

## What Calendar will be used during the Millennial Rule and Thereafter?

And why is that information important to the Body of Christ?

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Quick Answers: A) Not one being used today! B) Colossians 2:16: "Therefore let no one judge you in food and drink, or regarding a feast day or new moon or Sabbaths..."

Dear Brethren,

We hope you are all doing well and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ/Messiah. That is our hope but we are not ignorant or for that matter naive as to the times we live in. There are many who for a myriad of reasons are not growing in grace and knowledge. As we have often discussed, the messages to the seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3 describe to us much of the current condition of the state of affairs existing in the greater church. By greater I mean all those churches which profess to keep the seventh day Sabbath which are scattered across the face of the earth. Acknowledging the Sabbath as the weekly appointed time of meeting with God/Elohim is the common thread throughout them all. To the big benefactor organizations of men, that understanding is too humbling, for they believe they are **the only ones!** How arrogant they are in light of all the scriptural patterns to the contrary. Yes the Sabbath is a common denominator but after that Pandora's Box can be found in many as Christ so clearly articulates in His messages to the churches. Many different doctrines, beliefs, and traditions are being kept amongst them.

There is an evil which can be found in many of the corporate churches in that number as well. It too is a common thread in many organizations of men. It is a doctrine which God/Elohim Himself says He hates! It's relevance to the subject we are discussing today will become very obvious.

Revelation 2:6; "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate."

Revelation 2:15; "Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans which thing I also hate."

To refresh our minds this doctrine which God/Elohim hates, is practiced by worthless shepherds, hirelings, and wolves in sheep's clothing. It is all about dominion over another's faith and much, much, more. The premise of it is complete control of the sheep, those called by God the Father out of unbelief and unto His Son. Let there be no mistake or gullibility in understanding that this doctrine is evil and

corrupt and originates in the mind of Satan the devil. Those who follow in it and raise it up are following in the footsteps of Satan. As to the Greek name God/Elohim gives to this doctrine we can get a very simple and clear understanding of it in its definition. Nicolaitans is Nikolaites or #3501 in the Strongs. It means an adherent of Nicolaus and is derived from #3532 Nickolaos which means “victorious over the people.” Those who practice such things are heretics who wage war over the sheep to bring them into subjection unto themselves; their doctrines, beliefs, and traditions. They profess to be angels of light, but in actuality are messengers of darkness. Satan uses them to dumb down and subjugate the called of the Father. This doctrine is designed to stymie their growth, to keep them from entering a mature one on one relationship with their Savior/Husband and with the Father.

The reason I have brought this up about the doctrine of the Nicolaitans at the beginning here will become very relevant to what we are going to be discussing as to the future calendar criteria which will be used in setting the appointed times of meeting with the Creator which many today simply refer to as the feasts of the Lord/Yehovah. It can be a very humbling study for many and for others something they will want to avoid talking about, and for others a possible reason to separate from brethren which is the very reason I have been reluctant until now to speak about it.

As I have mentioned in the past I have no problem meeting with brethren who keep a calendar different than the New Moon/Abib Calendar that I personally use for determining the times of meeting with My Father and Betrothed. I have also stated often that type of doctrine and activity is not one to cause separation between brethren. That unfortunately is not the case with the thinking of the worthless shepherds and such who desire dominion over the faith of another. No doubt some will attempt to use it as a reason **to not consider** a change from the method they use of presently keeping the appointed times of meeting, which is between them and God/Elohim. We will address that briefly later.

The apostle Paul clearly instructed us as to the types of activities and actions which should separate us from those who are called brethren. 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; “I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly do not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, not even to eat with such a person. For what have I to do with judging those who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside, God/Elohim judges. Therefore put away from yourselves that wicked person.”

