



PRAYING THROUGH THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017

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Information about the Month of January

Ancient Romans referred to January as “lanuarius” (meaning month of Janus), a word not so far removed from the modern day January and taken from the Etruscan word “Jauna” meaning “door”. The Romans dedicated it as their first month to their god of gateways and doorways whose name was JANUS, hence the name January.

Originally, the old Roman calendar began in spring; the season of new beginnings in the month of March. The beginning of their year was dedicated to the god of war – Mars. According to the Romans, the first (1st) month was the gate through which everyone enters the calendar year; this made it easier to exert unfair influence and control on their enemies by dedicating it to the god Janus hoping they would have better favor in wars. Therefore, January became the first (1st) month of the Gregorian year. In 46 B.C.E., Julius Caesar initiated a thorough reform that resulted in the establishment of a new dating system, the Julian calendar.

He was very superstitious and fearful. He dedicated the beginning of the year to Janus the two-faced deity of beginnings, transitions, doorways passageways gates and endings (later the god of all beginnings). Thus, the beginning of the year was moved back 2 months from March to January. **As obeisance to this deity, the Romans would make a sacrifice of cakes made from spelt and at mid-night, throw salt into the flames producing sparks so that this deity would open for them doors for the New Year. Today, we have that pagan covenant carried on in the tradition of elaborate fireworks ceremonies at midnight all over the world. We are ignorantly renewing ancient covenants and making the sacrifice seeking for open doors from this deity.**

This calendar was finally re-configured to what we have today by Pope Gregory. That is what we call the Gregorian calendar. While the Biblical pattern begins the year at the gates of the spring season around March/April, the Gregorian calendar begins the year in the middle of the winter season.

Because the Romans decided to dedicate the era after Jesus's birth to Jehovah referring to them as “Anno Domini” (A.D) “The year of our LORD”; Jehovah has honored the Gregorian calendar; which is most commonly used all over the world, to mark the passage of years.

The month Tevet begins on 30 December (Sundown) and ends on January 28, 2017. The 1st of Sh'vat commences at sundown January 28, 2017. It is the fourth (4th) month of the Biblical civil calendar and the tenth (10th) month of Biblical Sacred calendar.

What is the Name of our God?

According to Wikipedia "Jehovah is the Latinization of the Hebrew יהוה, one vocalization of the Tetragrammaton יהוה (YHWH), the proper name of the God of Israel in the Hebrew Bible.

The consensus among scholars is that the historical vocalization of the Tetragrammaton at the time of the redaction of the Torah (6th century BCE) is most likely Yahweh. The historical vocalization was lost because in Second Temple Judaism, during the 3rd to 2nd centuries BCE, the pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton came to be avoided, being substituted with Adonai ("my Jehovah"). The Hebrew vowel points of Adonai were added to the Tetragrammaton by the Masoretes, and the resulting form was transliterated around the 12th century as Yehowah. The derived forms lehouah and Jehovah first appeared in the 16th century.

"Jehovah" was popularized in the English-speaking world by William Tyndale and other pioneer English Protestant translations such as the Geneva Bible and the King James Version. It is still used in some translations, such as the New World Translation and Young's Literal Translation, but it does not appear in most mainstream English translations, as the terms "Jehovah" or "Jehovah": used instead, generally indicating that the corresponding Hebrew is Yahweh or YHWH." (From Wikipedia)

In the Bishop's Bible (1568), the word Jehovah occurs in Exodus 6:3 and Psalm 83:18. The Authorized King James Version (1611) renders Jehovah in Exodus 6:3, Psalm 83:18, Isaiah 12:2, Isaiah 26:4, and three times in compound place names at Genesis 22:14, Exodus 17:15 and Judges 6:24.

The Leningrad Codex is the oldest complete manuscript of the Hebrew Bible in Hebrew. It is dated 1008 CE. You can download it at www.seforimonline.org/seforimdb/PDF/264.pdf

This Hebrew manuscript contains 50 occurrences of the full spelling of the name Yehovah.

The Aleppo Codex is an ancient vocalized Hebrew manuscript. It is about 100 years older than the Leningrad Codex but it is not complete. This document contains the name Yehovah. When you look at Ezekiel 28:22 in the Aleppo Codex it says: "Thus says Adonai Yehovah.." I encourage you this month to read and study this document for yourself. There a website that will help you. It is www.aleppocodex.org

The King James Version uses "LORD" to translate the divine name in most instances.

Jesus's Hebrew name "Yehoshua" (יהושע) means "Yehovah saves" and is derived from יהוה. This Hebrew name became "Jesus" in Aramaic and "Ἰησοῦς" (Iesous) in Greek.

What is the meaning of Yehovah (Jehovah)?

According to Easton's Bible Dictionary "Jehovah - the special and significant name (not merely an appellative title such as Lord [adonai]) by which God revealed himself to the ancient Hebrews (Exodus 6:2 Exodus 6:3). This name, the Tetragrammaton of the Greeks, was held by the later Jews to be so sacred that it was never pronounced except by the high priest on the great Day of Atonement, when he entered into the most holy place. Whenever this name occurred in the sacred books they pronounced it, as they still do, "Adonai" (i.e., Lord), thus using another word in its stead. The Massorets gave to it the vowel-points appropriate to this word. This Jewish practice was founded on a false interpretation of Leviticus 24:16 . The meaning of the word appears from Exodus 3:14 to be "the unchanging, eternal, self-

existent God," the "I am that I am," a covenant-keeping God. (Compare Malachi 3:6 ; Hosea 12:5 ; Revelation 1:4 Revelation 1:8 .)

