

January 7, 2017

Hi Folks,

We are once again into our pre-abib inspection mode, an exciting time of year for us personally. Most of you know that last year we; Linda and I, kept a March start to the Biblical Year based on all the evidence we observed that our Creators presented during our trip for inspections as well as afterwards. That places the end of the 12th month most likely at sunset on Tuesday February 28th.

We have previously added the two possible scenarios as to the start to the Festival Page; normal or intercalated year. As is our habit and as we often state we wait on the Lord/Yehovah to show us what we are to do as to the start of the year. We are instructed throughout the scriptures that we follow Them and wait on Them in the things that we do. Revelation 14 is just one such instruction from the second covenant scriptures that pops into mind. Verses 4-5; "These are the ones who were not defiled with women (religiously speaking) for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes (this is His bride). These were bought or purchased from among men, firstfruits to God/Elohim (the Father) and to the Lamb (Christ/Messiah). And in their mouths, was found no guile for they are without fault (through Christ/Messiah) before the throne of God/Elohim."

That is what our hope and calling from the Father depicts. We are all a work in progress if we have found favor and acceptance by both the Father and the Son. That is when we grow in Christ/Messiah's knowledge. We enter into a one on one relationship with Him for His shed blood has been applied to us as the firstfruits in the Plan of Salvation. Yes we only follow Him wherever He goes regardless of men and their proclamations to and about us.

The land of Israel has suffered through a very dry year in many locations during 2016. Major droughts in some areas of the country. As of December, that started to change in two of the three agricultural regions we inspect. For the past 4 weeks or so much of the country has been experiencing very cold (below normal unseasonable) temperatures. At the same time, some regions have experienced a lot of rain and snow, to the point the drought is busted agriculturally speaking in many locations. This is more reminiscent of the 4-week time period starting the middle of January as opposed to the middle of December. That could prove very interesting if that weather pattern continues. We will be watching it closely.

Generally speaking the north is out of the drought with above yearly average rain totals; the central portion of the country is a mixed bag depending on location be it on the

coast or the high elevations. The south is a very different story with well below normal precipitation. Some examples of locations we watch in the three regions are as follows;

1) The North; the confluence of the Jordan and Jezreel Valley's we find Sede Eliyyah at 130% of yearly average rainfall to date. Merhavaya just up the Jezreel Valley a few miles is at 106% to date. You may remember last year these areas which are rich in wild (volunteer) barley were running at 25-70% of normal just prior to our inspections in March.

2) The central area. The coast is doing well all the way up to Haifa from Tel Aviv but the higher elevations are lagging behind. Just south of Tel Aviv we have Bet Dagon at 114% which by the way is rich in wild barley locations as well.

3) The South or Negev is way behind where the normal rainfall should be. Negba is at 73%, Besor Farm at 46%, and Beer Sheva at 51% of their annual averages for this time of year. This whole region is rich in barley production and overflowing in wild barley locations.

This is all very important to watch for as we have established often in the past if precipitation is below average and there is ample sunshine barley will mature quickly because the stalk stays small for the plant puts the majority of its resources into developing the head. The next 5 weeks will be instrumental in what the barley will look like at the end of the 12th month February 28th. Please keep in mind that barley is a very hardy plant which can germinate and flourish at 34 degrees Fahrenheit.

We hope a lot of you are following these things via the IMS or other reporting agencies. For some of you who are living in the land it presents itself each and every day. Patterns are a wonderful thing to establish. That is how our creators teach us about Their creation. We will most likely post another update as we get closer to the end of the 12th month.

A point of interest to some of you; our computer we use for much of our work died a little over a week ago, with no hope of resurrecting any data. Unfortunately, not being a real bright computer person I pulled out the little gizmo which backs up data around 8 months ago. Things up to that date are saved but nothing since. So, if you know anyone who asked to be on the update list in the past year let them know they will need to send in their email address again.

Keep safe in the Lord/Yehovah.

Brian and Linda

2/2/2017

Hi Folks,

We hope you are doing well. Life keeps us hopping even in retirement.

