

THE TWELVE HEBREW MONTHS

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1. Nissan – Abib (Aviv) The Month of Judah (March/April)

NISSAN/ABIB AT A GLANCE

NISSAN/ABIB (30 days – March/April)

Appointed Times: Passover, Unleavened Bread, and Firstfruits.

Alphabet: *Hei* – Pictures wind, breath, and praise

Tribe: Judah (means praise) The month of thanking God for deliverance

Characteristics: Repentance, Redemption, and Beginning of Miracles

This is a month for you to watch your speech, which provides the ability to express your deepest feelings and insights.

This is also the time to put your best foot forward.

Constellation: Aries, the ram (lamb) – celebrate the Passover lamb as heaven and earth connect.

Color/Stone: Dark Red and Sky Blue/Garnet or Blue Topaz

The Hebraic month of **Nissan** or **Abib/Aviv** is the first of the twelve months in the Jewish calendar. Abib is a Hebraic term for the stage of growth of grain when the seeds have reached full size. The harvest was waved

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before the Lord this month (Lev. 23:4-11). As you pray over your *firstfruits* giving and other offerings during this month, wave your gift before the Lord declaring that the fullness of your harvest is being secured and that every seed you sow will prosper in new ways.

As the “first of months” of the Hebrew Year and our “*Passover*” month when we fully cross into the new season, we are standing at our Promised Land and preparing to enter a new season of inheritance. Allow the Lord to deliver you from every hindrance that would keep you from entering your place of fulfillment.

Every month is linked with an understanding of one of the twelve tribes. This is the month linked with the tribe of **Judah** - the apostolic leadership, warring tribe, who knew how to operate with sound. This is a key time to PRAISE! Remember, Judah goes first! This is also the time of spring when kings go out to war (2 Sam. 10:1). Even if you are in a season of peace, you must discern what could encroach on your boundaries and war for what is rightfully yours. Allow this to be a season when you war for your covenant promises; do not hesitate to loose a sound of praise that will break you into a new dimension of victory and wholeness. Arise with faith, declare that the power of the Blood of Jesus has set you free, and know that your path of healing and miracles is now before you!

Originally, the Hebrew year started in the month of Tishri, but when God initiated Passover, He put Israel into a yearly cycle of redemption and commanded that Nissan now be the head of the months. In fact, the first commandment given to the newly born nation when they prepared to leave Egypt was: "*This month* [the month of

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Nissan] *shall be for you the first of the months*" (Exodus 12:2).

So while the Hebrew **years** are still numbered from Tishrei (The first of Tishrei is Rosh HaShanna, the head of the year), the **months** are now numbered from Nissan. That's why the Jewish "New Year" begins at the start of the seventh month.

Nissan, one of the most important months, begins the season of spring. Studying the season and the concept of spring through the Word of God is insightful. One of the Hebrew words for spring is also the word for repentance. Spring is a wonderful picture of repentance as you are coming out of a dead winter season and positioning yourself to bring forth new life and to flourish.

The three months of the spring season—Nissan, Iyar, Sivan—correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Judah—Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun—who were situated to the east of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. In the Torah, Nissan is referred to as "the month of the spring."

Nissan is the month of Passover, and the entire month is a prolonged festival. It's the month of redemption, the month of the beginning of miracles, and the month that sets the course for your future.

Nissan is associated with the Hebrew letter *Hei* which signifies violent praise. To the Jews, the letter *Hei* pictured the wind blowing through a lattice over a window. Prophetically this signifies a window with the wind of God blowing down into you every year. The Spirit of God needs to blow on you during this month.

Since Nissan is associated with the tribe of Judah, which means, "praise," and Judah "goes first," the first month, Nissan, is Judah's month. As you go through the

Bible and look at everything related to the first month, you will see a pattern depicting the relationship of the feasts to the months. You will learn to read your Bible in a new way.

This is the month of *redemption* so you would want to be sure to ask God to enter into the full redemptive plan for your life. Redemption means that a price has been paid for you, which unlocks every prison door that has held you captive. Make a list of your prison doors and declare that you are opening and passing through each one.

Nissan is the month of the beginning of miracles. God has called some of you to operate in miracles, which are part of your gifting and destiny. The gift of miracles is a unique and powerful anointing.

Nissan is associated with our speech: the ability to express our deepest feelings and insights. If you are making negative confessions during Nissan, you will have trouble the rest of the year. Negative confession will take seed in you, instead of positive confessions grabbing the wind and changing your atmosphere into blessings.

Speaking forth our thankfulness to God for our deliverance is of key importance during this month. I feel like this is one of the biggest needs for Christians. Those who do not celebrate Passover fail to pull aside and remember where they have come from and thank God for bringing them out of the bondage of sin. I love to thank Him for how He is continuing to deliver me.

This month is associated with the constellation of Aries, the ram (lamb), which is very appropriate for Passover. The heavens really are declaring God's glory! Do not let that grouping of stars scare you. God created

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the stars in heaven as markers in the sky (Gen. 1:14). In previous chapters 5, 6 and 13, Robert Heidler explained the importance of why God created the stars and constellations to provide signs to give us revelation of the seasons and days and years. How appropriate that God would have the Passover lamb celebrated during this month as heaven and earth connect.

A person recently came to me with a dream about a lamb. I immediately knew that they needed to look back and see what was going on in their life in April. They needed to observe what was happening as far as their sacrifice of worship. You will be able to make the prophetic connection with your dreams when you understand the prophetic significance of the months.

Nissan is a time to put your best foot forward, just as Israel did when they headed out of Egypt toward the Promised Land. So step forth in strength and consider where the Lord is leading you in the coming year.

Biblically, Nissan signifies the “New Year of Kings.” This month is when many political changes will take place. This is a great time to evaluate every political structure or organization with which you are aligned or involved.

Nissan is the controller month. A controller in a business enterprise or institution is the chief accounting officer who has the authority to guide or manage economic activities and performance. The fact that the tax system of our nation is linked to this month is no coincidence. This is the month to learn to fish. Jesus said that if you can't pay your taxes, go catch a fish and get your tax payment out of the fish's mouth.

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This is the time to evaluate your life carefully and consider where you are positioned. Now is the time to set things right for the coming season. Pray and ask the Lord to give you strategies to rightly align in these times. If you submit to the Lord and are in the right place at the right time, your life will align with God's purposes and plan.

2. Iyar – The Month of Issachar (April/May)

IYAR AT A GLANCE

IYAR (29 days – April/May)

Alphabet: *VAV* – “connection, linking”

Tribe: Issachar – The month to understand secrets

Characteristics: Natural healing manifests dealing with processing thoughts, dealing with the conscience of the soul, and receiving spiritual advice. This is the time to contemplate numbers whether they come by a dream, a vision or divine revelation.

Constellation: Taurus (the bull) – looking and observing to find a place of strength

Color/Stone: Royal Blue/Lapis

Iyar is the second of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. In the Bible, the month of Iyar is often called the month of Ziv, meaning “radiance.” This month is commonly referred to as the month of (natural) healing. Its name is an acronym for “*I AM God your Healer.*” (Exodus 15:26)

Iyar is associated with the tribe of Issachar, which is known for its anointing to understand the times and to understand secrets.

This month is linked with light, which signifies increased revelation. Light is the opposite of darkness. If darkness tries to overtake you, this month say, “No. I am *increasing* in revelation.” Isaiah 60 says that the glory can be seen on you and radiates off of you. This is the month you need to light up with His glory.

To understand Iyar, we can look at what happened to Israel coming out of Egypt. Nissan, the first month, was the month of leaving Egypt, and Sivan, the third month, was the month they arrived in Sinai and Torah was given. So Iyar is a month of transition, which pictures the journey from Egypt to Mount Sinai. That very important transition involved much more than a geographical change. God’s people were transitioning to a new level in their relationship with Him. During this time, God began to reveal His covenant secrets to them.

When Israel passed out of Egypt, they *knew* they were God’s people, but they didn’t know much *about* GOD. They had no Bible. All they had were a few stories passed down through the generations about how God appeared to Abraham. They had lived as slaves in Egypt and knew about the Egyptian gods. But they didn’t know much about the God that had rescued them from captivity. So God put them into His “covenant school” to teach them His nature. This school was not conducted in a classroom, but in the life-and-death realities of the wilderness.

When Moses led Israel through the Red Sea, they traveled into the desert for three days without finding water. Finally they came to the Oasis of Marah, but the water was too bitter to drink. Two million people in the middle of the wilderness with no water to drink created a serious situation.