The Hebrew name "Jehovah" is generally translated in the Authorized Version (and the Revised Version has not departed from this rule) by the word LORD printed in small capitals, to distinguish it from the rendering of the Hebrew Adonai and the Greek Kurios , which are also rendered Lord, but printed in the usual type. The Hebrew word is translated "Jehovah" only in Exodus 6:3 ; Psalms 83:18 ; Isaiah 12:2 ; 26:4 ..."

Let us look at some examples:

1 Kings 18:24 says:

Then you call on the name of your Elohim, and I will call on the name Yehovah, and the Elohim who answers by fire, He is Elohim.

Isaiah 60:19 says:

No longer will you have the sun for light by day, nor for brightness will the moon give you light, but you will have Yehovah for an everlasting light, and your Elohim for your glory.

The ancient Israelites used the name as a blessing in daily life. Ruth 2:4 gives us an example. It says:

Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers "May Yehovah be with you." And they answered him, "May Yehovah bless you."

Why do we include a section on Praying through the Heavens in our Guide?

Believers are a royal priesthood unto Jehovah (1 Pet 2:9), we have also been made kings and priests unto our Jehovah (Rev 1:6; 5:10). The priest's lips should keep knowledge and the law should be sought at his mouth (Mal 2:7). Jehovah interprets our ignorance of various aspects of the kingdom as a rejection of knowledge with grievous consequences (Hos 4:6). Knowledge of the heavens and how to deal with them in every season is a very important aspect of the Kingdom of heaven.

In *Primeval Astronomy*, "The Gospel in the Stars," Joseph Augustus Seiss explains the purpose of the stars and their constellations in their original context. In a lecture entitled, "The Starry Worlds," first published in 1882, he attests:

"Such wonderful creations of almighty power and wisdom were not without a purpose." Seiss explains that stars and groups of stars, constellations, were created to fill the galaxy— in a particular order for a very specific purpose. God created the stars (Gen. 1:16) and positioned them in their exact places in the universe (Ps. 8:3). Stars were, "for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years, in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." (Gen. 1:14, 15).

Stars were so important that God named them.

“He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.” (Ps. 147:4).

The stars are a continual reminder that the Seed of the woman will ultimately triumph over the Serpent (Gen. 3:15). God's revelation is constantly told in the stars (Ps. 19) — which is a message of salvation — available to every generation who professes faith. (Romans 9-11, Joel, Isa.) The entire ancient world received the gospel prior to Christ ever being born— through the stars.

Teaching - The Spirit of Mammon

Mammon is an Aramaic word, which means riches, and mammon represents the spirit of this world. Money either has God's spirit on it or a mammon spirit. Jesus said, “You can't serve God and mammon.” **If we think that money could solve our problems instead of God, then the spirit of mammon has influenced us.**

Mammon has its roots in Babylonian history and essentially means “sown in confusion.” Babylon came from the tower of Babel. The tower of Babel was a system where they believed they didn't need God. They believed their own work could get them high enough to get to heaven. **When the spirit of mammon influences us, we believe we don't need God if we have money.** The spirit of mammon is a spirit that contrasts itself with the Spirit of God. It is an arrogant, prideful spirit that tries to replace God. Jesus said, “You can't serve God and mammon.” In other words, **mammon is looking for servants. Mammon wants you to look to it, not God.** Jesus said you can't serve both—you will be loyal to one and despise the other.

The prosperity message of today is a give-and-you'll-get message. The problem with the prosperity gospel is that it actually works selfishness and greed into your life instead of out of your life. **It is a mammon message.** When people buy into this message, and something breaks or goes wrong in their life financially, they despise God and get mad at Him. They do this because they're loyal to mammon.

Mammon wants to take God's place. **Mammon promises us everything that only God can give us:**

What about Ecclesiastes 10:19 “But Money answereth all things”?

Money in this passage is the Hebrew word *keceph*, meaning *silver from its pale colour, money or price*. Price speaks of value or worth. Could we then interpret Ecclesiastes 10:19 like this? “*There is a price for all things.*”

Looking at the word *keceph*, it comes from the word *kacaph* which means *to pine after, long for, to fear or desire*.

So we could interpret that sentence to be *Desire determines the “things” we have. Are we willing to pay the price?*

In Matthew 6:24 Jesus says "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money". (Matthew 6:24)

What Jesus actually said was "You cannot serve God and Mammon". Mammon is not money. The word Mammon is more than money. When Jesus used the word "mammon" he was identifying Mammon as a personal and spiritual entity.

Mammon is the dangerous and seductive spiritual power behind money. When Paul writes to the Ephesian Christians he says this: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 6:12) The Apostle Paul says we are to wage war against these spiritual powers.

Mammon is an evil, spiritual power that enslaves people through the medium of money. It's the evil spirit behind the misuse of money. Jesus says we will either hold on to God and hate the evil spirit of Mammon, or we will hold on to Mammon and hate God.

Note that it is not hating money, but the evil force behind it that enslaves men and women through it. You cannot be neutral on this subject. It is a choice we make of whom we serve through our money – will we use our money to serve God or Mammon.

Money itself is neutral. It is neither good nor bad. But there is an addictive, seductive, spiritual power behind money that uses it to corrupt, seduce, and in some cases, to destroy people.

This evil power, which Jesus identified by the name Mammon, wants for our hearts. What do we do? Do we stop using money? Of course not. We all have to use money every day of our lives. It is part of the way our society operates. But we need to recognise that behind every bit of money we use there is a spiritual reality that Jesus alerted us to.

Recognise that there is a rival god that is competing for your heart. And that competition comes through money. That's why Jesus had so much to say about money. Do you realise that apart from talking about the Kingdom of God, Jesus had more to say about money than anything else?