Lots of crazy weather in Israel; unseasonable warm to unseasonably cold as it currently is. Never forget who controls the weather in Israel. Barley has germinated at all elevations and in all regions, with most of it happening in December. That is normal for the volunteer barley. If you take the 85-90-day growth cycle it is easy to see that aviv barley, mathematically speaking, can be ready for a wavesheaf offering by Sunday the 19th of March. The determining factor in all of that is, will God/Elohim give the necessary amount of meteorological components to grow and mature the volunteer barley, whether wild or not. It is all quite humbling waiting on God/Elohim to show us His will. Many of you have already surmised I do not expect to find sufficient amounts of barley which will be aviv by the week of March 12-18 sometime. However, that can change as we have witnessed several times in the past 15 years of conducting and reporting what we see in the Land.

Y-net News put together an article on January's rain fall by regions as well as some year to date information. I will try to attach it for you.

On another note. We were considering possibly making a second trip towards the end of March to assist a variety of requests as to the barley inspections being conducted, with some wanting to film the process, while others wanted to learn the basics, and several others just wishing to tag along when we knew there would be aviv barley for viewing. We have decided not to participate in such, for each had their own agenda's for doing so. Our purpose for inspecting the barley crops in Israel at the end of each 12th month is very simple, we personally need the information so we can worship the Creators in the time that They require: nothing more and nothing less. Over the course of the years we have been doing so, things have grown outside of just "functioning for our personal use." We make all our observations available to any who want to read them. If you do not like what we report please do not bother reading them for that can lead to the threshold of "hating a brother" in Christ/Messiah in some instances, which we witnessed last cycle. What we, and in that matter, what you decide to do, is between you and God/Elohim. Don't let anyone harangue you. Some like to make a carnival side show out of the process. I myself have and always will give a defense for the hope which is in me when asked or challenged (1 Peter 3:15). Linda and I will follow the direction given by both the Father and the Son. That's it.

With that said, if there is someone who wants to meet up when we are in Israel and share time in the inspections, we as usual, are open to any and all who are serious in this simple function in the body. Just send us an email at bjclmc@aol.com and we will get back to you soon thereafter.

Looking forward to the trip.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4916823,00.html>

Brian and Linda

February 21, 2017

Dear Brethren in Christ/Messiah,

We hope you are all basking in the mercy and blessings of the life we have been called to here at the end of the age. There are many functioning parts of a body and there is no doubt in our minds that we as a body push that to the limits under one Head.

We have received a large volume of inquiries, questions, and actually instruction (from some as to what we should be doing in the field as to what is minimum requirements, etc.) Apparently there is confusion about what we are doing going to Israel in February. Let me (Brian) address this and a few other things. We have established a pattern set in the very first year of our inspections (which was 2002) that the week before the end of the 12th month we would all get together again in the land to conduct the barley inspections. That is just one of the many rules we placed as to the timing and the criteria of the results of what we find. We, those members of the body, have still stuck to them. After this inspection cycle I will write them out for all to see and give a detailed account of the early days.

With that said I and Linda and several others will be sending out reports starting on this Thursday. We will have made our first inspection run through the Jezreel Valley, the upper Jordan Valley, the Golan, and the areas west of Tiberius.

On Friday we will make a run through the Northern and Western Negev.

As most of you know we will be inspecting our traditionally early fields and locations which we have established over many, many, years of patterning them.

Sunday morning we will be inspecting along the coastal plain north of Tel Aviv. I say the morning because we will be spending the afternoon with some dear friends in Jerusalem.

Monday we will start our re-inspections of any fields which are advanced enough to possibly produce a wave sheaf offering using the minimum standards of Leviticus 2 for such things, which by the way has been used by us since 2002 and is one of the established rules of inspections. I hope that satisfies you folks who for some reason did not thing we take such things into consideration.

Based on our using the first crescent from Jerusalem and the surrounding area we will be looking for it Monday night. If I am not mistaken that will be the 29th day based on Israel sightings. According to the algorithms we use from Bruce Armstrong (which are on the website) the crescent should be easily seen that evening with a rating of 125.7. That is 1.32 % illumination with a lag time of roughly 58 minutes.

Only a heavy haze or cloud cover will prevent it from being seen. We decided to stay on for an additional day for further re-inspections. That will be the 30th day if not witnessed the day before based on Israel sightings.

