, to apply to a sense of vanity which did not exist in our Savior, to get Christ/Messiah to throw Himself off the temple and thus commit the sin of self-murder and then disqualify Himself to be our Savior. His minions use the very same methods folks.

That is exactly what his minions are doing here in quoting Flavious Josephus’ work about the start of the year being tied to the constellation Aries that was historically kept by Native Israel prior to his writing about at that time. A big ouch for many no doubt. They take it out of context, and oh by the way, leave out all the other important instruction in doing so which aren’t palatable to them.

“In the month of Xanthicus, which is by us called **Nisan**, and is the beginning of our year, on the fourteenth day of the lunar month, when the sun is in Aries”

We will get to this shortly, but let’s look at what they left out first which will surprise many. Some for the good and some for the not so good.

#1 Nisan is the beginning of the year. That is the Babylonian name for the Month of Abib. Please note it is not the 7th month currently used as such by Judaism now is it. Keep in mind when reading all of these that he was indeed a Jew of Judaism speaking about the historical worship system of Native Israelites.

#2 Passover was to be kept on the 14th day of that month and nothing of the sacrificed lamb was to remain until the next morning. That is all inclusive of the 14th day. That is what we read throughout the entirety of the Biblical account and instruction about it. He confirms it here. However, Judaism today does not do that.

#3 The Feast of Unleavened Bread came the day after the Passover which was kept in its entirety on the 14th. UB started on the 15th day of the month and continued for 7 days. Imagine that. Thus, there is a combined 8 days to be kept as a rehearsal of the spiritual reality of circumcision of the heart. Judaism today only keeps a combined 7 days thus rejecting the sacrifice of Christ/Messiah reflecting their uncircumcised hearts.

#4 They did not partake of the firstfruits of the barley harvest until they had entered the 7 days of the Feast of UB. Very important. Also notice the definition of Abib here by him. They would take heads of grain and then dry them (by fire) which means they had just met physiological maturity and had not dried out on the stalk on their own and then beat them out to grind into fine flour, and then offer them up just as it is detailed in Leviticus 2:12-14. It is exactly what we understand as to the definition of the minimum physiologically mature state of the head of barley that we call aviv and can use to start the Biblical Year. Exactly the same! That condition often is present in March as so many of you know.

#5 Only after this is completed can they reap their harvests across the Land. Just as we understand the clear Biblical pattern. The very first thing is the First of the

Firstfruit Wavesheaf Offering needs to take place during the days of Unleavened bread and only after that can the fields begin to be harvest. Some today are trying to convince those called of Father that it is the other way around, that you can harvest all the fields first so individuals can have their first fruits with them at the Feast of UB. Utter Biblical hogwash!

Many of you will be jumping up doing hi-fives with anyone near you after reading Josephus give account here as he has just confirmed almost everything you believe to be true: how and when, you are to keep the appointed times in the Month of Abib. Everything on its day. You also have just seen from the historical perspective that at the time of his life (AD 37 -100) the law and practice simply said, the first of the firstfruits of barley had to be brought to the Temple and accepted after the Passover before any harvesting of the barley fields could start! And then there is the reality of taking physiologically mature heads of barley and drying them out so they can be ground into fine flour which is a very important component in determining the start of the Month of Abib. That only happens early in the maturing cycle for a First of the Firstfruit Wavesheaf Offering to be waved during the days of UB. Exactly what scripture says and what we do in our faith once delivered. No denying our Christ/Messiah in any of His functions. That is the primary sign in creation in the Promised Land which is used to start the Month of Abib. Our Elohim have given us 9 other witnesses in creation harmonizing with that event to hold up its arms in declaring the start of the Biblical New Year as well. And no, the vernal equinox is not one of them and neither is Aries.

Ask yourself why Josephus was declaring these simple truths at the time?

Josephus wrote his 20 book collection of the history of the Jews after the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans and completed it in 93/94 AD. He was born in circa 37 AD and died in circa 100 AD. He grew up in a priesthood family and thus would have been tied to the Sadducees. Thus, he had an in depth understanding as to what they had practiced for centuries. Keep in mind many of the priests were converted to the faith once delivered and that no doubt did not sit well with their counterparts there who were of the Sadducees and very political. Acts 6:7

“Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.”

After the Temple was destroyed things changed as the priests were dispersed and killed with no functions allowed by them. This is when the Pharisees used their political leanings and economic ties with the Roman rulers to take control of the Calendar and its power over the people. In short order, they were inserting their own traditions to it and that did not sit well with Josephus even though he had joined their ranks. He was attempting to display the Jews as a noble people with a long history of stability in culture and worship understandings. (By the way, he too was very political).