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So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. God was saying, "Moses, let me tell you a secret. I can heal bitter water. See that piece of wood? Put it in the water and see what happens." Moses threw the wood into the water, and the water was healed.

God demonstrated His power to change their situation by healing the bitter water. But then God said, "And Moses, I not only heal water—I heal people!" In that context God gave His people a key covenant promise: "If you listen to My voice, I will keep you well...for I AM the LORD, who heals you" (Ex. 15:26).

So during the month of Iyar God revealed one of his most important covenant names, "YAHWEH RAPHA."

But then, in Exodus 16, Israel grumbled again. This time, they had run out of food. God said to Moses, "*I have heard Israel's grumbling. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God'*" (Ex. 16:12). That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning, God sent manna.

God revealed another covenant secret by showing them that He is YAHWEH JAIRA—the Lord who sees and provides.

In Exodus 17, Israel was attacked by the Amalekites. Moses went to the top of the hill and raised His hands. As long as his hands were raised, they won; but when he put his hands down, they lost. So Aaron and Hur helped Moses keep his hands up, and they won the battle.

In that context, they learned that praise is a key to victory! God had revealed another aspect of His covenant.

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He is YAHWEH NISSI—the Lord, my Banner of Victory.

So in Iyar, God revealed His covenant secrets. He is our healer. He is our provider. He is our banner of victory over every enemy.

Do you begin to get a feel for what God wants to do in your life as you move through each year with Him month by month?

God wants you to *reconfirm* your covenant at *Passover* in the FIRST MONTH!

...so He can to reveal the secrets of His covenant in the SECOND MONTH!

...and then bring you into a whole new level of Pentecost in the THIRD MONTH!

How do we learn God's covenant secrets? God reveals His secrets to those who seek Him. God is a revealer. Daniel 2:21-22 reminds us that "*He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things.*"

Matthew 13:11 (NASB) tells us "*To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.*"

But God wants us to ASK. James 1:5 tells us, "*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God...and it will be given to him.*"

In Iyar, God will give an extra blessing to those who set their hearts on seeking Him by revealing the secrets of His covenant. Ask Him to reveal his secrets this month. Let God reveal His Covenant to you at a new level of reality, so you can walk in His blessing all year.

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We should have the foundation to receive the anointing by the second month. The full expression of God's blessing begins in the seventh month, but by this month you should have obtained the anointing to receive from Him what you ask.

The month of Iyar is associated with the Hebrew letter *VAV*, which pictures "connection, and linking." (That's literally what the pictogram for the letter means—the letter *VAV* is a connecting pin!) If you move right in this month, the rest of the year connects properly.

Issachar is the connecting tribe between Judah and Zebulun. You need to see how you are to connect this month so you can determine your course during the year. There are certain time frames within which you need to respond, in order to see how to advance into the next season.

The *VAV* month links the month of redemption with the next month, the month of giving. Your praise for coming out will begin to link with continued praise until that offering is presented at Pentecost. This assures multiplication. Your prosperity is linked with how you react in this month.

The constellation associated with this month is Taurus (the bull). To the Hebrews, the bull was the symbol of strength. This constellation reminds you to find your place to increase your strength. We should be moving from strength to strength. We go through things, but we keep moving. When you rely upon the Lord, that is what will happen. There is an anointing in this month for looking and observing to find a place of improvement so your strength can manifest and increase.

The month of Iyar is associated with your conscience, which is linked with your thought processes and your emotions—your adrenal flow. The conscience is the overlaying window or “eye” between your spirit and soul. Therefore, this is the month God wants you to cleanse your conscience. This is like what happens when you get cut. You have an element in your blood that begins to create a mesh to coagulate the blood. If our conscience is not clean, a mesh will form that hinders the wind of His Spirit.

To keep your conscience cleansed all year, the window of heaven and the window of your conscience must be aligned. He can keep the window of heaven open, but if the window of your conscience is not aligned, you will miss revelation. God wants to be sure that the window of your conscience is open and aligned, so when He begins to blow by His Spirit, you don't miss what He is blowing into you.

Biblically, this is the month of natural healing. That's not the same as miracles. God wants to permeate the body with natural healing. You do not need to strive for healing. “*I Am the Lord your Healer*” (Ex. 15:26) manifests this month.

The Lord first manifested Himself by this name when Israel had murmured and complained so much. We must understand that when we murmur and complain, we open ourselves up for sickness, and Satan schedules it on our calendar.

During the month of Iyar, you need to deal with your soul—that is your mind, will, and emotions. Otherwise, you will be out of alignment for the rest of the year.

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This is the month God is permeating your mind. Your mind is not your brain. Your brain will resist your mind changing. If you have a wrong file in your brain, you will have to remove that file for your mind to think correctly. Your mind is the thinking process of your heart. If your emotions are messed up, then you have feelings that are impregnating your thought processes.

Iyar is the month of receiving spiritual advice, so we need to bind all of the diviners and ask the Lord to activate our prophetic voice. If we do not exercise our gift, the enemy will bring in a counterfeit. A false prophetic voice will corrupt the watchman. We need to advance during the watch in this month. So, set your “watching eye” inward and outward. Since this is the Issachar month, you can understand seasons, and mysteries and secrets will begin to be revealed to you.

3. Sivan – The Month of Zebulun (May/June)

SIVAN AT A GLANCE

SIVAN (30 days – May/June)

Appointed Time: Shavuot, (Pentecost) – giving of the Torah

Alphabet: *ZAYIN* – receiving mercy for completion

Tribe: Zebulun, the “businessperson’s month”

Characteristics: Sivan is the month of GIVING.

The month of receiving your boundaries.

The month to be merciful.

The month of alignment (Moses, Miriam, Aaron).

The month to connect your talk to your walk (Prov. 10:9) thereby making continuous, ongoing progress in order to move from one level of strength to the next.

Constellation: Gemini (2 tablets) Torah given on Sinai

Color/Stone: White and Clear/Clear Quartz or White Moonstone

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Sivan is the third of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar.

Sivan is the month of Pentecost, (Shavuot) which is the second of the three major feasts each year. Pentecost is a three-fold feast, celebrating God's provision. This feast commemorates the ingathering of the wheat harvest (God's *physical* provision), the giving of the Torah, (God's provision of *revelation*, which took place at Mount Sinai at the time of Pentecost.) and the provision of the *Holy Spirit* in Acts 2.

The Hebrew letter *ZAYIN* is associated with the month of Sivan. The *ZAYIN* pictures receiving mercy for completion.

Sivan is associated with the tribe of Zebulun, who was noted for ability in business and the marketplace. Sivan is the "businessperson's month." God wants you to do some business with Him in the month of Sivan. He wants you to learn prosperity principles.

The constellation associated with Sivan is Gemini, picturing the two tablets of the Law given on Mt. Sinai. This month is a very dangerous month. The Law had to come down twice from heaven.

This is also the month of Jacob or Esau—the twins. God once spoke to me and said that I had an evil inheritance and a godly inheritance and I needed to choose. He gave me the choice of which way to go with my family inheritance.

In your physical body, this month pictures walking, and *walking* means "continuous, ongoing progress." This is the month to go from one level of strength to the next.

This month is important for connecting your talk to your walk. (Prov. 10:9) What you are decreeing has to connect with what you are walking. You start walking in what you decreed in the first month. A lot of people will make decrees but never walk any of them out. One thing I try to do is to get vision in place and moving in April, then I go to the next level in June. We need to connect our mouth with our walk, refine our emotions, and move into God's purpose.

Giving is a key factor in this month. I always do *Firstfruits* giving and I tithe, but then I prepare a special gift during this month. Three aspects of giving we need to enter into are: substance, time, and revelation. I had to come to an understanding of this in my life because my motivating gift is giving, which brings joy into my life. Every time I give without joy I get into a huge mess spiritually. Just giving to give creates a snare.

One of the things I had to learn was how to offer the *firstfruits* of my revelation. If you try to give the revelation into an old wineskin in order to try to convince that wineskin to change, you will be beating your head up against a wall. Eventually, you will be totally frustrated.

One of the hardest shifts I had to make was to find those who truly wanted to hear the revelation and not try to force it on those who did not. This changes your relationships. There is no condemnation on those who do not want to hear. They are just not where you are. The Bible says that your gift will make room for you. The Lord says to just wait and He will show you where and to whom to give His revelation.

When I first came to Denton, I sat for almost a year in this church, which was totally different than the church I had come from in Houston. I wrote out three prophecies,

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and the Lord said that He would tell me when they needed to be given. Robert had to be out of town and he asked me to speak on Sunday morning. I just shared my testimony, and later the Lord said to give the three prophecies. The Lord orchestrated the right time and place to speak to the right people.

