

The Meaning of Abib According to Yehovah

*Exodus 12:1-2 And Yehovah said to Moses and to Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying **this month** shall be the **Head** (#7218) of months for you. It shall be the **First** (#7223) of the months of the year for you.*

Two designations given to the month they were in. Very important!

Head here is Ro'sh. Strong's puts a very relevant understanding of its meaning and why it is used here by Yehovah in one of the two descriptive words relevant to its presence as the start of the year; "**from an unused root apparently meaning to shake; the head (as most easily shaken)**, whether literally or figuratively (in many applications; place, time, rank, etc.)" It is here being used for its condition of maturity. Its root word is a common Semitic word from which re'sit; beginning in Hebrew, is also derived from.

Yehovah has used a different Hebrew word for the **First** (Ri'shon) of the months of the year designation, so, we can see He is certainly using the designation of **Head of the Months** here in 12:2 (Ro'sh): "Heads that are most easily shaken" to instruct us about a very significant characteristic in the barley which will define this month as being the **first** of the Months. This is what is being taught here for a very specific reason.

This month will be the first month of the year when there are heads of grain which can have their seeds easily shaken out. That is the definition of heads of grain that are mature. That is a sign of the first month of the year. **Moses and Aaron were instructed that the actual month they were presently in was the first month** of all the other months of the year. It is called the "Head" of the months as well because of a stage of maturity which will be found in it prior to any other month.

The second coexisting witness to the condition of the barley fields, based in a Hebrew word is found in the definition of the word Abib.

Ex 13:4, 23:15, 34:18; Deut 16:1

Strong's says of it: #24 "from an unused root meaning to be tender. Green, a young ear of grain: hence the name of the month Abib or Nisan."

The BDB says of it in 1) "fresh young ears of barley."

Here we have another very descriptive Hebrew word for this month.

Summing up the relevant definitions of these Hebrew words, we see two very visible signs (witnesses) required to declare this month as the start of the year. Combining the two we get: "**It needs to be a Month in which the first mature heads of barley can be easily shaken to remove their seeds which are surrounded by volumes of immature green barley in their varying growth cycles.**"

This is exactly what we look for in Israel when we travel there at the end of the 12th lunar month in any given year. We look for maturing barley that **will be physiologically mature enough to reproduce itself before the 14th of the month**. We call this state of maturity "aviv." If we find a lot of mature barley throughout the country it will have been an intercalated year in most cases.

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Once again, notice what Yehovah says to Moses and Aaron, as to the timing of what month these easily shaken heads of barley need to be in, not before!

“...**this month** shall be the Head of the months for you.”

The very month they were in. The Month of Abib! Yehovah did not say you have to have it aviv before the end of the previous 12th month. **It needs to be aviv during the month which is being considered for the start of the year.** It is only a small quantity in respect to all the immature barley around it.

Deceivers tell us: "It is too difficult to forecast at the end of the 12th lunar month whether the barley being inspected will be ready for a wavesheaf offering the middle of the upcoming month." Liars!

If they can't do that with all the agricultural tools and instructions available to us today, they need to get out of the effort to set the start of the year. But the truth is, they are being disingenuous to those who listen to their deceptive words when the signs from the Elohim are not fitting into their calendar agenda.

You have witnessed us, as well as others, easily and accurately forecast this for many years now, in fact, every normal year in the past 18. It is easy to prove if you use the right Biblical tools and have the right Biblical truths and the right agricultural understandings. To prove this very point, we returned this year to show the Abib Calendar world that very thing, how accurately it can be done with Messiah as our Guide. It's all recorded on the website: abibofgod.com for all to see, which is the case for every year we have been conducting the barley inspections.

So, what are the Biblical descriptive signs in the barley growing cycle for the Month of Abib to start according to Yehovah and His simple instruction?

There needs to be enough mature heads of barley ready to constitute a wavesheaf offering on the first day of the week (Sunday) during the pilgrimage festival of Unleavened Bread.

Our Savior/Husband has promised us He will never leave nor forsake us. It is we who do the leaving and the forsaking by letting others define the tenets of our faith for us.

Please refer to the website for volumes of written information about the entire process.

Our Peace we give to you.