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Introduction

This chapter will investigate the meaning of "moon and month" as they are translated and used in scripture. Our investigation takes us through the Hebrew and English translations to discover the root meaning of both words. The information offers a crucial key that will help unlock the mystery surrounding Alohym's accurate solar calendar.

"New Moon" or "New Month"

Our investigation begins with the Hebrew word "month," Chodesh (בחדש). Strong's Concordance H2320, by implication, means; <u>a month</u>, <u>month</u> (-ly), or solar month. The root of Chodesh is "chadash," (הדש" khaw-dash' Strong's H2318 meaning; a primitive ("root"); to be new; causatively, to rebuild. KJV: renew repair.

Let's take a look at three random examples of the word "Chodesh" (Strong's H2320), as written in scripture:

- a) "And the waters decreased continually until the tenth *month*^{H2320}: in the tenth month, on the <u>first day of the month</u>^{H2320}, were the tops of the mountains seen" (Genesis 8: 5)
- b) "In the third *month*^{H2320}, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai" (Exodus 19: 1)
- c) "In the fourteenth day of the first *month*^{H2320} at even is the LORD'S Passover" (Leviticus 23:5)

Now that you have seen a few examples of the word "Chodesh" H2320 (בחדש), month as translated in English, let's investigate the Hebrew word "Yareach" (ירח) Strong's H3394, which translates into the English word; moon. There are 41 instances of "moon" in the Old Testament; nine were transcribed incorrectly. In these instances, the translators inserted "moon" when the correct word should have been "month." So, to answer the obvious question, why were these nine scriptures mistranslated? Let's begin this investigation by looking into the Hebrew language.

What do the two words, moon "Yareach" and month "Chodesh," have in common? Is there any typical root relationship between these two words? Let's begin by reviewing the Hebrew root letters which make up each word starting with "Yareach," which are (Yod -', Resh -¬, and Chet -¬), and now to the word "Chodesh" (Beyt -¬, Chet -¬, Dalet -¬, and Shin -¬). There is only one joint letter in a review of both words (Cheth -¬). Note; most ancient Hebrew words derive from a two-letter parent root structure, and since neither word possesses a common parent root, it establishes the terms "moon and month" are not related.

Now let's look into the English language and see if the words "moon and month" are somehow related. According to Dictionary.com, "moon" is a noun that can be used as a verb but has NO synonyms or antonyms related to the term "month." Simply put, the words "moon and month" have NO relationship in English, for that matter, any other language. Of course, one cannot say "Chodesh" due to vowel point error; a mistranslation occurred; whatever the intent, false calendars and doctrine have infiltrated Alohym ecclesia.

➤ Getting the facts right:

The Hebrew word "Chodesh" (English: month) has nothing to do with the Hebrew word "yareach" (English: "moon"). The term "Chodesh" (or "month") is correctly translated 250 times in the Old Testament as "month." However, the word "Chodesh" (or "month") is erroneously translated 21 times in the Old & New Testaments as "new moon" or "new moons." Because "Chodesh" means "month/renewal" and not "moon"! With the above facts in mind, wouldn't you agree that whenever the word "Chodesh" is translated as "moon" (instead of the month), it is a gross mistranslation? Absolutely!

Satan has used this gross error to mislead the world and the ecclesia concerning the truth about Alohym's calendar. Because of this deceitful and manipulative insertion of the word "moon" in the definition of "Chodesh," Satan has led the world and the Church-at-large to wrongly focus on the various phases of the moon to determine the months and "Alohym's Feast days"! Because of wrong preconceived ideas based on an allegiance to false religion, physical and spiritual Israel, today have a calendar based on a mistaken premise! As a result, the Church keeps Alohym Feast days and Sabbaths on the bad days!

Deuteronomy 16:1 is an important scripture that must be looked at closely. Notice: v1; "Observe (Strong's H8104) the month (Strong's H2320 from 2318) of Abib...."

"Observe" ($sa \cdot mo \cdot wr^{H8104}$ [Strong's H8104]-be diligently careful to keep, watch. preserve) "the month" ($ho \cdot des^{2320}$ {"chodesh" – from "chadash" meaning renew or repair} [Strong's H2320 from H2318]) "of Abib, and keep" ($wg \cdot a \cdot si \cdot ta^{6213}$ "and celebrate") "the passover...."