The month of Sivan is the time to review your giving process and to receive new boundaries. This month is also linked with mercy and alignment. Israel went through some testing with Miriam because she and Aaron were not aligned properly to Moses. I always watch the Miriams during this month, which includes women and men, as they relate to worship and sound. Miriam got leprosy and the whole camp had to stop moving for seven days. God loved Miriam and gave her the opportunity to shift into proper alignment. Review your alignment this month.

The heavens open and the Spirit is poured out on those who are seeking Him during this Shabbat month, the Feast of Weeks. You receive supernatural mercy and grace to complete things this month. You may feel like you are half way there and don't think you will make it the rest of the way, but then God downloads on you exactly what is needed. Suddenly you are okay.

The ability to see clearly through the transparent pane God has put over you, is a process. He puts a window over you in the first month and connects with the window of your conscience the next month and then you begin to see clearly this month. God is a God of order, and He knows that we don't usually understand or tap into His order immediately.

Sivan is also the wedding month, the covenant month. Song of Solomon is a great book to read during this time.

This is the month of cause rather than result. There are certain months that you are a catalyst and certain months that you see the results of what you have created – good and bad. Specific actions cause you to be a catalyst, but the results manifest later just like the principle of sowing and reaping.

You must know when to “continue on” rather than take a wrong path. There are times during the year that we have to choose by an act of our will to go a certain way and not be ruled by our emotions. This is one of the things that make us distinct from angels. Angels come down into our midst to minister to us or give us messages, but we must walk out the message. We can negate what the angels have said and even run the angels off. I’ve seen that happen. I was in one meeting filled with angels. The people began to try to figure out what was happening with their Greek mindsets, and all the angels left. I finally asked them if they wanted to invite the angels to come back, and they all realized what they had done.

Sivan is the month in which you can move the strength you gained in the last month into a new level. Read Psalm 84.

Earth and heaven are connected in a timed sequence. Do not let your Greek mindset keep things fragmented. God is moving through, not disconnecting the months. Things are overlapping and tying together. What you are experiencing one month is part of what causes you to come full circle. You are gathering wisdom as you move forward into the fullness of God’s plan. We waste many years, but the redemptive, restorative power of God can

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restore what is lost quickly. That is why the Bible says that the years the locusts have eaten can be restored. Once you get moving in God's time, restoration accelerates. Your restoration will double, quadruple or go seven times faster than your waste. If you wasted 21 years, you can recoup that in three years. This is an incredible principle to understand. A lot of people wander about in homeless, terrible lives. BUT GOD can restore all that is lost or wasted. So, don't give up on people who have made a mess of their lives. Remember how the temple workers rebuilt in 52 days what had been torn down for 70 years. So be encouraged.

4. Tammuz – The Month of Reuben (Jun/July)

TAMMUZ AT A GLANCE

TAMMUZ (29 days – June/July)

Alphabet: *CHET*, light radiating from your eyes

Tribe: Reuben

Characteristics:

The month to guard your heart and your eyes (Deut. 11:26, 30:15-19)

The Film Strip month – watch your progress and adjust

The month to WORSHIP... *or to develop a golden calf*

This is a time for vision! See what you see and look again!

Covenant alignment becomes very important. Notice all of your handshakes this month. (S of S 5:2-12)

Constellation: Cancer (the crab), remove the shell from your body. Declare that every shell around you will break, and you will become vulnerable to the Lord.

Color/Stone: Red/Carnelian

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Tammuz is the fourth month of the Jewish calendar, which begins the summer season. The three months of this season—Tammuz, Av and Elul—correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Reuben, which include Reuben, Simeon and Gad, who were situated to the south of the Tabernacle.

During the month of Tammuz, Israel sinned by making the golden calf, which resulted in the breaking of the first set of tablets given to Moses by God. That very day, the 17th of Tammuz begins a three-week period—ending on the 9th of Av—which commemorates the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

This is also the month that the spies sent by Moses traveled through the Promised Land to see what was there and report to the people. They returned on the eve of the 9th of Av.

Tammuz is the month of Reuben. A lot of us have some Reuben in us. He was the firstborn, but lost his inheritance. As you study Israel's history, a lot of tragic events have happened this month. However, Reuben had a redemptive side to him as well.

This is the month to establish the brilliance of your righteousness. We walk in the righteousness of God, and we have a breastplate of righteousness. If your righteousness does not shine this month, beware of negative attacks that may come about. Watch the events taking place in the earth realm.

The way to move through this month is through worship. If you are not brilliant in worship, then idolatry looms at your door. I watch people and listen to them this month. The golden calf can kick up this month. Be careful not to agree with the development of a “golden calf.”

Worship becomes a very important aspect of our spiritual life in Tammuz. Worship the Lord in “Spirit and Truth.”

Watch your mouth and confess the *best* the Lord has for you. Agree with His call on your life. Do not speak an evil report.

Accept your call and speak forth your destiny this month. A lot of people do not know how to speak out who they are and what they are destined to accomplish and that is why they fall into negativity.

I have always liked who I am in the Lord. If I don't like myself, it would mean there is something about the Lord that I don't like. The Lord made you and you have to come to peace with whom you are—His creation. If we never find our redemptive role in life, we stay miserable over an identity that we have never tapped into. If you are not careful, you will speak evil reports about yourself as a result of something created in the atmosphere.

This is the month of the letter *CHET*, which pictures light radiating from your eyes. The light that we have been working on through the other months needs to be seen in your eyes. I received an email from someone who commented on the brightness of my eyes, which was one of the greatest compliments they could have given me. I want to live that way all the time with the light of the Lord radiating out through my eyes. You have to watch carefully this month because the devil will try to put out the light in your eyes.

Think of Tammuz as the “filmstrip” month. You can review the progression of your life and stop to make adjustments. God can also show you where you will end up if you don't watch and make the necessary changes.

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Tammuz is linked with the constellation of Cancer, the crab. Can you begin to see why the devil has worked so hard to keep an understanding of the stars and the heavens hidden from us? There are reasons the constellations are called what they are called. This is the month where we take the shell off of our body, which makes us vulnerable. If you do not take the shell off, you become hardened and cannot enter your next level of growth. Declare that every shell around you will break, and you will become vulnerable to the Lord.

Guard your heart and your eyes this month so that you won't get thrown off course like Reuben.

Tammuz is the month of covenant rights, which are linked with power and strength. Covenant alignment becomes very important. Look carefully at those with whom you shake hands. What covenants are you entering this month?

5. Av – The Month of Simeon (July/August)

AV AT A GLANCE

AV (30 days – July/August)

Alphabet: *TET* – resembles a womb – a month when earth contracts – the secret of pregnancy moves into the earth realm

Tribe: Simeon – to hear; be concerned

Characteristics:

The month you metamorphose or disintegrate.

The month the Lion roars. (Amos 3:8)

The month where God destroys so He can reconstruct.

Consider what you hear and determine how to develop a new level of discernment or oppose counsel and advice.

Listen carefully! You will hear key impressions this month.

Constellation: Leo (the lion) – the divine will of the Father being executed

Color/Stone: Green/Emerald

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The Hebrew month of Av is the fifth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. The name Av literally means "father." Av derives from the root, which means, "to will" or "to desire."

This month is the "low point" of the Jewish calendar. The 9th of Av was the day the people of Israel chose to receive the negative report of the 10 spies and refused to enter the Promised Land. This date was also marked by the destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem.

If you study the history of the Jews, you discover that the Jews are caught in a cycle of destruction. Every year on the 9th of Av, a window of destruction opens over them. Notice the following events that took place on that date:

Av 9 - 587 BC – The armies of Babylon destroyed Solomon's Temple.

Av 9 - AD 70 – The Romans destroyed the 2nd temple.

Av 9 – AD 135 – The final defeat of Jews by Rome.

Av 9 – AD 1095 – The 1st Crusade is launched, which kills thousands of Jews.

Av 9 – AD 1290 – The Jews are expelled from England.

Av 9 – AD 1492 – The Jews are expelled from Spain

Av 9 – AD 1942 – The Jews were deported from the Warsaw ghetto to the death camps.

Av 9 – AD 2005 – The expulsion of the Jews from Gaza began.

I don't think anyone can view the history of this date and think all this is just coincidence. Why does this happen?

The 9th of Av was the date of Israel's sin of unbelief at Kadish Barnea. God had brought Israel out of Egypt by His mighty power. He showed them His faithfulness in the wilderness and taught them at Sinai and revealed His glory. Finally He brought them up to the border of the Promised Land at Kadish Barnea.