Some are asking why we are not doing the inspections during the week of March 12th? I answered that above to some extent but let me specifically address our belief and faith in this matter. I personally learned a long time ago that the Rabbinical method of counting backwards from a forward date to get the start of the year was not a pattern our Creators have set for us. When we look for the minimum standard of acceptable growth which would qualify for THE wave sheaf offering on the first day of the week during UB we apply all of our experience to forecast such things. Many of you who have followed the reports for years know this all well. We use our experience as to the weather and all the other Biblical criteria associated with the change from winter to summer in Israel. We have listed them often on the site so please go back and look them up. Last year's reports and follow ups will no doubt cover them all due to the confusion caused by inspectors outside of the body. By the way that is once again between them and their God/Elohim because they have different criteria than I and others do, which denies Christ/Messiah. The Barley is number one but it must be accompanied by at least a few of these other BIBLICAL criteria given to us to confirm the season. Remember only 2 seasons as scripture tells us for the land of Israel. No spring and no fall. The pattern of the first month as to the Plan of Salvation

can't be discarded by believers. On the tenth day we have the lamb being separated from the flock. That can't be swept away in my mind or in others who have participated in the inspections. The outcome is a rejection of the Lamb of God/Elohim who is our Savior. There is a process to all of this. If we were to declare the first month a day before the 14th we destroy the pattern set by our Father. Nailing the first day of the first month is critical to my faith. I spend time in Ezekiel 44-48. So much knowledge contained there for us as to what will take place in the Temple, and the rules and laws applied to it, after our Christ/Messiah returns. One of the fascinating things is how the sacrifices are "changed" as well as some of the days of importance to them. In 45: 18 we see something new. We see on the first day of the first month the sanctuary will be cleansed with the blood of a young bull without blemish. If getting the first day right after Christ/Messiah returns is that important I am all in with it now.

There are some who do not have a problem with calling it by the middle of the month. That is between them and the Father and the Son. I am not their master and don't want to be. But with that said offer my assistance to any who wish it in this function.

We hope this clarifies some of the crazy stuff we have heard going around. Let me also assist in this way as well; By the end of March there will be volumes of aviv barley in all three regions from the minimum all the way up to hardened kernels, so save your money if you are planning on inspecting the last week of March. I say that from 15 years of inspections behind me with this being the 16th. Patterns are wonderful things to witness and follow.

Thank you all for looking to the Father and the Son for your instruction. We hope you will be able to glean what is palatable to you, in your walk with the Creators, from what we can produce through this function in the body.

Brian and Linda

Abib Report: Thursday February 23, 2017

Hi Folks,

It is a wonderful thing to be here in the Land for the 16th consecutive year. During our drive in from the airport last night we could not help but notice the absolute splendor of the almond trees blooming all around us. Almond trees are a lookout to us inspectors. They are the watchmen of late winter as we and some others coin them. They bloom first and lose their leaves last. A real tough species of tree! In every single past year, they have always blossomed the month prior to the first month of Abib. That was the case last year as well as the intercalated years of 2005, 2008, 2011, and 2014. I say that, for it is a pattern to what month we are in agriculturally.

For many of us 2005 was the start of a pattern for barley maturing as to a very specific calendar cycle. For the record, 2005 was an intercalated year; a 13th month added based on all the signs of winter **not** changing to summer. It was also the first year we in the body, inspected as a group by ourselves, for things had changed, 2004 was a transition year for the collective inspections we had done together with another faith based group in 2002 and 2003. I have promised some that I will write about the early days and why we split into two inspection efforts. No trashing, just the simple history so many can put their minds to ease on that subject, instead of bantering about it.

Here is the pattern started then:

2005 intercalated, 2006 normal, 2007 normal

2008 intercalated, 2009 normal, 2010 normal

2011 intercalated, 2012 normal, 2013 normal

2014 intercalated, 2015 normal, 2016 normal

2017 ???????

As most of you know I am a pattern person. But we must prove all things, thus we are in the Land just prior to the end of the 12th month according to our understandings.

Today we drove up through the Jordan Valley and stopped to look at some of the traditional locations another group use. We did this to see what stage of growth the barley (goat grass) was in for it is always dying long before any other locations. Most was just out of, or still emerging from, the boot. This area has a heavy stone base with some soil mixed in. Biblical agricultural principles tell us it will spurt up quickly and then die quickly due to shallowness of

good soil and that is exactly what it does year in and year out. For those of you who have walked through these areas you are obviously saying to yourself; that is very young in the Zadoks growth scale; flowering to be exact.