There is no misunderstanding what Paul is instructing us in here. Just think, he makes this very clear and bold statement to the Corinthians, and thus all who are called of the Father, (as to the reasons for separation from a brother), to a church which had many differing doctrines being

kept under one roof. Just a few; do women wear head coverings like some or not like others, do we keep a Seder meal with the drinking, eating, and singing like some or do we keep the symbols instituted by Christ/Messiah in keeping the Passover. In fact do we keep it on the night He kept it on or at another time. Some taught that there was no resurrection of the dead. Just think what that one would do in today's church environment. These are just some of the differing beliefs and actions that were kept by the brethren at Corinth. Paul certainly gives his personal judgment on each of them but keep in mind that was all he did. There are others but I think these illustrate the point that these were not listed as reasons to separate from one another. Not to be Pollyannaish, Paul did say that these different beliefs and practices were necessary to show who was approved and who was not. I like to think a little differently on that in terms of what is approved and what is not. That being said they are not issues to judge a brother on. Now you can agree with that or not, the Nicolaitan types would vehemently disagree with me on what I just said. It's their way or the highway! They often employ pomp and ceremony in conducting it to their shame.

But let's read what Paul has to say about keeping specific feast days, new moons, and Sabbaths. Colossians 2:16-17: "Therefore let no one judge (same Greek word used in I Corinthians 5:12 for judging) you in food or drink (whether you eat meat or drink alcohol or not) or regarding a feast day or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a foreshadow of things to come, but the substance (or body) is of Christ." Here we have the apostle Paul clearly telling us it is off bounds to judge a brother or sister on any of these specific activities. They are not listed in those he gave us in Corinthians for reasons for separating from one who is called a brother or sister in the faith; in fact he says the exact opposite! That also means we are not to let some over lording "minister" do so to us in any way, shape, or form.

Paul also instructs us that we are to, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Most of you who are reading this probably have come to grips with that and it is a mainstay in your walk with Christ/Messiah and that it is so very personal to you that you will not let anyone come between you and your Savior/Husband; no benefactors allowed, no great ones permitted to step between us and our Betrothed.

Since returning home from the feast (and for that matter from some we attended with at this year's feast location) we have heard some real horror stories as to how they have been disfellowshipped, ridiculed, hollered at, etc. for keeping the feast where brethren keep it different from the organization they are members of. They have the "sacred calendar" of the Rabbi's shoved down their throats by the great ones of their organizations they are or were members of. These worthless shepherds desire complete obedience to their doctrines, beliefs, and traditions. These "ministers" are evil in their actions and desires towards those who do not keep what they have declared as sole doctrines to be kept by those trapped in their "folds."

For many years I and my family kept the so called “sacred calendar” of the Rabbi’s. We were blessed all the time while doing so for we had no conscience problem with it. The correct name for it is the Rabbinical Calendar or Maimonides Calendar. There is nothing “sacred” about it. It was codified by Maimonides in 1178 or thereabouts. The Jews are very zealous for it and have kept a very accurate understanding of when this current calendar of theirs was instituted and why. I and my family have chosen a different set of criteria to determine the days of meeting with God/Elohim than that. That in no way prevents us from meeting on Rabbinical Calendar dates with other brethren. We are respectful to those we fellowship with on them. There is nothing difficult in it at all. With that said we also keep the days we hold different to them. There are never any disputes or looking down noses from any involved. We all have an overriding desire to serve one another in Godly love. I and my family keep the New Moon/Abib Calendar for many personal reasons as well as scriptural. As most of you understand Leviticus 23:37 instructs us that everything must be kept on its own day and that is why God/Elohim gave us specific days and months to keep the appointed times of meeting on. They are also listed very specifically in Numbers 28-29 as well as Lev. 23. There are different beliefs in the churches as to when these days are in respect to the Gregorian calendar which much of the world keeps on a daily basis for business and pleasure and routines. Brethren are to work out their own salvation and this is one of those area’s we are to do so in. So why would that be a judgment used to separate loved ones?