The spies went in and brought back samples of the fruit of the land. They said, "This is a wonderful, fruitful land just as God promised.

But ten of the spies added, "We don't have the strength to take the land." Two of the spies gave the minority report, "God can give the land into our hands!" As so often happens, there was a voice of faith, and a voice of unbelief. When this happens, we need to be careful to choose correctly.

On the 9th of Av Israel chose to listen to the voice of UNBELIEF!

So, the month of Av was originally intended to be the month that Israel entered the Promised Land. God's plan had been that every year Av would be month to celebrate His goodness.

God designed Av to be the month to celebrate entering into the Promise. But instead of believing God, the people agreed with unbelief and gave a negative confession. They said: "The enemy is too strong for us. We will all die!" They *tasted* the FRUIT of the land but

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refused to enter. They held back in unbelief and by doing that, they put themselves under curse.

So every year on the 9th of Av, Israel finds that their enemies are too strong for them and they die. As the Hebrews 4:1-2 explains (paraphrased), “*they refused to mix the promise with faith.*” The result was that the month of Av became a month of mourning and destruction.

Because of their sin on that date, Israel spent forty years in the wilderness. At the end of that time, God, in His grace, gave them a second chance to enter. (God is the God of the second chances.) But they never truly repented of the sin. So every year the cycle comes back around, and the window of destruction opens again.

When you don't repent of the sins of the past, Satan is free to bring the curse of that sin back around on you, and the door of destruction remains open.

The way you know you have truly repented is that you don't repeat the sin again. That's how we know Israel never repented. Israel repeated the sin of Kadish Barnea all over again when Jesus came. Hebrews tells us that when Jesus came, they tasted the good fruit of the age to come. They heard His words, and saw His miracles, but turned back in unbelief and refused to enter or receive His promise of the Messiah.

But the Word assures us that one day Israel will turn and believe in Jesus as Messiah. Like Israel in Joshua's day, a future generation will enter in; when that happens, the 9th of Av curse will finally be broken.

God still wants Av to be a month of blessing and celebration of His goodness. Av is a month that presents us with a CHOICE!

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We Can Choose to *RECEIVE* a Curse!

We Can Choose to *BREAK* a Curse!

We Can Choose to *BELIEVE* God's PROMISE!

We Can Choose to *ENTER* God's BLESSING!

So receive His Promise and mix it with FAITH this month!

Av is the month of Simeon. He messed up, but there is redemptive power for Simeon.

You are grafted into an inheritance. If you are a blood-bought Christian, you are grafted into the covenant of Abraham. In that covenant there are iniquitous patterns. Through the blood of Jesus all things are reconciled, but the devil will try to activate these iniquitous patterns and cause them to manifest. If you have instability in your bloodline, there are times when you must have your spiritual disciplines in place so that a spirit does not come in and wipe you out.

Here is how the devil's workers operate: they are no respecters of persons, and they do not play fair. If they see that you are having a bad day, they will swarm you. They do not back off just because you are struggling. They will take opportunity to try to convince you to align with them. They understand iniquitous patterns. When Satan was kicked out of heaven, iniquity was found in him. Therefore any time we agree with him, a root forms. This is why we must deal with the roots in our generations. This is also why God will deal with you all year long and give you opportunities to repent and be delivered. He can always deliver you, but you must choose to walk in freedom.

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Av is a month to hear and understand. You must decide what you have heard. If a word has been given and you decide not to heed the word, this is the month where your consequences begin.

We had a *Firstfruits* meeting at Glory of Zion during the Gaza pull out in 2005. During that meeting God spoke prophetically to call forth cities of refuge for America because our nation had come into agreement with this pullout. We have to understand that we are Israel's mouthpiece. A lot of what goes on we blame America for but really we are just the mouthpiece. Israel makes a lot of decisions themselves and because we are in alliance with them, we communicate their decisions. When you are in covenant with someone, when they are messed up, you get messed up unless you are walking and warring right in that covenant. In that *Firstfruits* service God said to call forth refuge cities in this nation because we would start seeing cities hit.

During Av the previous year, I gave a word to New Orleans that the waters would rise and surprise them. The word was not that the water would flood in on them. Everyone knows that New Orleans could have a hurricane that would flood them. The word was that they would be surprised at the rising of the water and that Baton Rouge needed to get ready to be the refuge city of this land. Baton Rouge kept that word and was prepared, but New Orleans did not listen. Houston also listened. My word to them was that if they would make their shift the month before, then they would be saved the next month.

Clearly, there are certain patterns between heaven and earth that God set up. Based on our response to a sovereign God, we change the atmospheric conditions around us.

You can always look at sovereign happenings this month. What I mean by sovereign happenings is that God makes decisions to do certain things based upon what we have decided at other times. We are making decisions, which will manifest sooner or later. God is not a God who just turns His head away and lets us do what we want to do. He records what we do in a book, "It is written!"

Av is associated with the constellation of Leo (the lion). This is the month the Lion roars (Amos 3:8). This is one of the most incredible prophetic months. When the lion – the people of God – roar, a prophetic covering is created. Amos 3 is about unlocking what is above you and the sound that begins to resound in the earth realm.

Av is the month for the divine will of the Father to be executed. God allows things to be destroyed so He can rebuild. There are times when God says, "Let's just tear that one up and start over." Have you ever tried to do something that is just not going to work? One time I was designing a computer program using assembler language, and it got caught in a loop. I thought about how long tracking down the mistake would take to fix the problem and decided the best choice would be to just start the program over. That's what I did and the next day the problem was easily fixed. I labored through the first process, but once I let that one go, the logic flowed right for the second process. That's how God works with us sometimes.

During this month, the earth begins to contract, so we must watch for earthquakes and where they are occurring.

The Hebrew letter for the month of Av is the letter *TET*. (In Hebrew, *AV* means, "father.") The letter *TET* in Hebrew is a picture of a womb. Certain things will be conceived this month. In the month of Av, the secret of

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the pregnancy begins to move in the earth realm. Have you ever seen a pregnant woman? She can keep her pregnancy a secret for a while, but there comes a time when she begins to show. She can experience the life of that pregnancy before her body even begins to reveal the physical changes taking place. You can see the process of how this works in the earth realm. God's prophetic people can experience the word before it manifests. This will also help you see how the Bible is written to show us how covenant works.

This is the month where kingdom advances through partnership. Again, be very aware of your partnerships during this month. Watch your alignments.

The Hebrews associate Av with a new level of discernment. In this month you are developing a new level of discernment, or you are opposing counsel and advice. If you look back in your life, you can identify times when people gave you counsel and advice; but you thought you knew more than anyone else and did not act on the advice.

The Bible says in Psalm 32 that He takes hold of the reins of your life and guides you by His eye. In this process, if you have not allowed Him to work with you, then you are resisting His leading like a horse or mule that has to be harnessed. The Lord will give us a chance to follow Him and go through things, but sometimes resistance to His leading is going on. Use wisdom, and allow the Lord to guide you and hone your discernment for these critical days ahead.

6. Elul – The Month of Gad (Aug/Sept)

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ELUL (29 days – August/September)

Alphabet: *YUD* – appointed mercy from the hand of God

Tribe: Gad

Characteristics:

The month that “the King is in the field.” Approach Him and allow His countenance to shine on you.

The month to fix what has been broken.

The month to find your place in the company of the Lord.

The month to run into the tower of might.

The “mother” month – the month of nurturing.

Faith requires action. This is a month of spiritual service, organization, management

Constellation: Virgo (the virgin) – I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine!

Color/Stone: Grey/Jasper or Hematite

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Elul is the sixth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. Elul is called "the month of repentance," "the month of mercy," and "the month of forgiveness." Elul follows the two previous months of Tammuz and Av, the months of the two great sins of Israel, the sin of the golden calf and the sin of the spies.

This is the month that "the King is in the field" (2 Sam. 10:1). All can approach Him, and He shines His countenance upon everyone.

Elul is the month of preparation for the "high holy days" of Tishrei. This month is when Moses ascended to Mount Sinai to receive the second "tablets of the covenant." These days were days when God revealed Himself to the Jewish people with great mercy.

Elul is the month of Gad. This is a good, transitional month, being the last month of the old year, which precedes the "fall feasts." The days from the *Feast of Trumpets* to the *Feast of Tabernacles* are the holiest days in the biblical calendar. These are times to prepare ourselves to come into God's presence and glory. But before the feasts start, we have Elul.