The product of the spirit of mammon is greed. And greed is a sin. Whenever you see the results of the sin of greed, you will find the spirit of mammon has been at work. Have you ever wondered why some people get agitated when we begin talking about money? It's because we are entering into a spiritual realm where we are treading on the territory of one of the most powerful evil spirits in the spirit realm. This is spiritual warfare territory.

Jesus was so aware of the dangers of this evil power that he said that we couldn't be His disciples if we are under the control of the spirit of Mammon. This evil spirit is so powerful it can keep people out of the Kingdom of God. In Luke's gospel we read of a very rich young man who came to Jesus and asked Him

what he had to do to be saved. Jesus told him "Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Now Jesus didn't say that to every person who wanted to follow Him. Why did he say it to this young man? Because Mammon had got him its grip. The young man couldn't do it. He missed out on being a follower of Jesus because of the power an evil spirit had over him through money.

Zacchaeus is the exact opposite. He broke the power of Mammon over his life. Because of this, salvation came to his household. He had turned from worshipping Mammon to worshipping Jesus.

How Does The Spirit Of Mammon Operate?

Our society is built on the free rein of the spirit of Mammon. Our whole Western society is built around a desire for more. And in the last few decades, through global television and advertising, we have been exporting this desire to nations like China and India.

Here are some examples of the way the spirit of mammon operates:

Advertising

Advertising slogans say "You deserve this". They do not say "Can you afford this?" They do not say, "Do you need this?" They say, "You deserve this". It doesn't matter if you can't afford that car, or that holiday—you deserve it". What's behind that? It's the spirit of Mammon that says "instant gratification". "You have to have this now." "Your life will not be complete or fulfilled without this". Recognise where that comes from. It comes from hell, and it has one object – to enslave you and put you in bondage.

Credit Card Debt

There is something worse than being broke. It's being in bondage. Some of you are in a spiritual bondage to some small pieces of plastic and it's tearing your life and your family apart. Do you think that's the way God wants you to live? Of course not. It is the Devil and his angels that want to keep us in bondage. Proverbs 22:7 says "The borrower is servant to the lender".

If you are in debt on your Credit Card, you are being owned by someone else. It's a bondage that Satan uses to destroy our relationship with Jehovah. People are living in a constant state of fear and hopelessness. The spirit of Mammon is having a field day with many people, including Christians, who have allowed their lives to get out of control.

The generation before this one knew what it was to practice delayed gratification. If you couldn't afford something, you didn't buy it. You saved up until you could afford it. But we now live in an age of instant gratification, where we have to have everything now, even if we can't afford it. That value system is giving the spirit of Mammon an open door into our lives.

How do we break free from the Spirit of Mammon?

You may not be in debt, but still be captured by the spirit of Mammon. You may have a little money or a lot, but still be consumed by the desire for more. The spirit of Mammon can control our lives no matter what the size of our bank balance.

The Solution

Just after he talked about the power of the spirit of Mammon, Jesus said “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

Jesus is not saying we should be without all these things, but that God, and His purposes, and His Kingdom, have to come first. He’s talking about a change in priorities. Jesus is promising that if we put God first, He will see to it that all the financial and material things we need will be added to us.

Have you ever been in a position where you didn’t have the financial resources, and had to trust God?

Paul said “Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.” (2 Corinthians 9:10)

Try praying a prayer like this – “Lord, I believe you are my supply – not the banks. Not my employer. You are my provider. And so, as my provider, I affirm my trust in You”.

It is time to stop trusting the Banks and finance companies so much, and trust God a lot more. When we turn to the Lord to supply our financial needs, we break the power of the spirit of Mammon over our lives.

Another way to break the power of Mammon is to make money and use it for the Kingdom. God has given some of you the ability to make a lot of money. You know that that money has great power and is a powerful force that could corrupt you. But it is a victory for the Kingdom of God when you take that money and use it for Kingdom purposes.

William Colgate, whose name is on toothpaste tubes in our houses, was a Christian who made a lot of money, and used it to start Universities and ministries that are still operating today.

One way to break the power of Mammon is to give. Every time we give to Jehovah in the tithes and offerings we are making a declaration to the spirit world that we are free from the spirit of Mammon. Every time you give some of your possessions away, or give money to the poor, or give to the church, or in some way advance the work of the Kingdom with your money, you are breaking the power of the spirit of Mammon over your life. Every time you exercise generosity, you are displaying the character of God in your life, and breaking the stranglehold of the spirit of Mammon. Every time you give gladly and generously, you are declaring you are free.

John Wesley, the Father of the Methodist Church said this – “Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can”. For the whole of his life he practised that. We rob money of its power over us by generously giving it away. It's Gods purpose for you to be free.

What do you need to do for that to happen? For some of you it might mean cutting up your Credit card. For some of you it might mean putting a budgeting plan in place. For some it might mean making yourself accountable to a wise Christian brother or sister who will help to keep you on track. Some of you need to break the power of the Spirit of Mammon by giving in a way that you never have before. All of these are very practical things with spiritual implications for your life. If Jehovah is speaking to you right now then do what He tells you to do.