He decided to write a lengthy account as to what the people of Israel had kept as holy times from the exodus from Egypt. From his account alone it is obvious there have been many changes to modern day Judaism and not a record of stability.

Once the rulers of Judaism had the chief seat, they moved rapidly to insert their traditions into the worship system of the Jews.

Once again Father uses one from among their own ranks to set the record straight for us here at the end of the age.

Our antagonists read all of that in his writings, but only like to focus on “one liner’s” to support their errors and confusion. So, let’s get into that one now with reading the quote once again.

“In the month of Xanthicus, which is by us called Nisan, and is the beginning of our year, on the fourteenth day of the lunar month, when the sun is in Aries”

What Josephus is stating here is that the timing of the sun transiting through the constellation Aries was the traditional timing of the Month of Abib relative to the Vernal Equinox. Keep in mind he is talking about a 29 or 30 day month. During the 2160 year circuit of Aries, the sun transited through it at the western edge of its boundary in the heavens around the timing of the vernal equinox prior to his birth in circa 37 AD. That is why he states Native Israel had done so in its keeping of the moedim, up to his time and since the exodus from Egypt. It all fell within the timing of Aries relative to the vernal equinox. He is 100% correct in saying that. However, that dominance and timing of Aries ceased to happen right around the death of Jesus/Yeshua and Josephus’ birth. That is not a coincidence and is

debated on either side of that date by many. The simple fact is they almost all agree it is close to it based on celestial timing, one side of it or the other. As you may already know the sun started transiting the constellation Pisces at that time and still does today in relation to the Vernal Equinox which many call the spring equinox. The constellation sign in the sky has changed dramatically since Josephus' birth and life. So much so that it is now in the western boundary portion of Pisces. The sun does not transit Aries now until later into the Gregorian Month of April. Even though this is the case, many still attempt to associate it with the Vernal Equinox. It just does not happen any longer. But try and find the actual date the sun does travel through it and you can get frustrated. That is because so many do not want to give up their traditions in this worship of mystic things.

Here is just one of the many quotes you can find online that says the same thing and states why.

“The First Point of Aries, the location of the vernal equinox, is named for the constellation. This is because the Sun crossed the celestial equator from south to north in Aries more than **two millennia ago**. Hipparchus defined it in 130 BC. as a point south of Gamma Arietis. Because of the precession of the equinoxes, the First Point of Aries has since moved into Pisces and will move into Aquarius by around 2600 AD. The sun now appears in Aries **from late April through mid-May, though the constellation is still associated with the beginning of spring.**”

So, what did we just read?

Very simple to understand truths. During the dominant years of the constellation Aries being associated with the sun transiting through it at the time of the vernal equinox, Israel had received its instructions found in Leviticus 23 about the proper timing of the annual moedim, or as some prefer, the holy days in a year outside of the weekly Sabbath.

Josephus is confirming this in his final writings for a record to all. Shortly before or after the life of Christ/Messiah the 2160 year timeline of the constellation Aries changed to the start of the 2160 year timeline of the constellation Pisces. So, for the past 2000 years the sun is in the boundaries/territories of Pisces when it

transitions the Vernal Equinox. I personally believe it did so at His death. It was ushering in the timing of a New Second Covenant with better promises right up front and clearly to be understood as different from the terms and conditions of the First Marriage Covenant. A record written in the heavens. You will see why shortly. Let me stick to the point here that the sign in the sky had now changed and ushered into the 2160 year timeline of the symbol of the fish or Pisces, two thousand years ago.

The unfortunate truth here is many of the mystics of astrology and their followers still use Aries as the one transiting with the sun at the time of the Vernal Equinox to keep their traditions intact. Can't make this stuff up can you. Talk about a tradition kept in light of all the facts. Sound familiar? Eh!

All their dates still reflect this inaccuracy of truth. Sounds like our neighbors in most sects of Judaism does it not? A few more quotes that emphasize the same thing and more.

“The First Point of Aries also known as the cusp of Aries is the location of the March Equinox (the vernal equinox in the northern hemisphere, and the autumnal equinox in the southern), used as a reference point in celestial coordination systems. In diagrams using such coordinate systems, it is often indicated with the symbol ♈. Named for the constellation of Aries it is one of the two points on the celestial sphere at which the celestial equator crosses the ecliptic, the other being the First Point of Libra, located exactly 180° from it. **Due to the precession of the equinoxes since the positions were originally named in antiquity, the position of the sun when at the March equinox is now in Pisces,** when it is at the September equinox it is in Virgo.”