The word "Elul" forms an interesting acrostic. There is a phrase in the Song of Solomon 6:3: "*I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine!*" In Hebrew, the first letter of each word in that phrase spells out the name of this month: ELUL.

God wants to meet with us in a special way and share a time of special intimacy with Him. Elul is a "haven in time," like a "city of refuge" from the ravages of life.

The Jews have an interesting phrase to describe this month. They say, "Elul is the month when "the King is in the field." As you begin to understand the meaning of this

phrase, you will see how God wants to relate to you during these days.

Through most of the year, a king lived in a palace, protected by armed guards and iron gates. To have an audience with a king you had to make an appointment, learn palace protocol, and dress correctly. You were then ushered through layers of security into a magnificent palace. Entering into the throne room was intimidating. You had to be very careful what you said and did because the king was on his throne.

But one month each year the king left his palace and went out among his people. He set up his royal tent in a field near a town, and all who wanted to see him were welcomed. The announcement was made: “The king is in the field!” God is especially accessible to you during Elul. You don’t need to climb up to the heavens to get His attention or follow some religious protocol. This is a time when God comes into your field—where you live—to make Himself accessible and surprise you with His presence. He may manifest Himself in your workplace: your classroom, your office, or your shop. Clearly, He wants to meet with you in the everyday affairs of your life.

Elul is picture of the earthly ministry of Jesus. John 1:14 NIV describes Jesus’ coming this way: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”

The word *dwelling* is actually the word for “tent” or “tabernacle.” In Jesus, the King of the universe left His palace and came to tabernacle among us. He lived here in our field, in a tent of mortal flesh. For 33 years, the King was in the field on earth.

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God wants you to know, the King is in our field today. How does He want us to respond? Ideally, we should respond by *running* to Him. God has come down to us. So eagerly run to Him, throw yourself into His arms, be lost in His embrace, and give yourself totally to Him.

The Jews call this the “eye of the needle” month. Give God “the eye of the needle” in your life. Make a place for Him, even if it is only a very small place, that is wholly and completely His. Then He can pour out to you His love and faithfulness.

During Elul, God is saying, “Open up for Me the eye of a needle, and I will open for you the most expansive corridors of the Great Hall!” He is saying, “I don’t demand that you change your entire life this month; I ask only that you open up for Me the eye of a needle.” Find a place in your life that you can totally dedicate to Him and let Him prove Himself to you.

So ask yourself: “What part of my life can I put completely into God’s hands?” What have you been worrying over, that you can just entrust to Him? Look at the cares and anxieties that have drained your strength and cast those cares totally on Him. Then allow Him to shine His *favor* on you.

This is the month to find your place in the order of the camp. At this time of the year, many people miss their window of opportunity to find their place and then they wander. God probably brought them to a window of opportunity, but mistrust kept them from connecting. Satan will produce mistrust in us that prevents us from connecting. We all go through things, but if you do not handle mistrust correctly, you cannot connect. Before long, you will be in your own camp, totally alone.

I do not want to end up in camp with just me. Some of you may be so wonderful that you are happy in your camp by yourself, but I am not that wonderful. I need to have other people in my camp, and I have to find my place in the camp with other people.

God did not intend for us to live a solitary life. He saw Adam needed a companion and made Eve. He had Noah take his family into the Ark and the animals came in two by two. The Lord established tribes and an order for their function as a community and as a war unit for protection. Jesus sent out his disciples two by two. If you have developed a pattern of isolation, you have a root of rejection and mistrust, which will prevent you from coming into the fullness of the corporate dynamic of Passover in your life. You will find yourself in the wilderness alone.

I don't want to be in the wilderness by myself. If we have to go into the wilderness, let's go altogether. There are wilderness seasons we all must go through. Jesus taught about this biblical principle. If you are not in your corporate camp and company when you go into the wilderness, you have isolated yourself in such a way that hell will pick you off. A lion will watch a herd and go after the one that lags behind or is cut off from the herd. You are going to go through the wilderness at times, because the wilderness is your place of testing that produces your testimony. Wilderness is linked with your confrontation of the enemy. If you are in your corporate place, the enemy is not as prone to be able to pick you off individually. There truly is safety in numbers.

When I was in China a few years ago, The Lord spoke a "now" word to me. He said, "*It is time now for you to gather the scattered sheep.*" There are hundreds of sheep scattered out there. I am unreligious enough that I

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am able to help those who have isolated themselves and are out of corporate structures so that they can come back in and get positioned. Leaders are accountable for the stewardship of the Body.

We are not just talking about one month. We are talking about a process of time, a life cycle in a year. We all go through tragedy and sometimes a period of grief. However, when you understand that there is a blessing process that God has created for you to receive in time, then you can experience blessing and victory in the process.

The same process occurs in the wilderness. When you are in a wilderness season, you can still move through the blessing cycle. If someone is not experiencing the blessing, then they have gotten hung up in their process or in their position. Their spiritual location of blessing did not connect and they don't seem to be able to reconnect.

Part of the Issachar anointing is being able to intercede for these people and take them through these blessing cycles and break them out of their grief and trauma. Intercession is a project, which has a beginning and an end. I do not want to stay in intercession over one thing all my life. Intercessors mediate with God and then they mediate with the devil on the breach. You don't want to mess with the devil all your life. You want to mediate through the process and then take a rest before you take on your next assignment. If you have experienced grief, the way you process the blessing will not be the same as for someone who has not experienced grief. You have to process your loss through this cycle. If you will celebrate in the Rosh Chodesh of each month, you will acquire the blessing of each month, which will penetrate the loss. Otherwise, you will just stay in the loss, and some people do that. If you will process through the blessing of each

month, the Lord will enable you to bring many through the process of death, into healing. You will be like a skilled nurse, full of mercy, who brings mercy. Your weeping will turn into joy.

Elul is the month of Gad, which means “good fortune.” There should be an expectation of good fortune throughout the month. Rewards will begin to manifest according to what you have done. Think this: *Reward. There is a time of reward. I need reward.* A lot of people get wiped out because they never see the reward of the burden they are bearing. If that is your experience, you are not processing the burden you are bearing correctly. You have to learn to abound in all things. For instance, if someone you love dies, that loss will always be a spiritually defining time for you. You will have to process the grief of the death and separation. In Scripture we see that there is a seven-day process of agony and a yearlong grief process so you can begin to break into what God has for your future. You do not want to live in grief forever. That is why Naomi told Ruth to change her clothes so she could make her redemptive shift. Ruth had to decide that she was not going to glean all of her life in her widow’s garb. She had to take a bath and change clothes and lay at the feet of Boaz so she could make a shift.

The month of Elul is associated with the Hebrew letter *YOD*, which means that “God has appointed mercy from His hand.” You don’t need to try to think it through; just grab from His hand the mercy God has appointed for you. If you miss grabbing hold this month, then just reach back and draw your past into your future next month.

Elul is linked with the constellation, Virgo, the virgin. Think more relationally. “*I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine.*” This is a good month to process and experience a new level of intimacy with the Lord.

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This month is a time to run into the tower of might. There is a strength greater than yours that can encompass you, which is almost like a rest. When you are not sure that you can stand under the burden you are carrying, the Lord says, “*Bring it up under Me.*” When the intercessory burden comes on us so strongly that we feel like everything in us is used up, that is when He can pour new things into us.

The inner knowledge of peace is to be activated this month. You have peace because the God of peace dwells within you. You are sanctified and made holy in your body, soul, and spirit by the God of peace. Always find your time of regrouping to be whole. We go through difficult struggles and get wounded. We live in a mean world with mean spirits. That is why God has established time for you to regroup and enjoy life.

Elul is the “point” month. We need to understand how something starts so we can get to the end of it. If we don’t know how we got to where we are, we won’t know how to move on to the next place. You have to come to a point in your life where you recognize how you got into your mess and that God has appointed that month to get you out of the mess. Ask God to show you how you got there and how to get to where you need to be. You might have a dream that jars you loose from a bad situation, a revelation from a Scripture, or a prophetic word from the Holy Spirit that gives you insight.

This is also the month to fix what has been broken. God will tell you what is fixable and will give you the plan to do whatever is necessary to repair what was broken. If what has been broken is not fixable, He will tell you so you can let go and start new and fresh. Complex systems become manageable during this month. You may

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have lots of issues going on in your life, and suddenly you see how to put them all together.

Elul is a month of nurturing or mothering. You need to know who is nurturing you, as well as who has been put under your watch care. This is the month when Rebekah gave birth to Jacob and Esau so watch to see what is contending for you this month.