Earlier in this part of the study, we saw how the Hebrew word for "month" is "Chodesh," which comes from the root word "chadash." "Chadash" means "renewal." "Observe the month of Abib" would be better translated as "Observe the *renewal* of Abib." The renewal of Abib is the first day of the first month. We have already seen in the Bible; the word "Chodesh" translated into "month" or "new moon" (*See Page two (2) for more information*). Strangely, the translators took it upon themselves to decide when to translate "Chodesh" into "new moon" or "month." In Deuteronomy 16: 1, we are told to observe the renewal of Abib, which refers to the observance of the first day of the first month. (See 2 Chronicles. 29:17 and Exodus 40; 1, 2, 9-15, 34-38) Take notice of all the anointing and consecration

in Exodus 40? The question is, how exactly are we to observe the first day of the first month? Notice Exodus 12:24

v24; "And ye shall observe^{H8104}" (diligently keep, watch, preserve) "this thing" (referring to the Passover) "for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever".

The word "observe" is used to refer to something that we should "diligently keep," "watch," and "preserve." So when Alohym uses this word "observe" in Deuteronomy 16:1, He is not telling us to "watch out for the month of Abib," something much more profound! He is telling us to keep it "preserved." The word "observe" in verse 1 is H8104 in Strong's and, among other things, literally means "to keep." We are to "Keep the renewal of Abib"; in other words, we are to "keep the first day of the month of Abib"; this is what Deuteronomy 16:1 tells us. (See other verses such as Exodus 31:16, Exodus 34:11, and Leviticus 19:37 and others to prove that the word "observe" means to literally "keep," "watch," or "preserve):

Exodus 31:16; "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep^{H8104} (keep, watch, preserve) the Sabbath, to observe (la·a·so·wth^{H6213} – celebrate) the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant".

"Observe^{H8104} thou that which I command thee this day..." (Exodus. 34:11)

Alohym tells us to observe the renewal, or the first day, of the first month. Please keep this in mind as we proceed through the rest of this study.

First day of the First Month Observance

In the Old Testament, there are <u>eight</u> scriptures written explicitly with the word order; *first [day] of the first month*, or *first [month] in the first [day] of the month*. This style of scriptural writing is also found in the Ethiopic Book of Jubilees', but written as such, [*at the new moon (month) the first month*]. These scriptural interpretations mean; "*at the beginning or first day of the first month*," but the translator again decided to insert moon instead of a month; error begets error. Below is the list of 8 scriptures mentioned above; Genesis 8:13, Exodus 40:2, Ex 40:17, 2 Chronicles 29:17, Ezra 7:9, Ezra 10:17, Ezekiel 29:17, Ezekiel 45:18.

In taking the time to review these scriptures, you will come to notice that they all have something to do with,

- a) the tabernacle, being setting up or rearing up
- b) the sanctification of the LORD's house and animal sacrifice.
- c) the word of God being given

I will hint at the one thing they all have in common; these events happened on the Sabbath! Remember, the first day of the first month (Abib) is the beginning Sabbath day for the New Year.

✓ Commentary

Remember, the Levites were the keepers of the temple and served Alohym and the priests. According to scripture, the Levites worked on the Sabbath, performing temple duties that did not transgress the law.

> The Dead Sea Scrolls - First day of the First Month Observance

As a second witness to the *First day of the year, First Month* observance, the Dead Sea Scrolls state this exact information. The information found in the Dead Sea Scrolls came from - The Temple Scroll {11QT=11Q19-21, 4Q365A, 4Q524}; let's read.

On the first day of the [first] month [the months (of the year) shall start; it shall be the first month] of the year [for you. You shall do no] work. [You shall offer a he-goat for a sin-offering.] It shall be offered by itself to explate [for you. You shall offer a holocaust: a bullock], a ram, [seven yearli]ng ram lambs [without blemish] ...

As another witness to the above excerpt from the Dead Sea Scrolls, we need to review the Number 28:9-11, let's read.

v9; And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour [for] a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof: v10; [This is] the burnt offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering. v11; And in the *beginnings of your months* ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot;

✓ <u>Commentary</u>

Only the priesthood (Aaronic) performed animal sacrifices in scriptural references on the First Day of the First Month and a Sabbath day. Later in this research, you will discover three other times of the year (beginnings of your Months) that refer to the beginning seasonal Sabbath days.

> 21 Errored Scriptural References: "New moon corrected "new month".