This does not diminish the importance I place on the calendar criteria which I use. I feel that keeping the appointed times of meeting for worshipping God/Elohim, rehearsing what the days mean, and being in sustained communication with the Creator are very important to the bride of Christ/Messiah. I personally believe it is a watershed doctrine for our times. The NM/Abib calendar to me is all about our Savior/Husband and His body leading up to Pentecost which I believe is the jubilee of the bride. To have a benefactor sit in judgment of myself or anyone else on this would be arrogance in the highest degree. In turn for me to do the same for someone who believes in different calendar criteria would be the same. That would be the same as me judging another for keeping the Passover at 3 pm or on the 15th because I keep it at the start of the 14<sup>th</sup> or for not fellowshipping with one who desires to use Hebrew names when referring to the Father or the Son. With that said I can guarantee you if challenged on my beliefs I will give an answer or a defense for the hope which is in me. We are commanded to do such in 1 Peter 3:15. If I were a member of one of the big corporate churches, that would seal me for being disfellowshipped at the very least. Of course I as well as many of you have experienced that in our distant pasts. Unfortunately more and more brethren are going through those trials today and most of it is calendar related. Actually let’s read what Peter had to say about that kind of behavior. He nails it perfectly and the pattern still is the same today from the great ones.

1 Peter 3:13-17, “And who is he who will harm you if you **become** (growing in grace and knowledge) followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness sake, blessed, do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.”

Just think that was written nearly 2000 year ago yet it describes, in a nut shell, the actions of the “ministers” declaring dominion over the faith of the called of God/Elohim today. We, the body of Christ, need to rally around our brethren who have decided to seek out their own salvation, who have taken a stand and not allowed someone to come between themselves and their Husband any longer, and who have paid a heavy penalty being separated from loved ones in the faith because of their commitment.

Luke 6:22-23; “Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake. Rejoice in that day and jump for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.”

Matthew 5:11; “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.”

Many who hold a different doctrine, are being treated brutally by these worthless shepherds. They are being singled out and judged with the likes of the sexually immoral, fornicators, covetous, idolaters, revilers, drunkards, and extortioners and are being separated from the brethren they have fellowshiped with for many years and even decades. All because some overlord has the spiritual disease of dominion! Paul made it very clear as to what actions and practices should separate us. Even with this said it is still difficult at times to follow through with it. Often we feel we can make a difference in changing a person’s thinking. I have one particular issue/doctrine I have spent a lot of time and resources on to try and do just that. Only God/Elohim knows if it has helped in some of the brethren’s lives. We all have our limits which is actually a good thing. That makes and keeps us reliant on Christ/Messiah and our Father.

I am very proud of my brothers and sisters who are rejecting the dominion of these great ones and answering the knock at the door. That is a great step towards fulfilling part of the resume we read about in Proverbs 31:10-31 in regard to the bride of Christ. It is a difficult road but never forget what our Savior/Husband says to us in wrapping up those verses; 29-31. “Many daughters have done well (nothing to be ashamed of), but you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord/Yehovah, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands, and **let her own works** praise her in the gates.”

Yes we are to seek out our own salvation with fear and trembling all the while making every effort to serve our brothers and sisters in the faith. How are we all doing with that one?

Paul teaches us the following in 2 Corinthians 1:24; “Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith **you** stand.” The worthless shepherds who have inserted themselves between our Savior and His sheep believe they do have dominion over the faith of all the brethren, as well as everything else they have. They can’t conceive of the brethren, under their control, standing on their own faith but rather **only** by their ministerial authority. They would never function in a manner as “fellow workers for their joy!” You will fall in line behind them or pay the penalty.

So why has the calendar issue so enraged and terrified the ministers (great ones) who adhere to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans?

**Because it takes away their perception of control!** Please do not lose sight of this. No other doctrine comes close to that fear of theirs. If they lose control of when the brethren keep the feasts of the Lord they lose their most influential control mechanism. If someone has grown to a point in their relationship with Christ/Messiah, that they believe it is their personal responsibility to be sure of the appointed times of meeting or feasts are correct, then they are no longer a babe who can be kept on a bottle laced with spiritual Ritalin provided by a benefactor and kept in captivity under the delusion of government. That is a horror to a great one, one who has the spiritual disease of wanting dominion over another’s faith. That is not a slight against those who keep the Rabbinical Calendar. Many brethren who are close to us have personally chosen to keep it without any threat of ministerial authority for they have removed themselves from such dominion. Once again very personal, and in my opinion, not a matter to judge another on as to fellowship, just as the apostle Paul so specifically and clearly tells us in Colossians 2:16-17.