Praying through the Month of January 2017

PRAYING THRU THE MONTH

- We are at a key gate of time; the beginning of another new Gregorian Year 2017. A happy New Year to You. We want to usher in the year at the correct time slot. Remember that the day begins in the evening; “And evening and morning...” Is the pattern Jehovah set forth in Genesis 1. While the rest of the world is ready to usher in the new year at midnight with sacrifices to Janus; you should be getting ready to usher in the new year at sundown around 6pm of 31st – the true beginning of the new year and new day: Declare Psalm 24:7-9 at the gates of this new time.
- Lev 27:28, Psalm 119:2, Rev 4:11 Speak to the gates of this month; and command every gate of time in the month to give pleasure to the Creator by doing His bidding day by day;
- For you to enter into the new season, there must be closure of the past season. Ask Jesus to close the gates of the past year, and season. Ask that He will seal and cause a closure on any areas of your life where there is exposure and a lack of closure;
- Whether any loss that continues to haunt you; like death of loved ones, loss of property, possession or position, loss of face or relationships. Ask for the opportunity for closure so that you can enter the new season on a clean slate.
- Are there other areas of closure that must happen in your life, family, workplace, with other relationships? Ask Jehovah to bring you to a conclusion of the matter- a closure as you prepare to enter this new gate. Where there has been strife, and unfinished business, issues pertaining to land, closure where there has been a scattering of people and possessions, closure of court cases, and feuds, closure of broken relationships.
- Psalm 118:12, Isa 60:18-20 Declare Jehovah Shalom at every gate of this new season. The gates of this season will be gates of righteousness and praise and the walls salvation. Wherever the man of peace shall be, the peace of Jehovah will rest upon them. Wherever there shall be a man of violence, they shall be judged in this new season
- This is the first month of the Gregorian calendar year 2017. Number 1 speaks of beginnings, supremacy, foundations; “In the beginning GOD...(Gen 1:1); We are at the foundation of a new year. In the prayer guide for gates of Finance and Economy sent in September 2015 we prayed for ourselves as cities whose architect and builder is Jehovah. How will you lay the foundation of your new season? Proclaim the virtue of the foundations in Isaiah 54:11-12, Revelations 21:19-21 over your life, your family, and for kingdom citizens in the territory.

1. **Jasper** — you will enjoy comfort and security of Jehovah Ro'hi and you will persevere thru any difficult task, You will experience justice and intimacy with Him Psal 23
 2. **Sapphire** — This season you will operate in truth. You will stand on the Truth of the Word against every lie of the enemy. Jehovah of all hope will undergird your endeavours Rom 3.4, Prov 4.20-22, Rom 4.18, Tit, 1.2
 3. **Chalcedony** — you will encounter the benevolent Jehovah as your Protector; and you will be a royal seal in His hand to establish His covenants in this new year Hosea 2.5-7, Song of Sol 4.12-15, Deut 8.18
 4. **Emerald/green garnet** — You will experience peace rebirth, freshness and new beginnings; increase in prosperity and strength of faith in adversity; you will encounter Jehovah's love in many new ways Rom 5.1, Isaiah 57.14-18, Eccl 2.26
 5. **Sardonyx** — You will enter season of practicing self-control and humility in a generation which shuns these virtues Gal 5.23, 2 Tim 1.7
 6. **Sardius (Carnelian/Ruby)** — Jehovah's love, preciousness of great value, carrying your own Cross daily, wisdom are virtues to seek in this season. Prov 8.12, 1 Cor 1.30, Joh 12.24, Job 28.28
 7. **Chrysolite (Peridot)** — Thankfulness and praise, and preaching accompanied by miracles; this season increased seasons of deliberate thanksgiving retreat, fasting to praise JEHOVAH, the manifestation of power evangelism and sharing in every encounter Psalm 100, Zech 8.18-19
 8. **Beryl** — Wisdom, humility and discernment and accuracy will determine your every action in this new year. Pray especially for discernment and accuracy in spiritual matters as the times ahead are turbulent; except for those who trust and walk obediently with Jehovah.
 9. **Topaz** — Light, beauty, purity, Love of Jehovah and the prophetic – it is your season to arise as the light in your sphere of influence; beauty, purity and love of Jehovah displayed through your life will draw men to Jehovah. Walk softly, tenderly and obediently with the Holy Spirit in this season. Reflect on and pray through the prophetic words you have received in past times especially when things seem contrary. They will come to pass. Isa 30.15, 1 Chron 22.9, Eccl 4.6
 10. **Chrysoprasus** — Repentance and forgiveness; reward for prices paid in service to JEHOVAH; For you to enter into this new year you must release yourself and others; let go of past hindrances in order to embrace new beginnings. Ask for a repentant and tender heart; for it is repentance and forgiveness that stays the hand of Judgement over territories and people
 11. **Jacinth** — Rapture being borne up, being Christ-like; it is a season to actively operate with the question "What would Jesus do?, What would Jesus say?" in every situation. Watch what you say, how you act and interact; you must reflect Jesus. Joh 15.5, 2 Pet 3.10
 12. **Amethyst** — Sobriety, Royal priesthood, kingship, heavenly-minded; this season pray that you will remain sober in the midst of excesses in every way and lack of self-control; you will enter your season of kingship — only kings can acquire territories; it is a season of working therefore this foundation must be key in your life.
- Declare that the foundation of the Kingdom reflecting you your life, will replace every other false ancestral, political, cultural, tribal foundation affecting your life. Pray this for kingdom citizens in your territory.
 - Psalm 59.11 This is the 4th month of the Civil year 5777. Declare that in this New Year you will experience favor at every level with Jehovah and with men. Pray that in this season where judgements

are on earth; you will experience mercy and unmerited favour; and a “Passover” of calamity.

- This is the 10th month of the Sacred Calendar – Pray that foundations that must be judged in this season will be judged so that only Jesus the true foundation will remain in family, the Ecclesia and in governments. Psa 45.3-6
- Pray that the Ecclesia will sit authoritatively in the seat of judgement and turn back the battle at the gates for the purposes of establishing the kingdom Isaiah 28.5-6, Psalm 149:6-9
- Rev. 22.2, Ezek 47.12; Pray that the tree of life which brings for fruit every month will yield forth for you the fruit for the 1st, 4th and 10th months in this season.
- Pray for every healing that is being released from the leaves of the tree of life, will release new health solutions, innovations and discoveries in the nations especially amongst kingdom citizens in the sphere of health science and technology.