In this section, you will read the gross error in which the translators inserted "<u>new moon or moons</u>" instead of the correct phrase "new months." As you read through the scriptures below, 90% of these refer to; Sabbaths and Feast days.

- 1 Samuel 20:5; And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow [is] the new moon^{H2320} ("new month") and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third [day] at even.
- 1 Samuel 20:18; Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow [is] the new moon^{H2320} ("new month") and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.
- 1 Samuel 20:24; So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon^{H2320} ("new month") was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.
- 2 Kings 4:23; And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? [it is] neither new moon^{H2320} ("new month") nor <u>Sabbath</u>. And she said, [It shall be] well.
- 1 Chronicles 23:31; And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD <u>in the sabbaths</u>, in the new moons^{H2320} ("new months"), and <u>on the set feasts</u>, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD:
- 2 Chronicles 31:3; also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings <u>for the sabbaths</u>, and for the new moons^{H2320} ("new month"), and <u>for the set feasts</u>, as written in the law of the LORD.
- 2 Chronicles 2:4; Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my Alohym, to dedicate [it] to him, [and] to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, <u>on the sabbaths</u>, and on the new moon^{H2320} ("new month"), and <u>on the solemn feasts</u> of the LORD our Alohym. This for ever to Israel.
- 2 Chronicles 8:13; Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, <u>on the sabbaths</u>, and on the new moon^{H2320} ("new month"), and on the <u>solemn feasts</u>, three times in the year, [even] in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles
- Nehemiah 10:33; For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons^{H2320} ("new month") for the <u>set feasts</u>, and for the holy [things], and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and [for] all the work of the house of our Alohym.
- Ezra 3:5; And afterward [offered] the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons^{H2320} ("new months"), and of all the <u>set feasts</u> of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.
- Psalm 81:3; Blow up the trumpet in the new moon^{H2320} ("new month") in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

- Isaiah 1:13; Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moon^{H2320} ("new month") and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; iniquity, even the <u>solemn meeting</u>.
- Isaiah 1:14; Your new moons^{H2320} ("new months") and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear [them].
- Isaiah 66:23; And it shall come to pass, [that] from one new moon^{H2320} ("new month") to another, and from <u>one sabbath</u> to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.
- Ezekiel 45:17; And it shall be the prince's part [to give] burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons^{H2320} ("new months"), and in the <u>sabbaths</u>, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the <u>meat offering</u>, and the <u>burnt offering</u>, and the <u>peace offerings</u>, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.
- Ezekiel 46:1; Thus saith the Lord ALOHYM; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but <u>on the sabbath</u> it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon^{H2320}: ("new month") it shall be opened.
- Ezekiel 46:3; Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons^{H2320} ("new month").
- Ezekiel 46:6; And in the day of the new moon^{H2320} ("new month") <u>a young bullock without</u> <u>blemish</u>, and <u>six lambs</u>, and <u>a ram</u>: they shall be without blemish.
- Hosea 2:11; I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons^{H2320} ("new month") and her <u>sabbaths</u>, <u>and all her solemn feasts</u>.
- Amos 8:5; Saying, When will the new moon^{H2320} ("new month") be gone, that we may sell corn? <u>and the sabbath</u>, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?
- Colossians 2:16; Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an <u>holyday</u>, or of the new moon^{G3561}, ("new month^{G3376}") <u>or of the sabbath [days]</u>

<u>Editor's Note</u>: Colossians 2:16; the phrase "new moon^{G3561}" is derived from the two words G3501, (neos neh'-os): meaning "New or Young," KJV, and G3376 (men mane), meaning "month." So again, we see that Strong's and the translators inserted "new moon" instead of "new month." This error is consistent with all the "new moon" phrases found throughout scripture, giving a false impression that Alohym solar calendar is somehow Lunar-based, quite the opposite and far from the truth. Let's look at the scriptural analyzer; you will see the error yourself.

Let's review the Interlinear Scriptural Analyzer concerning Colossians 2:16. Here, the Greek word " $\nu o \upsilon \mu \eta \nu \iota \alpha \zeta$," meaning; young month, should have been used in driving the point home. But, once again, we see the translators inserting their religious bias and not understanding the meaning of the phrase "new months" from the Hebrew language.