We traveled on further up the road until we came to the convergence of the Jezreel Valley. This is where one of our go to early fields is located. It is one of many locations that qualified the normal year which we are in at the present. It is also the same field followed up on prior to wave sheaf last year (by Rebecca) which had dropped most of its seed. You can view it on the video from Rebecca, which she took, and which is on the site if you have not already. Compare it to the pictures we took the end of the 12th month last year and you will see the big difference. As you will see from the photo, most of the barley was still in the boot. There were also oats emerging and emerged at this location, but 2-3 weeks away from dropping in any quantity. This is the youngest we have ever seen this field. It will not be ready in any way shape or form to meet the minimum requirements to start a new year and the month of Abib. Nothing we inspected today will either. Huge amounts of volunteer or wild barley were still in the boot which most know is stage 4 on Zadoks Scale.

There were no other signs in the North to indicate other than they are weeks away from meeting minimum standards of Lev 2 even if Sharov conditions started and persisted for some time.

We did see some of the **wintering** migrators, like; egrets, cranes (brown) not storks, but no African Storks. They have not entered the Land yet through either of the two migration corridors.

Our traditional fig tree locations are still dormant. None of the old vineyards has any green sprigs on them let alone the sour grape in flower. The designer grapes in the central Jordan Valley which are shrouded with coverings and irrigated have some small amounts of foliage on them but are completely unacceptable for use.

Everything today has upheld our thoughts that this will be an intercalated year.

Tomorrow we will visit our traditionally early locations in the Northern and western Negev. Today was just spectacular weather here for our inspections.

Becca, Linda, and Brian



Goat grass barley location in Jordan Valley



Traditional field of volunteer barley at the head of the Jezreel Valley



Oats in a field of barley

Abib Report: Friday February 24, 2017

Hi Folks,

Lots to say but not much to talk about.

For those of you who receive your own copy of the reports via email there will be a delay. Not sure how long. My Outlook 2010 on my laptop crashed again last night. It has been an existing problem for about 2 years but there has been a Microsoft fix for it but is not correcting the problem any longer. The story is the abib email list is in it, and it is not opening for retrieval. Never a dull moment!

Today we covered a lot of territory in the Northern, Western, and Central Negev. Lots and lots of barley, but most of it is in what we can call the "grass looking" stages which are 3-4 and some 5 in Zadoks Scale. All the traditionally early fields are no better off this year. We did see a few heads emerging in the volunteer barley and only one field in the head of the domestic barley which was located all the way down on Route 222 west of Tse'elim Junction. There has been a lot of recent rains the past 10 days with lots of water still on the surface.

Our traditional early vineyards were barren in most cases. The older ones had not even been pruned yet.

You will see from some of the pictures how high the domestic barley is because of the amount of water and they have no heads emerging. You will also see a familiar field from last year which produced aviv barley and took pictures on the hood of the car. We did the same thing this year at the same location with a representative sample of a volunteer/wild barley plant. Notice the length of the stem, its thickness, and we had to peel back the boot to see the awns just about ready to emerge.

There is no need to do any follow ups to any fields this trip while we are here. No chance of harvestable grain for this to be a normal year in our opinion. Adding Adar 2 is a very simple conclusion for us.

Becca, Gisela, Linda, and Brian





Notice the size in height and stock of this field without it even out of the boot yet.



This vineyard is familiar to most that have followed the reports in past years. No abib indicator here this year.

Abib Summation February 26, 2017

Hi Folks,

It has been a very uneventful barley inspection trip this year. The barley was the youngest we have seen with only 2005 coming very close to it. But the winner is 2017. Rick and Angie, do you remember how we even considered that the goats and sheep may have had at it prior to our inspections in 2005? It was so immature we had a hard time accepting the fact because we had not seen it that young before. That is what we have here this year, this week. By the way, the yearly cycle pattern from 2005 is once again established this year with it being intercalated.

The anemones are sparse in the North but on fire in the south. I will include pictures of some for you all to see and share in the beauty of the Land.

The Almond trees are incredibly beautiful in many areas we have visited; both cultivated and wild. We will include a picture of them as well. As we know, and as it is confirmed once again, the Almonds are the last stand for winter, its last sentinel. In a few weeks they will have given up their blossoms for the fruit to start maturing into the nut.