If this is the month of your birth, pray that you will partake of every virtue that comes with the numbers 1, 4 and 10 in this season:

- You will be the head and not the tail, the first and not the last, supremacy is your portion in every endeavor
- You will receive grace to work harder than the rest and excel in the work of your hands
- Your life will express the grace of Jesus in every aspect both physically and spiritually.
- Pray also that you will be a statement of Judgment against every unrighteous and unjust pattern everywhere you appear. Pray that in this season you will be an instrument of judgment and justice. Proclaim Psalm 149, Isaiah 28:5-6 and Jeremiah 51:20-23 over your life. You will be a weapon in the hand of Jehovah to execute justice and turn back the battle at every gate that He will bring you to.
- Prophecy over your life the jubilee release as you enter another season and a new year of your life.
- Even if this is not the month of your birth, pray weekly, on the weekday of your birth and prophecy these truths into your life.

THE YEAR 2017

The prophecies for 2017 will be released as they come forth in the coming days.

Festivals that are celebrated this month around the world

Name	Location	Dates	Description
Junkanoo	Nassau, Bahamas	1 January and 26 December	Celebrated throughout the country, Junkanoo is at its wildest in the capital city, Nassau, where the first ‘rush’ (as the parade is known) takes place on Boxing Day (December 26) and the second on New Year’s Day.
Kaapse Klopse (Cape Minstrel Carnival)	Cape Town, South Africa	Starts 2 January, and goes for a month	Cape Town’s largest carnival features marching troupes adorned in practically every colour of satin, sequin and glitter.

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Carnaval de Blancos y Negros (Carnival of Blacks & Whites)	Pasto, Colombia	5–6 January	One of South America's oldest festivals, Pasto's celebration dates back to the time of Spanish rule, when slaves were allowed to party on 5 January, with their masters showing approval by painting their faces black.
Bikaner Camel Festival	Bikaner, India	Varying dates in January (during the 10th month of the Indian lunar calendar)	Held over two days, it's a homage to the humped ones. There are camel races, camel rides, camel tugs-of-war, a camel pageant, dancing camels, competitions for the best decorated camel and the best camel haircut, and even a camel beauty contest.
Festival in the Desert	Essakane, Mali	Second weekend in January	For three days a year, a desolate patch of Saharan sand, 65km north of Timbuktu, hosts 'the world's most remote music festival'.
Voodoo Festival	Ouidah, Benin	10 January	The celebrations begin when the supreme voodoo priest slaughters a goat to honour the spirits, and are marked by much singing, chanting, dancing, beating of drums and drinking of gin.
Yamayaki	Mt Wakakusayama, Nara, Japan	Second Sunday in January	Winter in the Japanese region of Kansai would seem a good enough excuse for one of the world's biggest bonfires, but in Nara they point to history as the reason for setting alight an entire hill each year.
Black Nazarene Procession	Quiapo, Manila, Phillipines	9 January	The miracle-wielding Black Nazarene is a life-size statue of Christ carved from ebony. It was brought to the Philippines from Mexico in the 17th century and placed in Manila's Quiapo Church in 1767.
Anti-Athian	Kalibo, Phillipines	Third week in January	The Ati-Atihan is the Philippines' biggest Mardi Gras, a week-long street party that rages from dawn to dusk, peaking on the third Sunday in January.
La Tamborrada (Drum Festival)	San Sebastian, Spain	20 January	At the stroke of midnight a flag is raised in Plaza de la Constitución and regiments of soldierly drummers begin parading through the resort town, banging and thumping at drums and barrels to celebrate the city's eponymous patron saint.

Name	Location	Dates	Description
Timkat (Epiphany)	Fasilidas' Bath, Gonder, Ethiopia	18–20 January	Ethiopia's most colourful festival commemorates Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan and is celebrated around the country, though it's most spectacular in the former capital of Gonder.

Most of these festivals promote the agenda of the kingdom of darkness.

SOME KEY WAYS TO PRAY:

1. DIVISION

Although Satan obviously uses this weapon against Christians, Jesus clearly taught it as something we are to use against the demonic powers and those controlled by them. After declaring the protection of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ over ourselves and over our families, let us declare division over these efforts to trap people into demonic covenants. May there be division in their relationships, communications, and technical attempts to promote Satan's agenda.

2. DISRUPTION

Let us agree that there will be major disruptions of the satanic events in the cities and nations, where they are scheduled: May the Lord of the Armies of Heaven release His mighty arsenal of creative weapons to disrupt and stop these event from achieving their goals.

3. DELAY

There are times when we are called to delay the enemy's plans when he attempts to accelerate events ahead of the Lord's timing. In Revelation 10:6 an angel declares, before an outpouring of judgment, that "There will be no more delay!. This implies that there had in previous times been delays in the mercy of God. There are times when we as intercessors are to proclaim: "Let there be a moment of delay". This is like hitting the "pause button" on what the enemy may later be allowed to do. Let us pray for these delays, that this generation will not be unknowingly swept by unholy music into making covenants with the spirits of death, but that this generation will be freed from the power of demonic sounds to hear the sound of the Lord, and to come into the life-giving worship of the One, True, Living God.

4. DECLARE HIS PRAISES

It is obvious that the demonic beings understand the power of music to open hearts to the spiritual realms. As they are seeking to deceive and capture the souls of youth through their demonically anointed music, we need to release the far greater power of anointed worship music to sing "songs of deliverance" over a generation.

5. DISCLOSURE

We need to pray that the Satanic agenda will not remain hidden, but will be exposed and revealed, especially to spiritual leaders/gatekeepers and Intercessors countries where these festivals will be held.