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Here again, read the evidence in the "red box," which states "OF YOUNG MONTH"; this is the correct translation from the Greek language and the combination of the two Greek words G3501 and G3376, which were explained above. In the case of verse 16, scripture clearly shows that in the New Testament, the holy days, "new month," and Sabbaths were, in fact, all Sabbath days under Alohym's accurate solar calendar. [Note: No artificial calendar can state this fact]

• The Misunderstood Moon Meaning: Psalms 104:19

In studying the word of Alohym, we find scripture that seems to give credence that the moon has something to do with Alohym's Calendar. One of these scriptures is Psalms 104:19, which says:

v19; "He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down"

To your right is Psalms 104:19, taken out of the Interlinear Scripture Analyzer, of which you can read both English and Hebrew translations, their differences, and their similarities. At first read, it seems the moon has something to do with Alohym's festivals and Sabbath days, but is this true?

Our investigation into this scripture will bring new meaning, starting with the original language translation of the words "<u>He appointed</u>^{H6213}", <u>"the moon</u>^{H3394}, and <u>"for seasons</u>^{H4150}". Discovering

Psalms 104:19	WLC	WLC_t	Strong CHES							
AV . He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.										
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the true root meanings of these words shed entirely new light on this scripture, so let's get started.

✓ Commentary

Investigating word meanings, especially when using Strong's as a reference source, needs a second witness, such as "The Interlinear Bible." Why do this? Because the English language has evolved since the (revised) 1611 and 1620 King James Bibles were written. Another great source of information we use is the "Interlinear Scriptural Analyzer." It is accessible on the internet at "Scripture 4 All" ttps:// www.scripture4all.org/download/download_ISA2.php (Now getting back to the truth of the matter)

As a researcher, the old English, Latin and Greek translators had no easy task in converting the Hebraic writings into an understandable translation. Inherent with language translations, misconceptions appear, proving the English translators <u>did not wholly understand</u> the Hebraic culture, which accounts for many scriptural errors throughout the Bible. Let's begin with a quick review of Psalms 104:19.

• v19; <u>He appointed H6213</u> the moon H3394 for seasons H4150 the sun H8121 knoweth H3045 his going down H3996.

The word "yareach" H3394, <u>ירח</u> - meaning; "Moon," comes from the root "yerach" H3391, <u>ירח</u> sense; a lunation, i.e., moon or (moon) month. Dictionary.com states the word "<u>lunation</u>" is the period from one new moon to the next (about 29½ days), a lunar month. Interestingly enough, the moon has its lunar cycle, as stated above, which is different from Alohym's calendar, of which each month has 30 days. Since the word "moon" isn't the root of the problem in Psalms 104:19, let's move on to the terms "appointed and seasons," where there is much confusion.

Take a minute and review verse 19. Notice the words "appointed and seasons," which have different Strong's numbers and meanings, according to the Hebrew language. The English translators have interrelated these two terms. According to Dictionary.com and Thesaurus.com, 24 synonyms and 12 antonyms relate to the word "<u>appointed</u>." But, shockingly enough, not one of those 36 related words has any connection to the word "<u>made</u>, <u>make</u>, or <u>create</u>." Likewise, "season" has 15 synonyms non-associated with the word "appointed." Let's go deeper into Hebrew and see if we can get to the bottom of this confusion.

Let's investigate the word "season or seasons," as stated in verse 19, translated from the Hebrew word "mu'od" ("mow'ed, mo-ade") *meanings; "appointment,"* Strong's H4150. Here is where the confusion

begins as the English translators associate the following words with "mu'od," notice; (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) <u>season</u>, solemn (-ity), synagogue, (set) time. To begin clearing up the word confusion, we will use the (AHL) <u>Ancient Hebrew Lexicon</u>, giving us a more real betrayal of the word "mu'od," AHL-1349L Appointment: as translated into English; let's review.

• AHL 1349 L) TO YAND) ac: Meet co: Appointment; an appointed place, time or event that is repeated such as the monthly and yearly feasts.

The above information from the Ancient Hebrew Lexicon is a true and concrete definition of "mu'od." The Ancient Hebrew Lexicon also offered the <u>Masoretic script</u> [ms:] – changes from the KJV Bible. In the following description of "mu'od," notice a slight shift in lettering; let's review.