This is the month to be sure your emotions and actions are submitted to the Lord.

7. Tishrei – The Month of Ephraim (Sep/Oct)

TISHREI AT A GLANCE

TISHREI (30 days – Sept/October)

Appointed Times: Feasts of Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles

Alphabet: *LAMED* – which signifies the aspiration to return to your absolute source – “Teshuvah”

Tribe: Ephraim – “be fruitful & multiply”

Characteristics:

The 7th month and all sevens are important: “completion, fullness”

The month of the “Fall Feasts” – Returning to God and experiencing His Glory

The month to “touch” – Mt. 9 – Remember the woman who pressed through to touch Him.

The month linked with awakening and removing that which would keep you from returning.

Constellation: Libra (the scales) – where the deeds of man are weighed and judgment is released

Color/Stone: Black/Black Onyx or Agate

The month of Tishrei begins the autumn season. The three autumn months—Tishrei, Cheshvan, Kislev—correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Ephraim—Ephraim, Manasseh, Benjamin—which were situated to the west of the Tabernacle.

In the Bible, Tishrei is "the month of the strong" or "the month of the ancients." With respect to the reckoning of years, Tishrei is the first month of the year. In the reckoning of the months, Tishrei is the seventh month, the month of completion and perfection.

As the seventh month from Nissan (the month of Jewish redemption and independence) Tishrei, more than any other month of the year, is a month of God's appointed times.

God wants us to recognize His redemptive plan for each month. This is not fortunetelling. The heavens declare the redemptive plan of God, and we need to walk this plan out in the earth realm. The Word of God is on a circuit and circles the earth. Psalm 19:6 talks about this. The heavens declare the glory of God and the Word circles the earth (the sun makes a circuit) until we begin to pull the Word down and see the manifestation in our midst.

Tishrei is the month of the "fall feasts," when we are to return to God and experience His glory.

Tishrei is associated with the constellation Libra (the scales) which pictures the deeds of man weighed and judgment released. This is a month to concentrate more on the justice system than you do in other months.

The month of Tishrei is the month of Ephraim, the second son of Joseph. Ephraim went before the firstborn

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Manasseh, sort of like Jacob and Esau. This is the month to be fruitful and multiply.

As the 7th month, Tishrei is the month of the Head of the Year, Rosh Hashanah. All 7's are dear to the Lord and are dedicated to the Lord, so this month is the dearest month. When we get to this time of the year, we have already come through two feast cycles and are ready to enter another. God has declared a time for us to feast at the Head of the Year, which provides revelation for the year ahead. Divine providence creates a new beginning. God will release certain revelation that will start your beginning in a new way.

Tishrei is the month of reflected light, which is different than what we see in April when we have the light of the sun. This is the light of the moon, which changes our environment, the way we process time, the way we work, the way crops grow, and the way we harvest.

This is the month of Leviathan, which signifies the aspiration to return to your absolute source. At the Head of the Year you need to ask the Lord how you are to get to the place where you are sure you are flowing in what He is doing. That is one of the reasons we meet at Head of the Year.

At one of our Head of the Year meetings, the Lord showed up in a peculiar way and all of the electrical power went out suddenly. We continued worshipping in darkness for well over one hour. The Lord said that we would worship in darkness until He said, "*Let there be light.*" That year was the year of *VAV*, which pictures the light of revelation coming from heaven into earth. You can see how God met us with revelation. What happened

was that a transformer got knocked out and the power was out over the whole area.

To flow in that level of spiritual control from heaven so that I stayed connected with heaven while I was still functioning in the earth realm in the dark, took a toll on me. You cannot work alone when you are in that dimension. A lady ran up and said that she had heard the Lord say, “*Let there be light.*” When she came I knew the time was right for the decree. We released the decree, “*Let there be light,*” and the lights came on. We have the record of that event from people who were taking notes and using personal recorders.

Tishrei is associated with the Hebrew letter, *LAMED* – which signifies the aspiration to return to your absolute source. During this month, decree that the things that have been scattered will be returned to you.

Matthew 9 tells the story of the woman who pressed through the crowd to touch the hem of Jesus’ garment. Tishrei is the month to “press through to touch HIM!” This is a month where you can press through to actually feel the presence of God. You can touch Him in such a way that He releases virtue into you.

This month is linked with arousal and awakening, as well as with bitterness, which keeps you from returning to the Lord. A lot of people don’t process bitterness right. During the first month at Passover, you eat bitter herbs to be reminded of the bitterness of the past so you can move on through to the future. At the Head of the Year, you want to be sure you are cleansed of all bitterness.

Tishrei is the month of well balanced control. I love to teach on Rosh Hashanah, the Feast of Trumpets, because there is so much going on. All of the spiritual

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activity of the seventh month is amazing. Things are completing and things are beginning.

8. Cheshvan – The Month of Manasseh (Oct/Nov)

CESHVAN AT A GLANCE

CESHVAN (29 or 30 days – October/November)

Alphabet: *NUN* – symbolizes the Messiah

Tribe: Manasseh – to forget, to leap, up and away

Characteristics:

The month of Messiah: The number “8” signifies eternal revelation and new beginning.

The flood began in Cheshvan, and ended the following year on Cheshvan. In Cheshvan, Noah brought his sacrifice to God and God swore never again to bring a flood.

God revealed the sign of His covenant with the world – the rainbow.

Cheshvan is the only month which has no holidays. Jews believe this month is "reserved" for the time of Messiah, who will inaugurate the third Temple in Cheshvan.

This month is connected with the fragrance of myrrh so let your sense of smell come alive.

This is a time for digesting what you have heard.

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Constellation: Scorpio (the scorpion) –tread on serpents and scorpions

Color/Stone: Black/Black Onyx or Agate

Cheshvan is the eighth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. The number “8” signifies eternal revelation and new beginning. Cheshvan is linked with the tribe of Manasseh.

Cheshvan is associated with the Hebrew letter *NUN*, which symbolizes the Messiah. So Cheshvan is called the month of Messiah.

This month is a time to allow the fragrance of God to begin to permeate your soulish nature. Many people with a Greek mindset think that God is dealing only with spiritual issues, and they do not make the connection of body, soul and spirit. God sanctifies us spirit, soul and body.

The Jews believe the soul responds in this month in unusual ways. This is a month to smell the awe of God and a month when the fragrance of the Holy Spirit begins to emanate so a move of Holy Spirit can begin.

Being a Christian does not exempt us from going through bad times. However, as we present ourselves as living sacrifices to God, we are transformed by the renewing of our mind in Christ. If you are in the world and you are a child of the world, which means you are a son of Belial, all you can do is conform to the image of the world. If you live in the image of Christ with the

blood of Jesus flowing through you to purge your soul, you cannot be conformed to the world.

This is a time to activate your ability to dissect and assimilate things. Begin moving in new revelation, and you will be digesting and assimilating God's wisdom and truth.

This is the month that you must war with words. Words that are not spoken correctly go into the inward parts of your stomach. Lots of stomach problems are the result of receiving wrong words. You should yell from your inner being, "I am satisfied," and push out anything in you that is dissatisfied.

The Great Flood began on the 17th of Cheshvan and ended the following year on the 27th of Cheshvan, lasting one year and 10 days. The following day, the 28th of Cheshvan, Noah brought his sacrifice to God, and God swore never again to destroy all mankind with a flood. He then revealed the sign of His covenant with the world—the rainbow.

A flood will keep moving until God has dealt with whatever root He is putting His finger on. This is a month of connecting your roots. You have to deal with root issues sooner or later. I always look for a time of deliverance to deal with root issues during this time.

The constellation associated with Cheshvan is Scorpio (the scorpion). The scorpion and snake are symbols of this month. We need to understand the snake of Eden. But God has given us authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, so this is a key month to stand in your authority.

Cheshvan is a month reserved for the anointing in which God pulls you aside to draw a new anointing out of

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you. This can be an easy month or a hard month because He must press the anointing out of you. Cry out for the anointing to get pressed out of you.

Satan wants to get the upper hand, but this is the time to plant your heel on the enemy's plan to transform you into his image. Instead, as you deal with your trials and difficulties through the anointing, you will be changed into Christ's image.

Revelation should be so abounding in you this month that you flow in a supernatural dimension. If you are moving in revelation and the anointing, you will gain the upper hand on Satan. So, put your heel on the enemy's neck. Look down at your foot and say, "I am preparing my heel to step."