Also, we need to pray that the youth will not be let astray by the lies of the enemy and lured into his traps.

PRAYING FOR NATIONS

Israel

- Proclaim Psalm 83 and 89 over Israel and Jerusalem at the gates of this new year. Pray for Jehovah's protection over the nation in these turbulent times in the Middle East.
- Pray that Jehovah will continue to give wisdom to the government of that nation as they navigate diplomatic waters with other Middle Eastern nations, the continued unrest in the Middle East, and hostility from other parts of the world..
- Prophecy Psalm 48 and 122 over Jerusalem
- Pray for Prime Minister Netanyahu for wisdom as he addresses the situation of the United Nations resolution that criticized Israel's settlement activity in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Syria

Please pray for Syrian leaders to have a change of heart regarding the use of violence against citizens of the country. Current leaders include President Bashar al-Assad, Prime Minister Imad Khamis and Speaker of Parliament Hadiya Khalaf Abbas.

Operation World suggests prayer for refugees who have settled in the nation: "The Iraq situation created possibly 1.8 million refugees to add to the 600,000 Palestinians in Syria."

United States of America and Ghana

Please pray for:

1. Healing in the Church

One of the worst things to happen in this election has been the division among followers of Jesus. Pray for healing of relationships and for the desire of Jesus for unity among his disciples to be fulfilled. "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:23).

2. Healing in the nation

This election has revealed the depths of division in the nation. Opposing world views that fought over the ballot box will continue to battle unless Jehovah steps in and brings his peace. Pray especially for the true tolerance that allows for opposing views to be expressed freely. "He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near" (Eph. 2:17).

3. Wisdom for the new president

Leading this nation through these perilous time requires wisdom that only God can give. Pray especially for the choices for the cabinet and key advisors. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise" (Ps. 111:10).

Unrest In Nations

While a good part of the world is celebrating a happy new year, it is not so happy in other nations; joy and peace are a rare commodity for some. While we celebrate positive prophetic words for the year, there is a sound of the trumpet call sending out a warning that all is not well in some parts of the world. We are in a global village. Whatever happens in one little corner, affects far-flung nations:

- Proclaim Isaiah 62 and kindly take time to pray for Burundi, Central African Republic, South Sudan; Northern Nigeria, Libya, Yemen, Eastern DRC, Syria, Somalia that indeed Jehovah Shalom will brood heavily as these territories as His watchers raise intercession, and resist the works of the enemy until each becomes a praise on the earth.
- Genesis 4.10-12 Repent for the bloodshed that has defiled these nations and brought a vagabond curse upon the people making the land and people unfruitful, refugees, easy prey for destruction and death wherever they go (thus the drownings of those trying to escape war in Syria, hostility from host nations for refugees, accidents)
- Galatians 3.13-14 Jesus PAID IT ALL for every single territory and every single individual more than 2000 years ago before they were nations and before they even sinned or did anything good or bad. Appropriate the finished work of the Cross of Calvary over each territory and its people wherever they may be. Their deliverance was already sorted out. Proclaim this truth over the lies of the enemy
- These people groups have the opportunity to enter into the blessing of redemption. Salvation is their blood-bought right. The enemy has deceived the Ecclesia into a position of weakness and hopelessness. Pray that the church will arise triumphant in this season and recognize her powerful and authoritative role to steer the nation into the path of redemptive purpose at the place of prayer.
- Prophetically pray Isaiah 4.2-6 and Psalm 23 for the women, children and youth who are most vulnerable victims in these nations; pray for families that have been torn apart as loved ones disappear, run away, die in the confusion.
- Proclaim Isaiah 2.2-4 and Psalm 46 over each territory and each warring faction and call upon Jehovah Sabaot to arise and send angelic assistance to cause wars to cease.
- Prophetically pray Isaiah 60.17-20 over each government leader, and each fighting faction; that every man of violence must be stopped by the angel of Jehovah as His people arise to stand in the gap and pray over the territory.
- Declare Amos 5.23-24 over the nations that have called for a cease-fire that these ceasefires and peace treaties will be upheld and nations may move forward.
- Pray for the Ecclesia to arise as a voice for righteousness and justice for this new leadership in the land.

NATIONAL DAYS

Cameroon	1 January	Independence from France in 1960
North Mariana Islands	8 January	Commonwealth Day; the constitutional government took office in 1978
India	26 January	Republic Day; India became the first republic in the British Commonwealth of Nations 1950
Australia	26 January	Australia Day, proclamation of British sovereignty over Australia (the penal colony New South Wales) 1788
Pakistan	28 January	Pakistan Day
Nauru	31 January	Independence from Australia, New Zealand and UK-administered UN trusteeship in 1968

- Pray for the above nations as they celebration a national milestone. Pray that peace will prevail in the nations.
- Pray for the Body of Jesus to be strengthened in each of the above nations and to reawaken the zeal for evangelism as inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that youth who remain largely undisciplined in the nations will begin to seek for deeper relationship with Jesus. Pray that a Holy Spirit revival will be stirred up among young people as Psalm 8:1-2 comes to pass.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

1/8/2017	Niger	Regional
2/12/2017	Turkmenistan	Presidential
2/15/2017	Indonesia	Regional
2/19/2017	Ecuador	General

- Acts 17.26, Isaiah 40.23-24 Thank Jehovah that He is the One Who gives nations boundaries; and He too raises princes and kings to sit on the throne of leadership at appointed times and seasons. Pray that the Ecclesia in these nations will join Him in installing the leadership for this season
- Pray for peaceful and fair election processes in each of the above nations
- Pray that the leadership will be aligned to the purposes of Jehovah for this coming season to usher in this end time revival.
- Pray that kingdom citizens will be actively involved in the electoral process; from managing to voting with integrity.