So let’s investigate why their calendar criteria (sacred calendar fable) regardless of what it is, will not be used after Christ/Messiah returns. Let us look at the real short answer first before we start to see what calendar criteria may be in place. The reason we have an intercalated calendar and seasons is due to 3 things at this present time.

- 1) We have a sun which based on the earth’s orbit around it takes 365 ¼ days. That is a tropical year.
- 2) We have a moon orbiting the earth which has a lunar year consisting of 12 months which comes to 354 days. That leaves an 11 day disparity between the solar and lunar years.
- 3) We have a 23 degree axis on the earth or atrial tilt. Over the course of the earth orbiting the sun the atrial tilt does not change. This causes one pole of the earth to be facing the

sun for half the cycle and the other pole for the other half of the cycle with the stars remaining consistent to each. Thus we have seasons relevant to the hemispheres during the solar cycle. This also causes science to establish three imaginary lines; the tropic of Cancer, the tropic of Capricorn and the Equator.

- 4) Every 19 tropical years we have 235 synodic months (lunar) in which they catch up to each other and thus a 19 year cycle is established give or take a day.

All of our current calendar criteria are based on these simple facts. Well that is all going to change when Christ/Messiah returns. How so you may be asking? Let us listen to Isaiah to find out when and the magnitude of it.

Isaiah 13:6-13; "Wail for the day of the Lord/Yehovah is at hand. It will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will melt, and they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; they will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; they will be amazed at one another; their faces like flames. Behold the day of the Lord/Yehovah comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible (tyrants). I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, a man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. **THEREFORE I WILL SHAKE THE HEAVENS, AND THE EARTH WILL MOVE OUT OF HER PLACE, IN THE WRATH OF THE LORD/YEHOVAH, AND IN THE DAY OF HIS FIERCE ANGER.**"

The actual Hebrew reads as follows; "Therefore, the heavens I will shake (#7264), and shall move (#7493) the earth out of its place (#4725), in the wrath of Yehovah of Hosts, and in the day of the heat of His anger."

This prophesy about what is going to happen when Christ/Messiah returns is very specific on a number of counts. What we will focus on here is the heavens and the earth. The Creator tells us He will shake (be agitated, quiver, quake) both the heavens (plural) and move (quake, shake) the earth out of its place (standing place or place of location; relative to space occupied or distance between two things).

We are being instructed that the earth will no longer be in the same place relative to the objects occupying the heavens. This is a cataclysmic event of tremendous proportions. But it is done with a purpose as we can read, as well as a defined outcome; there is nothing haphazard about it at all. If the axis of the earth is changed, let's say to a 0 degree tilt relative to the sun. Then we would find that there would be no more hemispheric seasons. That is a huge diversion from what currently exists. But that is just the beginning of the changes that would be in place.

No more tropic of Cancer or Capricorn or for that matter Equator for they are all relative to the current configuration and relationship between the sun and the earth. We could go on here and speculate what could come into play in such a scenario but let us turn to scripture talking about this time period after Christ/Messiah returns. Let us start at the end of the time line given in scripture and work our way back to the millennial rule time line.

Revelation 22:1-2; “And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of the street, and on either side of the river was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

Just so there is no second guessing what the Greek says here lets read it without the words being rearranged into proper English grammar. “And he showed me a clean river of water of life, bright as crystal, coming forth out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In midst of the street of it, and of the river, from here and from there, a tree of life, **producing fruits twelve, according to month one each yielding the fruit of it.** And the leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations.”