9. Kislev – The Month of Benjamin (Nov/Dec)

KISLEV AT A GLANCE

KISLEV (30 or 29 days – Nov/Dec)

Feasts: The beginning of Chanukah

Alphabet: *SAMEKH* – trust, support, coming full circle

Tribe: Benjamin, the most gifted with the art of the bow; the only child born in the Promised Land, so watch Israel this month.

Characteristics:

A month to develop your warfare strategies: to have prophetic revelation for war.

A month to enter in to a new level of trust and rest.

A month to declare your life experiences to be filled with tranquility and peace – ask for the rivers of life to flow.

Constellation: Sagittarius (the archer) – a time to fight against empires and cultures.

Color/Stone: Multicolor (like the rainbow)/Opal or Rainbow Jasper

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Kislev is the ninth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar.

Kislev is associated with the Hebrew letter *SAMEKH*, which pictures trust, support, and coming full circle. We should be coming full circle in developing our trust and confidence. By examining our hearts and motives during Kislev each year, we will break up and out of old patterns of mistrust that hinder our walk with the Lord and others in our circle of influence.

The name Kislev derives from the Hebrew word for "security" and "trust." This is the month to enter in to a new level of trust and rest.

Kislev is associated with the tribe of Benjamin, the most gifted of the tribes with the art of the bow. As you develop your warfare strategies this month, you can tap in prophetically to gain revelation concerning the war season ahead. This connects with Head of the Year so that you can start the year right.

Benjamin was also the only child born in the land of promise, so this is a month to watch Israel. Things happen during this month, which change the course of Israel.

Kislev is associated with the constellation Sagittarius (the archer). This month is a time to fight against empires and cultures. This is a month to shoot straight and move quickly. Think of the archer. Cut your losses and move on.

I believe that if we participate in the covenant holiday of Thanksgiving we have in the United States, we will come into a new place of rest. God gives us cultural holidays to help us enter our covenant holidays. With Thanksgiving, as we pull aside and give thanks, we can regroup.

Review your support system during Kislev, including who is supporting you and who you are supporting. Consider who your friends and associates are and why you are connected with them.

Last month was the month of the flood, so this is the month of the rainbow. Examine what you have warred through in the past year to come into a place of peace. God makes a covenant with us so that we will not have to war with those things again, which was the symbolism of the rainbow. God says, *“You have come through the flood and it did not overtake you. Now I will make a covenant with you that you will not war with that again”* (Gen. 9:13-17 paraphrased). There are certain things every year that you want to make a spiritual locator and say, “I am not going through that again.”

In this month of tranquility and peace; even in the midst of warfare, you will have peace. Many people do not understand this aspect of warfare. This simply means that in the midst of the warfare, you are on the offensive so that you have peace in the midst of the conflict. When we get tangled up and get out of our abiding place, we get into trouble.

This is the month of dreams and night visions. Through the year the Lord has been pouring things into you, then all of the sudden He draws them out through dreams. Sometimes that is the only way He can communicate with you. You have pressed through and pressed through and then you fall asleep. That is when He can begin to stir up revelation. This is also a month to review your sleeping patterns so that you will be healthier in the year ahead.

One of my big problems came because of trauma growing up. My sleep patterns were all messed up. Most

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traumatized people have irregularities in their sleep patterns. Memories of the trauma came up in the night and caused me to have to stay awake. I had to go through a process of letting God heal me so I could sleep. At the same time, He was purging me of trauma.

I took a prayer journey to Vietnam; when I got back, I had a dream about a certain situation. Some dreams are just a replay of something that has happened. The Lord will replay your memories so He can heal you. He replayed a traumatic memory in me, which I had not forgotten but had just never dealt with. I woke up soaking wet and having to deal with the trauma. Pam got up and prayed for me. She said, “Will you ever get healed so I can get a good night’s sleep? Your trauma is affecting my sleep patterns.”

We have to deal with what God brings up during the night. Ask Him if there is anything else and go ahead and deal with what He shows you while you are awake. That way He won’t have to wake you up again.

This month is a time to let the river of God flow from your innermost being. There is a great relationship between tranquility and fullness. If we don’t relate to our inner being correctly, we cannot enter into fullness. When your river starts flowing, you can enter into your next measure. That is the whole principle of Ezekiel 47. The water starts out ankle deep, then knee deep, then waist deep then over our heads. That is the way you should be processing revelation through the year. The revelation in this book is deep water. You have to process each level of revelation by swimming and deal with old traumas and issues at each level, before moving to the next.

Kislev is the month that Hanukkah begins. Hanukkah is the only holiday in the Jewish calendar, which connects

two months, beginning in the month of Kislev and concluding in the month of Tevet.

The message of Hanukkah is that in the midst of destruction there is mercy. The issue with Hanukkah was that the light will not go out. In the midst of any destruction, God will find a way to impart mercy to you. No matter what aspect of destruction you are dealing with—external, internal, physical or spiritual—God has a way to impart mercy to build the future. His grace is sufficient and His love is everlasting.

10. Tevet – The Month of Dan (Dec/Jan)

TEVET AT A GLANCE

TEVET (29 days – Dec/Jan)

Alphabet: *AYIN* – (eye, spring) – let your good eye see. War with the evil eye and break the power of evil watchers.

Tribe: Dan – to judge, grow up and mature

Characteristics:

The month of the ending of Chanukah: in the midst of destruction, there is mercy.

A month of holy anger or righteous indignation; be angry but sin not.

This month is a time to pray for your Commander in Chief.

Review education for initiation into the next phase of life.

This month is a good time to fast to purify the blood so your brain and heart function properly.

Constellation: Capricorn (the goat) – beware of making wrong alignments

Color/Stone: Dark Blue and Turquoise/Sapphire or Turquoise

Tevet is the tenth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. Ten is the number of godly authority. Pray for our Commander in Chief so godly authority is established. The enemy has great strategies in this month to pull leaders away. If you are not aware of this, you will not pray correctly for the leaders God has given you. The enemy knows when you have a good leader that is giving you the right revelation to move forward. One of the ways the enemy will try to get to you is through your leaders, which is why the Lord says to pray for them.

Tevet is also the number of testimony. The 10 commandments were in Ark of the Testimony.

The month of Tevet begins the winter season, whose three months—Tevet, Shevat, Adar—correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Dan—Dan, Asher, Naphtali—who were situated on the north side of Moses' Tabernacle.

Tevet is associated with the Hebrew letter *AYIN*, which pictures an eye. This is a month to let your good eye see. Getting focused is very important as you war against the evil eye and break the power of evil watchers.

If you do not break the power of the evil eye this month, this power will try to guide you in the future. We must understand the evil eye structure, which is imbedded in our culture and causes dark angels and evil structures to manipulate us. I have always felt that if we gather together at this time to start the year off right, we participate with angelic visitation to guide us into our culture with the revelation that we have amassed through the year to press us through.

The *AYIN* also pictures a spring or well. This month is a time for new life to flow.

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Tevet is associated with the constellation of Capricorn, which pictures a goat. This is a dangerous time because you are going to see nations that are not allies of covenant, the goat nations, take a wrong turn. This is a month to leap forth, and a month to review education for initiation into the next phase of life.

The tribe associated with Tevet is the tribe of Dan. This is a month to judge, grow up and mature. Dan was the 5th son of Jacob and the 1st son of Rachel by her maid, Bilhah. His name means “to rule, to judge or to execute judgment.”

Pray for new, artistic, and creative expressions in worship this month, and ask God how to form a rear guard over the past season.

Pay attention to the prophetic words over your life so you do not miss your destiny.

Be willing to war when God calls you; stand for your inheritance and don't back down.

Step on the serpent's head this month.

Tevet is a month of holy anger and righteous indignation. Things that are out of order begin to manifest. We can be angry, but we must not sin. Emotions have a fine line. If you cross that line, your soul will get damaged and your promise will not manifest. In Ephesians 4:26-27 anger, “giving place to the devil,” is equated with demonization. That was written to Christians. If you are not spending time at some point during the year to make sure your emotions are under the control of the Spirit of God, they will erupt like a volcano. When that happens, the damage is already done. You need to exercise spiritual discipline throughout the year. If

you do not, then when you are tested, you will erupt. This is very practical. God will set a time for you to do this.

My wife, Pam went through ten years when she just ate the Word of God. She poured Scripture into her and developed the Word within her. During that time, she got delivered of anger and rebuilt her spirit-man. Then she spent ten years having kids. She could not feast on the Word in the same way, but she had already established a foundation and accomplished certain things in the Spirit that carried her through those busy times.