United States Security Council Vote Against Israel

United Nations Security Council 2334, which passed Dec. 23 by a vote of 14-0 with the U.S. abstaining, describes Israel's settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem as illegal and an obstacle to peace with the Palestinians. It was the first time U.S. President Barack Obama declined to block a Security Council resolution that Israel considered hostile, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused him of staging a "shameless ambush" against his country. Netanyahu warned countries that backed the measure they would pay a diplomatic and economic price

Israelis in the West Bank and East Jerusalem

Some 580,000 Israelis live in 123 government-authorized settlements and about 100 unauthorized outposts in the West Bank and 12 major neighborhoods in East Jerusalem.



Source: Bloomberg

Many UN member states already contend Israeli settlements violate the Fourth Geneva Convention's rules for administering occupied territory. After the 1967 war, the Security Council passed Resolution 242 calling on the Israeli armed forces to withdraw from land occupied in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights.

The Jewish people have historical and religious ties to the West Bank and East Jerusalem, and Israel says ownership of the territories, captured from Jordan, is disputed. It notes that Resolution 242 doesn't call on it to retreat from "all" territories occupied outside its earlier boundary, known as the Green Line, and recognizes the right of every state in the area to live within "secure" boundaries. For Israel, the new resolution reflects a profound change in international opinion: "Those who rigidly insist that Israel cannot

lay a single brick in the areas beyond the Green Line are implying that there will be no Israeli presence at the end of the day in those territories, and that's a major shift from 242," said Dore Gold, a former Israeli ambassador to the UN and now president of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.

Netanyahu called the resolution "shameful, reckless and destructive" and said he looks forward to working with the Trump administration and allies in Congress to mitigate the damage. Netanyahu recalled Israel's ambassadors from New Zealand and Senegal -- two of the resolution's four co-sponsors -- and cut off 30 million shekels (\$7.9 million) in funding to UN institutions.

Jehovah says - I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ~ Genesis 12:3

Genesis 12:3 is but one example of the repeated, persistent warnings God gives throughout the Bible that the Jewish people are his own people, and the nation of Israel is his own nation, and that he will tolerate hostility toward neither.

In Isaiah 43:12, God states about the Jewish people, "You are my witnesses...that I am God." In that one poignant verse, we see the motivation behind Satan's relentless campaign throughout human history to wipe out the Jews. From Ahmadinejad to Hitler to Haman and everyone in between, history's illogical and inexplicable hostility toward the Jewish people is Satan's attempt to, simply put, kill the witnesses. The only thing more illogical than the historical recurrence of nations trying to annihilate the Jews is the fact that none has been successful at it! Nor will anyone ever be successful at it. God assures us that although the Jewish people will undergo the worst persecution, they will never be wiped out. He also assures us that any people who try it, or aid it, will pay a price.

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)
- For the people of Israel to come to know their Messiah, Yeshua (Psalm 40:7; Isaiah 53)
- For her borders to be secure (Exodus 23:31a)
- For Jerusalem to be protected from being divided (Joel 3:2)

ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS

- For Israel's leaders to be blessed and lead well, so Israel's citizens can live in peace and many will come to salvation (1 Timothy 2:1-4) ì
- That they may be just and give their country stability, and be free from corruption (Proverbs 29:4)
- That they would ask God for wisdom and follow His lead (James 1:5)

BELIEVERS IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL

- For the Believers in Israel to be strengthened with power in their inner being, so Messiah may dwell in their hearts through faith, and that they would know the love of Messiah (Ephesians 3:16-19)
- That they would be filled with God's will, wisdom and understanding; live a life worthy of Him; bear fruit in every good work; have great endurance and patience; and be grateful (Colossians 2:6-7)
- For their protection, and that those around them would be drawn to Jesus because of their love for Him and one another (John 17:11, 23)

THE YOUTH and THE ELDERLY

- For the LORD to comfort the young and old alike (Isaiah 40:1) ì That they would know Jehovah.

PRAYING THRU THE HEAVENS

Jehovah has spoken concerning 2017 that there is a lot of heavy activity in the heavens. It will do well to be conversant with the heavens and how to deal with them. (Read: Understanding the Heavens publication). The heavens indeed declare the glory of Jehovah in every season.

- Thank Jehovah for the knowledge He has released in these days concerning our role as kingdom citizens with regard to the heavens.
- Job 38.33; Pray that you will be one of those who will contend with the kingdom of darkness in cosmic warfare to ensure a release of every Jehovah ordained purpose in this new year and establishment of His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Lunar Movements

The **Last Quarter moon** will occur on 19 January 2017 @22:14UTC and the **First quarter moon** will occur on 5 January 2017 @19:47UTC

- Command the quarter moons to praise Jehovah. Thank Jehovah for the bow shaped quarter moon. Praise Him for in this season. He is breaking the bows of the enemy and incapacitating him.
- Declare Psalm 91.124 The quarter moons are D shaped like a bow. The kingdom of darkness uses these to shoot cosmic arrows at the ignorant. Thank Jehovah for being a shield of protection around Kingdom citizens to deflect any arrows shot at them in this season.
- Pray that during the waning last quarter moon, Jehovah will release every seed of prophetic prayer that was prayed during the previous new moon season

The **New moon** that ushers in the first month of 2017 occurs on 28 January 2017 @00:07UTC

- Psalm 104:19-20, Psalm 136:7-8 This new moon will usher in the true beginning of the month; command this new moon to praise Jehovah and to mark the seasons and times as this was what it was created for.
- Pray that indeed this truly new month will be the gateway of blessing and favor. Pray at the new moon that the prophecies released concerning 2017 will begin to grow and manifest even as the new moon waxes towards its fullness.
- Command the new moon for 2017 and every other new moon this year to obey only the instructions of Jehovah their Creator and not the voice of any other demon-deity or prognosticator in every part of creation. Psal 136:7-8

The **full moon** occurs on 12 January 2017 @11:34UTC

- Command the full moon to praise Jehovah and declare His glory alone in all the earth.
- Proclaim that every monthly prophetic destiny which is supposed to have reached its fullness and begin to be released in your life will be on schedule from the day of the full moon to the end of the month.