We are being instructed here that at this time when New Jerusalem is present on the earth that the tree of life lining the river of life will be producing a different fruit each month and that there will be twelve fruits and thus twelve months. That can't happen if the earth is tilted on a 23 degree axis towards the sun. We are seeing a whole new set of criteria in place at this future time. A twelve month year, no more need for intercalation, otherwise there would need to be a thirteenth fruit mentioned. But that is not the case anywhere in scripture for this time frame being talked about here. Twelve is a very important number in all of the plan of salvation. We know at that time New Jerusalem will have twelve gates and that the twelve apostles will sit in judgment one at each gate. There is more that can be spoken about on that subject but let's see what else is different at that time. Just an identifying point here as to who the leaves are intended for before we proceed; the nations. That is the Gentile nations, for this time frame is about their healing, just as the millennial rule time is about the healing of Israel.

Look what else is changed. Revelation 21:22-23; “But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city **had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it,** for the glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb is its light.”

Here we are at a time when there is no longer a **need** for a physical temple to be found in New Jerusalem and no **need** for the light of the sun or the moon to shine in it as well. The temple had been the focal point of worship to God from Israel. The appointed times of meeting with God had been and currently are determined by the light of the moon, and the start and finish of these specific days by the light of the sun. Psalm 104:19; “He appointed the moon for seasons



(moedim, appointed times or feasts), the sun knows it's going down (duration of a day)." Here we find a time when their light is no longer **needed** for the worship of God. Neither is a physical temple for God the Father and the Lamb have taken over the ultimate fulfillment of them. It certainly appears to me, that the months at this time will have a set number of days in each one no longer being imperfect. Currently that is not the case as to an equal number of days for each month. We currently have either 29 or 30 days in a lunar month, with that being determined by the light of the moon. The reason why is because the actual length of a lunar month is a little more than 29 ½ days in length. A lot changes when the Creator moves the earth out of its **existing standing place relative to the sun and the moon**. Remember here it did not tell us the sun and moon no longer exist but rather there is no need for their light to shine in New Jerusalem for the glory of the Father and the Lamb is there.

Revelation 22:5 tells us, "And there shall be no night there: they need no lamp nor light from the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And They shall reign forever and ever."

Isaiah 24:23; "Then the moon will be disgraced (not gone) and the sun ashamed (not gone); for the Lord/Yehovah of Hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His elders, gloriously."

Isaiah 60: 19-20: "The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the Lord/Yehovah will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. Your sun shall no longer go down, nor will your moon withdraw itself (go dark); for the Lord /Yehovah will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended."

We will no longer have a need to use the light of the sun or the moon for our worship of God/Elohim. That is a huge deviation from what we currently are required to do no matter what calendar criteria we use. But be mindful, that is in the future and is not yet in place so we are required to use what God/Elohim has given us to determine the annual festival dates or as I prefer to call them the appointed times of meeting with God/Elohim. We will all be judged on our own individual works as scripture repeatedly instructs us which is why we are to all seek out our own salvation, for we can't defer that responsibility to another. No blame game at judgment time, just you and your Judge!

Revelation 22:12; "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work."

Revelation 20:12; "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books."

Seek out our own salvation with fear and trembling!

In Revelation we read that the Lamb will be the light of men. That is nothing new to Him. John 1:4 tells us of this role of His. We could actually spend some time on His role as the light a little later as it is relevant to the subject at hand but probably at another time. Let's move backwards now to the millennial rule time frame and see some parallels to those we read about at the time of New Jerusalem. Once again this is the time frame after Isaiah told us the earth's relationship to the sun and moon would be changing.

Ezekiel 47:1; "Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water flowing from under the threshold of the temple towards the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar."

Now down to verse 12; "Along the banks of the river, on this side and that, will grow all trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for medicine."

Look at the similarities here with what we read in Rev. 22:2. Here we have lots of trees along the river giving their fruit each month but in the future the river will be lined with the tree of life giving 12 fruits, one for each month of the year.

Now 46:1; "Thus says the Lord God/Adonay Yehovih; the gateway of the inner court that faces toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and on the day of the New Moon (or start of the month) it shall be opened."