We often do not take advantage of our opportunities to get into the Word. If there are times when you don't have a job, pour the Word of God into you until you get one. The time will come when you are occupied in a different way, and you won't have the time to spend in the Word.

This month is a time to leap like a goat. Your testimony is going to express either your immaturity or your maturity. There comes a time every year for you to share your testimony. Did you get delivered? Does the thing that made you mad last year still make you mad this year? Did you get offended this year just like you did last year?

Tevet is the month to be sure our blood is cleansed and purified. Impurities in the blood can be linked to our sexual lives. When we violate *Firstfruits* sexually, the blood has to be purified so the brain and heart also function right. That is why the Psalm 7 says being seduced by a prostitute is like a spear going into your liver and why homosexuality will affect your liver. Sexual sin will impact the physical operation of our body.

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Tevet falls during a time of holidays. So this is a good time to fast because usually we have eaten too many holiday goodies. Fasting for three days at certain times is built into us and it cleanses the blood. This month brings reflection as we consider the beginning of the new Roman calendar year and winding down the last quarter of the Hebrew calendar year.

11. Shevat – The Month of Asher (Jan/Feb)

SHEVAT AT A GLANCE

SHEVAT (30 days – Jan/Feb)

Alphabet: *TZADIK* - symbolizes the "righteous one"

Tribe: Asher – pleasure, happiness, delicious, fatness; beware of the delicacies of the king

Characteristics:

This month righteousness becomes your foundation.

This is a month to develop the plan of sustaining the generations. How will your olive tree blossom?

Look for those who are bringing pitchers of water to you.

This month shout, “My blessings are on the way!”

This month what you are tasting and meditating on produces the life or nourishment for your future.

Constellation: Aquarius (the water carrier) – your roots awoken to the water of life

Color/Stone: Light Olive Green and Yellow/Citrine Quartz or Peridot

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Shevat is the eleventh of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. This month is linked with the tribe of Asher, which pictures pleasure, happiness, delicious, and fatness. During this month you should beware of the delicacies of the king. I always try to read the Book of Daniel this month. You might want to do a Daniel fast this month.

This month is a time to develop a plan to sustain the generations. Usually about this time of the year, Pam and I regroup concerning our kids. I try to regroup with those that are working with me, with our younger generation, and those who are connected with me.

The best question to ask yourself this month is: "How does your olive tree blossom?" Read and meditate on Psalm 1 this month.

The Hebrew letter for this month is *TZADIK*, which symbolizes the "righteous one." This month your righteousness must become your foundation. Jehovah Tzidkenu is one expression of this month.

This is the time to connect with the trees in your field. Look at your field and see what is planted there. Who is planted in your field? Are the trees in your field ready to bear fruit? Actually Shevat is called the month of the new year of trees.

Aquarius, the water-bearer, is the constellation for this month. This is the month where the river touches the roots, and the roots awaken to the water of life. Think of Rebekah and the woman at the well. Who is bringing water to you? Carefully consider how you make decisions during this month, if you are not being watered. You may also want to position yourself to be watered in a new way.

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Shevat is the month to shout, “My blessings are on the way!” That is the key for this month. There is a shout within you that says you see your wagons of supply coming. You see the water pots coming to quench your thirst.

This is a good month to partake of food. When you complete your fast, God will show you how to eat in a different way. If you go through a fasting process in January, you will reprogram your body on eating by February. If you get messed up in January, you will probably stay messed up for awhile. What you taste and eat produces the life, or nourishment, for your future. That is why we need to be sure to eat the Word, so our bodies are healed and properly aligned. Then we will be able to digest whatever God gives us to eat during the following months.

12. Adar – The Month of Naphtali (Feb/Mar)

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ADAR (29 or 30 days – Feb/Mar)

Appointed times: The Feast of Esther on 13th day;
Purim on 14th

Alphabet: *KUF* – removing the masquerade, entering joy

Tribe: Naphtali – “sweetness is to me;” a time of
celebration that your curse is overturned.

Constellation: Pisces (the fishes) – finding supply in the
“hidden” world. There is an identity for you in the
invisible world.

Characteristics:

Your true identity should be reflected this month,
spiritually as well as physically.

This is a month to overturn worry through the release
of supply.

This month you will develop your war strategy. Don't
let the giants produce fear in you and guard yourself
from idolatry.

This is the time for decrees set against you to be
broken.

This is the month roots of depression and despair can
break through into faith.

Color/Stone: Purple/Amethyst

ADAR II: Some years a “leap month” ADAR II is inserted in the Hebrew calendar! (29 days – Mar/Apr). This is the time to fully annihilate the “Haman” of your life (Es. 9) and a time to celebrate in your exile so you can enter into your redemption.

Adar is the twelfth month of the Jewish calendar. The word *Adar* means "strength." This is a month of good fortune for the Jewish people and a month of joy.

The joy of Adar is what makes this the "pregnant" month of the year. Seven of the nineteen years in the cycle of the Jewish calendar are "leap years," which are "pregnant" with an additional month of Adar. When there are two months of Adar in a calendar year, Purim is celebrated in the second Adar, in order to connect the redemption of Purim to the redemption of Passover.

Adar is the month of Naphtali which means “sweetness is to me.” This is a time of celebration so that any curse is overturned and things become sweet. Adar is a good month but is also a dangerous month.

This month of eloquent communication is also a time to get into the celebration mode of ending certain seasons of your life. A lot of us never celebrate endings.

The constellation for this month is Pisces, the month of the fishes. You will find your supply in the hidden world. This is the month where Jesus told Peter to find the fish with the money in its mouth to pay their taxes.

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There is an identity for you, which is linked to the invisible world, not to the natural. Some of us never tap into our identity in the supernatural. We just stay in the natural. Don't go through life like that saying, "I just want to be practical." All that means is that you want to be accepted and conformed by the world's standard. Discover your identity in the spiritual realm and see how the Lord is conforming you by the Spirit. Identify and activate your gifts. Do not try to be something you're not. God has given us an identity in the spiritual realm. The demons know the identity that is written on us. So, this is the time to become who we are meant to be by the Spirit.

Your true identity should begin to be reflected by the end of a year's process. Don't be legalistic in this, but you should understand that God has cycles in the earth realm to draw forth your identity. What is in your spirit will be reflected physically.

The Hebrew letter linked to Adar is *KUF*. This is the month to remove the masquerade so you can enter into laughter. In other words, remove any mask you have been hiding behind so you can enter into the true joy of who you are. A mask always stops the joy.

Overtake worry this month. I was prone to anxiety and worry growing up. I had great reason to be, but that did not mean that I did not have to overturn those tendencies. I had to learn God's process of overcoming. As I sought Him each year, another layer was removed until I came full circle with Him. Before long I was not living in anxiety anymore.

Another key to overturning anxiety is through the release of supply. If you remove that fretting aspect from your life, you can see your supply lines.

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The sense of laughter, abounding joy, and light entering into darkness are characteristic of this month. Whatever darkness is around you, laugh and watch God permeate the atmosphere. Light can permeate darkness and barrenness can break. This is the month where your fear shall laugh. God ordained a time for my fear to laugh.

Adar is the month to root out depression and despair so faith can break through into your thought processes. We all have roots of depression and despair to some degree, but we can overcome these roots with the joy of gladness. Take off the cloak of heaviness and put on your garment of praise.

Developing your war strategy against the anti-Christ spirit is critical this month. When you study this in the Word, you find the concept of Amalek rising. If you are not careful, the giants will produce fear in you and stop your forward movement. The enemy wants you to end the year with some sort of fear in you that keeps you from moving into the fullness of the next season. Guard yourself from idolatry in this season as well.

Adar is the time for any wrong decrees to be broken off of you. Wrong spiritual decrees will attempt to surround your atmosphere. Ungodly decrees that have been spoken over you, from the past or present, will circle around and cause even people who love you to speak hurtful or negative words. The atmosphere will be filled with that voice, and you will find yourself repeating the same words over yourself. You must take authority over these wrong decrees and speak God's words and plans over you.

This is a time for leadership to awaken. God determines times and seasons, but Satan tries to change them. One of the most effective tools the enemy uses is to

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get us out of time. That's why the Lord wants us to understand the tribes and months so we can recognize God's cycles in the earth. The Lord has seedtime and harvest and a revelatory flow that is going to move us into the fullness of His plan. When we are in God's right timing, we won't fall prey to the enemy's tactics to interrupt us any longer. We will stay in alignment with God and keep moving on to the next blessing. That is how we should end the year, ready to move into our next dimension of blessing. Our times are in His hands and we are moving supernaturally. We will move through our circumstance and into blessing.