Solar Movements

From December 18, 2016 to 19 January 2017 as the sun makes its circuit through the heavens, it passes through a cluster of **69 stars** in the constellation called **SAGITTARIUS** symbolized by the archer. This represents the triumph of Jesus "The Coming One" who is represented as going forth "Conquering and to conquer." The Bible testifies that He wrested from the enemy the keys of Death and Hades. He led captivity captive and released from eternal bondage the entire universe. **Continue using the prayer directions from December 2016**

From January 20, 2017 to 16 February 2017 as the sun makes its circuit through the heavens, it will pass through cluster of **51 stars** in the constellation called **CAPRICORNUS** symbolized by the sea goat. This represents Jesus as the Goat of atonement slain for the Redeemed.

"GOD hath given it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before Jehovah" This is what is written for the goat of the sin-offering. (Lev 10:16-17) The purpose and its fulfillment was the reason Jesus came to the earth. (Heb 9:11-14). Jehovah demands in this season that we demonstrate our unconditional love for one another as true followers of Jesus.

- The heavens declare redemption and atonement of sin. During this season, take time to pray daily for at least 5-10 minutes for the lost who are unaware that Jesus already paid the price for their redemption from every bondage of the enemy and into a glorious life according to His purpose. Start with your family, those connected to you at work, school, in the community, church goers who are not saved etc.
- These are days of the harvest of souls. Jesus is asking that you pray for labourers (starting with yourself) to go out and bring in the harvest of souls in every age group. Pray for the ministry of evangelism to be revived not only in your life or your congregation, but in the Ecclesia worldwide.
- Jesus lay down His life to become an atonement for all iniquity ever created. Pray that the Ecclesia including yourself, will go back to this Great Commission to reconcile all creation back to Him who already paid the price (1 Joh 3:16; Joh 15:12-13; 1 Thess 3:12).

The other three smaller group of stars called decans that form part of Capricornus describe the details of Jesus's death and resurrection.

SAGITTA (the arrow) represents the arrow of GOD (death) sent forth to His Son.

- Proclaim Isa 53:5 as a thank offering to Jehovah for the depth of His wisdom because the arrow of death sent forth to His son, struck Jesus for the sake of all creation. He was pierced for our transgression; bruised for our iniquity and by His stripes we were healed. Thank Him for this wonderful sacrifice that continues to speak on our behalf through all eternity.
- Pray that during this month you will be an arrow of integrity in the hand of Jehovah and as He releases you to your purposes in this month, you will land on target and you will strike deep in the heart of the enemy's camp.

AQUILLA (the eagle) represents the smitten one falling

- 1 Cor 15:31 Joh 12:24 Jesus died for all. He requires us to carry our own Cross; and die daily to self and sin so that we may truly represent Him in our territories as glorious sons. Pray that in this season, you and kingdom citizens in your territory will receive understanding of this level of sacrifice so as to activate the same power that raised Jesus to operate in our lives; but it starts with dying to self (Heb 2:9-10)

DELPHINUS (the Dolphin) representing the dead one rising again.

- Matt 22:31-32; I Joh 5:4; Isa 38:19; Neh 12:46; Jehovah is God of the living. The resurrection of Jesus made the resurrection of the dead possible, it gave us victory that overcomes the world and it is only the living who shall give Jehovah praise and make known His truth; so celebrate the resurrection with songs of praise and thanksgiving
- Psa 37:24, Micah 7.7-10 Isa 53;; The heavens declare that He rose again. Thank Him that His downfall resulted in our uprising. Thank Him that the righteous fall seven times but He will never remain down. You rise again toward the goal set before you just like He did.
- I Cor 15:50-51 Thank Jehovah that the heavens in this month remind us that those who have died in Jehovah do not perish but are translated to be with Him forever. Thank Him for this hope and that you will meet those loved ones again and rejoice forever with Jehovah

PROPHECIES 2017

The prophecies for 2017 will be released and sent out separately from this guide. Pray through the prophecies as the year progresses and refer to the website for previous prophecies from previous years that continue to be fulfilled through the years.

INSCRIBE IN ALL CREATION

I WILL PLACE ON HIS SHOULDER THE KEY TO THE HOUSE OF DAVID; WHAT HE OPENS NO ONE CAN SHUT, AND WHAT HE SHUTS NO ONE CAN OPEN. I WILL DRIVE HIM LIKE A PEG INTO A FIRM PLACE; HE WILL BECOME A SEAT OF HONOR FOR THE HOUSE OF HIS FATHER. ALL THE GLORY OF HIS FAMILY WILL HANG ON HIM: ITS OFFSPRING AND OFFSHOOTS—ALL ITS LESSER VESSELS, FROM THE BOWLS TO ALL THE JARS. "IN THAT DAY," DECLARES JEHOVAH ALMIGHTY, "THE PEG DRIVEN INTO THE FIRM PLACE WILL GIVE WAY; IT WILL BE SHEARED OFF AND WILL FALL, AND THE LOAD HANGING ON IT WILL BE CUT DOWN." JEHOVAH HAS SPOKEN. ISAIAH 22.22-25

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