So here we see we still have a sequence of days making a week with six days of work and then a Sabbath rest. We also see we have a New Moon day to start the count of the days in the month. The prophecies we read earlier in Isaiah told us we will not need the light of the moon to determine this just as Revelation 21 did. It is my belief that the scriptures are teaching us that after Christ/Messiah returns we will have a set calendar; of a year consisting of 12 months and each month having an equal number of days and no changing seasons. It will be perfect in its configuration. This will be the result of God/Elohim **moving the earth out of its standing place in relation to the sun and the moon**. Isaiah further instructs us as to this outcome in chapter 66:22-23; "**For as the new heavens and the new earth which I shall make** shall remain before Me, says the Lord/Yehovah, so shall your descendants and your name remain. (Talking to Israel) And it shall come to pass, from one New Moon to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord/Yehovah."

Yes there will be new heavens (plural) and a new earth which Isaiah has told us from the get go. Let's hear him repeat it once again, Isa 13:10 and 13. "For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon

will not cause its light to shine... Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord/Yehovah of Hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.”

New heavens and a new earth will be established at Christ/Messiahs return. Isaiah 13 and 66 could not be clearer. This is all easy to understand if we believe the scriptures. Mankind will be humbled at this time in many ways but as we know not permanently yet. This is but the second round in the event. The first one took place at the time of the great flood. There will be another one after this time frame as well when Satan is released after the millennial rule. We have a very patient and long suffering Creator.

So why is this information so important to us at this time?

Because there are worthless shepherds beating down brethren who are only following the natural progression of growing in grace and knowledge and seeking out their own salvation. A true shepherd or pastor uses that function to edify the brethren, to build them up, to be a partaker in their joy as they come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ not to some corporate organization of men. I recently read, actually listened to a recording, where one of the little (in rank) ministers in one of the big corporate organizations used those same words to proclaim dominion over the members of that organization and how it gives them (the worthless shepherds and their proselytes shaped in their image and likeness) the authority to disfellowship any and all who disagree with their (self) righteous doctrines to which many are in the classification of fables, and delusions of grandeur. The calendar issue is a terror to them, but there are others as well.

I personally consider the calendar doctrine and the love of God as two watershed doctrines of our time. It is my belief that it is our personal responsibility to be keeping the actual appointed days of meeting with our Creator, as well as loving the brethren regardless of the state they are to be found in. To me those are two challenges the bride faces at this time of confusion and time of the love of many waxing cold. The scriptural patterns are full of why for each one. Christ tells us in the parable of the 10 virgins we are to be ready for His return if we want to be in the number which will be included into the wedding supper. Matthew 25:6 and 10 tell us there is a time that we need to be ready and many other scriptures tell us to watch so we are not caught unaware of His arrival. “And at midnight a cry was heard: Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet Him! 10) And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with Him to the wedding: and the door was shut.”

This is a very important lesson here for all of us to learn in a very personal way. Please do not let any man come between you and your betrothed. We are to be ready or we miss out on the wedding supper. The scoffers and great ones twist many of the scriptures to point us to