AHL 1349 L – V) a^m) ביאין (אד MW-AhD)[ms: מעד meaning; Appointment, A time that is repeated time after time. Take notice of the slightly different letter variation (underlined in red) of the word "mu'od". (Keep these differences in mind as we move forward)

Next, what you are about to read comes from the Ancient Hebrew Lexicon concerning the <u>Masoretic</u> <u>Script</u>. The symbolism **[ms:]** represents the Masoretic Script of the Bible, which removes one of the consonant vowels and replaces it with one of the nikkud (vowel pointing's). The Masoretic script comes out of the 2nd Century Sage writings. This writing style has built-in language issues, of which the Seder Olam Rabbah is one of those documents. The Jewish Sages wrote the document to blind Gentile believers from knowing Alohym's appointed times concerning Messiah's death and soon-coming arrival.

In light of correcting the various word issues within Psalms 104:19, the revised and rendered scripture is with the proper flow and terms.

- v19; <u>the moon^{H3394} perfoms^{H6213}</u> his Appointments for^{H4150} his setting^{H3996} [the] sun^{H8121} he knoweth^{H3045}.
 - (Or)
- v19; <u>the moon H3394</u> <u>accomplishes</u> H6213 his Appointments for H4150 his setting H3996 [the] sun H8121 he knoweth H3045.

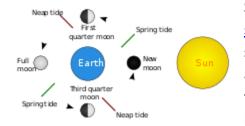
In Conclusion, Psalms 104:19 has nothing to do with Alohym's Sabbaths or Feast days. However, as believers, we must ensure that what we read is accurate. In many respects, the English translators were ignorant of the Hebrew culture, causing many gross errors leading Alohym's people to destruction. Psalms 104:19 is no exception, proving that the littlest error can cause awful issues.

Question; what are these appointments the moon performs as David praises Alohym for His creation and great marvels? Well, here is the answer, David is talking about the tides of the Earth and how the

Moon and Sun affect those tides called "spring and neap tides (Reference is Wikipedia)

Main article: Tidal range

The semi-diurnal range (the difference in height between high and low waters over about half a day) varies in a two-week cycle. Approximately twice a month, around <u>new moon</u> and <u>full moon</u> when the



Sun, Moon, and Earth form a line (a configuration known as a <u>syzygy^[9]</u>), the <u>tidal forces</u> are due to gravitational forces of a secondary body such as the Earth or Moon. The tide's range is then at its maximum; this is called the **spring tide**. It is not named after the <u>season</u>, but, like that word, derives from the meaning "jump, burst forth, rise", as in a natural spring.

When the Moon is in the <u>first quarter</u> or <u>third quarter</u>, the Sun and Moon are separated by 90° when viewed from the Earth, and the solar, tidal force partially cancels the Moon's. At these points in the lunar cycle, the tide's range is at its minimum, called the neap tide, or neaps. Neap is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "without the power," as in fordganges nip (forth-going without the power). [10]

Spring tides result in high waters that are higher than average, low waters that are lower than average, 'slack water' time that is shorter than average, and stronger tidal currents than average. Conversely, neaps result in less-extreme tidal conditions. There is about a seven-day interval between springs and neaps.

Before moving forward, let's read what the Prophet Jeremiah has to say about the "ordinances of the moon" here in Jeremiah 31:35, let's read.

 v35; Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, [and] the <u>ordinances</u> of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts [is] his name:

Here we read the ordinances of the moon with the stars for light at night regulate the waves of the sea, i.e., the tides; this is what is being expressed by David in Psalms 104:19.

In Retrospect: Consider

In all the scriptural evidence presented here in chapter 4, could it have been mistranslated of the words "moon or month"? Could it be that the translators of the King James Bible truly did not understand the structure of Alohym's calendar, thus relying on a "not even" close second used by Judaism? Consider; Alohym's new month scriptural references are almost always associated with Sabbath days, whereas new moons, according to Judaism, are not; which is more important?

✤ A Story to Remember

I want to relay a story from the Bible about when the Israelites crossed over into the Promised Land, and their first obstacle was the City of Jericho, which means "moon city." Jericho was the seat of Canaanite moon worship, whose God was Yerach, directly traced to Babylonian worship.

Interestingly, the first physical battle that the Israelites encountered after leaving Sinai was defeating Jericho, in essence, their Moon God "Yerach," which is also the physical and spiritual battle we, as believers, have to overcome. Coming out of Spiritual Egypt and the religious Babylonian system of today is not an easy transition, which needs careful thought. So be Berean, study hard, and show yourself worthy of running the race..