And another;

“The first point of Aries is important to the fields of astronomy, nautical navigation and astrology. Navigational ephemeris tables record the geographic position of the first point of Aries as the reference for position of navigational stars. Due to the slow precession of the equinoxes the zenith view (above a location) of constellations at a time of year from a given location have slowly moved west (by using solar epochs the drift is known). The tropical zodiac is similarly affected and no longer corresponds with the constellation (the Cusp of

Libra today is located within Virgo). In sidereal astrology by contrast, the first point of Aries remains aligned with the Aries constellation.”

Tropical Zodiac and Sidereal astrology are both steeped in mysticisms, dark utterings, and false predictions. The first one (Tropical) compensates to a point, while the second does not. We are to have nothing to do with them in any case. Satan the devil uses them to prophesy about future happenings, and many people shape their daily lives around it. This form of pagan worship has been around for a very long time, before the flood in fact, when the knowledge of man increased exponentially with the longevity of their lives. Unfortunately, it was perverted knowledge mixed with factual knowledge. The evil intentions of man’s heart grew so sickening it all had to be ended.

Romans 1:20-25

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things. Therefore, God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves...”

Mankind took on the attributes of an evil and debased mind and unfortunately satan has once again succeeded in creating that state of evil once again today here at the end of the age. We need to be on our guard constantly.

On the other hand, we have astronomy which is the study of the science: mathematics, compositions and movements of the stars which is quite acceptable and practical in our lives.

If you look at our website: abibofgod.com you will find an article entitled; “Why I do not use an equinox (vernal or autumnal) in anything Biblical.” I wrote it many years ago to assist brethren in staying clear of all the foolish efforts to draw them into using the Veral Equinox to be the predominantly deciding factor in when the

Biblical Year starts. Since then, more misguided folks, who are deceived and deceiving, have grown in number with a much bigger soap box to spout out their confused filth from.

When false teachers use the timing stated by Josephus as the first and foremost aspect of declaring when the Biblical Year is to start here at the end of the age, they display their ignorance of such things. For 2160 years it would have been correct: but not today, and not so for the past 2000 years!

Many of them use this understanding to expound their anti-Christ leanings. The new mantra is the first month of the year can't start until everyone was able to bring their firstfruits to the festival of Unleavened Bread. That is an abomination as Josephus delineated above. That would have delayed the start of the year and put it out of sync with the Biblical harvest of barley which represents the maturity of the First of the Firstfruits representing one of the major functions of our Savior. With that Satan is able to openly deny Christ's function as the Lamb of Father's household. Thus those who followed it would not be part of the actual moedim of Passover when Christ/Messiah shed His blood of the New Covenant. Do you see how serious this all is! It is diabolical in its intent and designed to separate you from Father and Christ with a form of godliness but denying the power thereof!

If you have started down that path please change course immediately.

The timeline of Aries was one that witnessed to the rise and fall of the great ancient empires that are used prominently in Biblical prophecy. It is also important to note the entire exodus and history of Native Israel was contained in it as well. It will be interesting in the future to see if the life of Noah after the flood started the timeline of Aries. Not important to us for salvation, but none the less maybe it is to the overall history recorded in the stars as we are told they teach us knowledge and the glory of our Elohim; if we know how to acquire it. If not, it will wait until the entire Plan of Salvation is completed and be used as yet one more evidence to declare to those who say they have excuses, that they are in fact without excuse. That is no doubt why Satan has been so busy for so long in his attempt to turn it upside down and into a false worship system.

Psalm 19:1-6

“The heavens declare the glory of El; and the expanse of heaven shows the work of His hands. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their measuring line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, rejoicing like a strong man to run its race. Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.”

If you are thinking of using the stars to assist you in when the Month of Abib starts, why I do not know, but if you are, delete the name Aries in your thinking and insert the name Pisces. That way you will actually be looking at the time centered around the sun transiting the vernal equinox in this day and age. Then it is easy to shake the dust of the false teachers off your shoes, who are trying to get you to doubt the faith you have put into all the 10 Biblical witnesses in creation that proclaim the New Year and the Month of Abib. Your Biblical sextant is then showing you the two boundary lines of the current constellation that is present at the sun's transition of the vernal equinox. That will assist you in navigating to the correct starting point for the Biblical Year.

For those who insist on actually using Aries then face up to the fact you will always be keeping it after the Biblically declared timing and rejecting the sanctified functions of our Lord and Savior as the Lamb of Father's household and the First of the Firstfruits. You would need to set your new moon of your first month as the first one after the middle of April. Talk about being way out of season. That is why some are keeping it in May these days.

It's all very simple if we follow the Lamb wherever He goes. We know His voice above all the shouting and clamoring of the agents of the wicked one.

It is our deepest hope that we have been able to assist you in your calling by Father and choosing by Christ/Messiah.

Our peace we give to you.