themselves and to ridicule our reliance on scriptural patterns which we are allowed to understand through the spirit of God. Let's be clear about one thing. There is a specific number who will comprise the bride of Christ. How do we know this? Because many scriptures tell us so. It is a set number which has not been fulfilled as of yet. How do we know this? Because Christ/Messiah has not yet returned. Revelation tells us it is 144,000 who will be with Him at the wedding supper on mount Zion. Revelation 14:1-5 and elsewhere. Matthew 22: 1-14 tells us about the wedding supper process and sums it up that many are called and few chosen for it (verse 14). Exodus 12:3-4 tells us there is a set number who will internalize the Lamb of God in the Fathers household. That will be those who comprise the bride during this phase of the plan of salvation. When that number is completed Christ will return for them to move on with the plan. That is why so many of us are seeking out our own salvation as to the appointed times of meeting and the love we have for one another. Two very important qualifying factors of our time. The scoffers use scriptures like Matthew 24:36 to attempt to ridicule our understandings. In doing so they show their ignorance of scriptural patterns and their desire to have dominion over our faith. Let's take a moment and discuss this one scripture as an example of what I have just stated. "But of that day and hour (the return of Christ) no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only." How do you respond to this? The reason why only the Father knows is because He is the one who does the calling. Not Jesus, not the angels, not any man. That places the timing completely in the Fathers hands to control. If He wants to speed up the process based on, "many are called and few chosen" He will call more at any given time He desires. The same pertains to slowing it down for He would call less. He has set a number for His household who will internalize the Passover Lamb of His household. It is a set number which has not yet been reached because the fullness of the Gentiles has not yet been included under the terms of the second covenant. Surely, such an important day as to Christ's return for the bride and the onset of the wedding supper is listed in one of the annual rehearsals or appointed times. Thus there is a day assigned for it. Which one? Keep in mind the only one which needs to be counted to determine each year is Pentecost. The Rabbinical Calendar has all the days numerically calculated from year to year including Pentecost so that one knows every single date decades in advance. The NM/Abib calendar does not. Each and every year is standalone depending on when the critical criteria are ready to indicate its start. At midnight the cry goes out that He is returning. They are then to go out and meet Him. That tells me we know shortly before so we can trim our lamps and get moving. Obviously some are ready and some are not for they are not expecting Him at that time. This is all very personal to each and every one of us. No one can do it for us other than ourselves dinning with Christ/Messiah. None of this is a roll of the dice. It is all there for our understanding. I have no problem with another choosing a different way than myself but I will not sit silent when asked about my understanding or when a great one is trying to impose his dominion over the faith of another. That does not mean I am

telling you what to do but rather accepting you for what you know and for being a brother or sister in the faith who is following a similar but different application of a personal belief.

The doctrine as to the criteria being kept to know the appointed times of meeting will undergo changes in the future, but for the present there is only one set of criteria which will put us on the correct day of His return in my opinion for the Father is not wishy-washy. I believe it to be the New Moon/Abib calendar criteria. As important an understanding as it is I do not believe brethren who keep a different calendar understanding should be ousted from the midst of brethren they have loved and fellowshiped with for years, no more than someone using a Hebrew name in reference to God or Christ. Of course I am not talking about an antagonist who gets in your face. When you ask someone not to act like that and they continue, that is a different matter (Titus 3:10, etc.). However if you ask someone for a reason for the hope which is in them you should be prepared to hear something different from what you hold dear to yourself. It is to be conducted in meekness and fear. We should follow the example Christ/Messiah displayed throughout the gospels, nothing more as well as nothing less. That in itself is offensive to some, especially the great ones and the fuzzy, feely, touchy types. It is not an opportunity to shove something down someone else's throat. If they want to eat of it they will do so in their own time and place.

There is a lot more which could be discussed at this time about the future calendar criteria from scripture. However, it is not necessary for our qualifying to be the bride at this time, in my opinion. I have only brought it up now in brevity to illustrate that the coveted "sacred calendar" of the organizations is not sacred by any stretch of the imagination and should not be used as a club to beat brethren, who are in good conscience, seeking out their own salvation.

We are all accountable for what we know and will be judged on our own works. I suggest we often read Proverbs 31:10-31 to get our bearings. Envision these attributes in a spiritual context and then meditate on how you personally can put them into action in the body of Christ. Work on the ones you feel comfortable with first and then take on the others one at a time while you are still functioning in the ones you are comfortable in. Be patient with yourself. God/Elohim has given mankind seven thousand years to get it straight. It is all about answering the knock at the door and overcoming at this time. However it does involve work and testing so think longsuffering at the onset, but longsuffering as our Savior/Husband gave us example. When one part of the body suffers it all suffers. We have many parts of the body which are presently suffering terribly. What are we doing about it on our level? Hopefully we are not adding to it.

Our peace we give to you.

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