We love watching the White Storks when they are migrating through, but unfortunately not this year. The bird reporting groups in Israel have not seen them yet. There are lots of Black Storks up in the Hula Valley, north of the Kinneret. For many years now they have had wintering flocks of them there. They are a very bland compared to the migrating White Stork which is just beautiful to watch in their long funnels reaching high into the heavens. Thousands of tourists come here during March/April to watch this wonder of creation. I am told there were a couple of clowns on a P.T. Barnum religious program trying to discredit this wonder of nature and Biblical sign of the month of Abib starting. Apparently they do not know the difference between a Black Stork and a White Stork. No surprise there; for they do not know the difference between acceptable barley and unacceptable "goat grass."

It may be of interest to some of you that the wild barley in the North is once again more advanced than the south. Not by a whole lot, but it is noticeable in the traditionally early fields.

For any who may be interested the end of the 12th month next year will probably take place after sunset the evening of Sunday March 18th making the 19th the start of the year if barley is found to be mature enough to meet the standards for a wave sheaf offering on Sunday April 8th. That means we will be inspecting the week of March 11, 2018.

We hope you have the information this year to make your decisions as to the start and end of this year's cycle. Pictures for you are below.



Abib Update: 3/27/2017

Hi Folks,

We certainly hope things are well with you all. Linda and I are looking forward to the upcoming festival season with great anticipation. These rehearsals of the reality to come are just awesome in meaning and content in the Plan of Salvation.

We have gotten lots of comments and questions from a lot of people. The majority of them are coming from brethren who kept the later start to this current year we are in. This is humbling for us in many respects, and a sincere service/function we undertake for the body of Christ/Messiah and anyone else who wishes to have the information. Let us state here loud and clear, for it has been a repeated question often this year; we have been blessed in our working lives so that we do not need nor accept funding, for our part in all of this. Freely we received and freely we give.

Now to the acceptable barley crops in Israel. We have been sent and have seen so much confusion centered around "Goat Grass" this year it actually is frustrating to watch. Once again, I direct many of the new folks to the past reports explaining such things, as well as to the Booklet on how to conduct an inspection of Barley in Israel, at the bottom of the Studies Page on the website.

We have attached some pictures which Becca took today. She has been monitoring fields in the north. Fields that are located in actual agricultural areas with deep rich soils and no rocks and stones. She sent many picture's but we have included only 5 because they take up so much space when trying to send out in emails. I will try a different method today to see how it works.

Thank you, Becca, for your efforts in the Land!

You will see the maturity level of the acceptable barley is exactly what we had forecast back at the beginning of this month in late February. There is a large amount of wild barley in the Lev 2:14 stages. I say stages, for it can include several Zadok 8 sub stages and in particular 5-7 as a basis for the minimum standard for a first of the first fruits wave sheaf offering. Yes, pictures are worth a thousand words. You will also see the migrations are in full swing with some good pictures of the white storks. I am being told there are some professing that they are not a biblical sign for they are not located in the Torah the first 5 books of the bible. That is pure idiocy, for we use the entire Word of God/Elohim to prove all things.

These teachers, whom many have heaped up to themselves, will not like the fact that the other accompanying signs of the turn of the year are also well prevalent such as the flowers, doves nesting, fig trees with green figs, grapes giving off the smell of the sour grape in bud, and on and on. By the way those are listed in Song of Solomon 2:12-13 as just one of the many

scriptural patterns which address the change from winter to summer in Israel as most of you no doubt know and understand.

It was brought up that there are folks saying there is no barley in dough in Jerusalem. Let me assist here for those whom only use the Jerusalem area for their barley criteria. If you are to walk down the hill from the Old City to the intersection at the base of the Mount of Olives and look up onto the slopes from the Temple Mount under the olive trees on the side of the hill you will find lots of barley in the dough stages for your use if you are so inclined to do so. This is the case in every intercalated year such as the one we are now in. This is not acceptable barley for our uses because it grows on rocky/stony hillsides but others use such things so we try to be helpful in their beliefs regardless. However, the sheep and goats love it, for it was designed for their use, and hopefully they have not devoured it already. There are many other locations in Jerusalem as well but this should suffice.

The year for Linda and I, ends at sunset on Wednesday the 29th of March. We hope you all have a good festival season ahead.

Brian and Linda



Becca's pictures
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