



PRAYING THROUGH THE MONTH OF May 2017

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Information about the Month of May

The fifth (5th) month of the Gregorian calendar, May is named after the Roman goddess, MAIA. The worship of Mercury (to whom the planet is dedicated) was associated with the worship of the Roman goddess Maia who is identified as his mother by her association with the Greek goddess Maia – mother of Hermes. Both Mercury and Maia were honored in pagan festivals on May 15th the dedication day of the Temple of Mercury on the Aventine (built around 500 BC). The Romans believed that MERCURY was the god of merchandise and merchants, and is commonly identified with the Greek HERMES – the fleet-footed messenger of the gods.

Lyar is the second month on the Jewish calendar counting from Nissan. It is the period that starts on April 27, 2017 through May 25, 2017 in the Gregorian calendar. The name of this month, lyar, spells an acronym for the phrase “I am the LORD your healer.”

Shortly after the Exodus, the thirsty Israelites reached a well of bitter water. Moses cast a tree into the water, and it miraculously became sweet. God then promised that if Israel followed His ways, “the diseases I have placed on Egypt I will not place upon you, for I am God your Healer (אני יי רפאך).” The acronym for this last phrase spells out the name of the month of lyar (אייר), thus indicating that lyar is a propitious time for healing.

What does the unique nature of this month teach us about illness as well as healing? What role do we play in blocking or facilitating our own healing? Read more on the month of Lyar @ http://www.chabad.org/theJewishWoman/article_cdo/aid/2544447/jewish/A-Time-To-Heal.html

Although lyar does not contain many “special days,” every single day of the month is included in the Sefirat HaOmer counting—the mitzvah to count each of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot. Sefirat HaOmer is a period of introspection and self-refinement, as we prepare ourselves to receive the Torah anew on Shavuot. Each day of lyar represents another step in this spiritual journey toward Sinai.

The 14th day of lyar is Pesach Sheni, “the second Passover.” This year it is observed on May 10th 2017. A year after the Exodus, God instructed the people of Israel to bring the Passover offering on the afternoon of the fourteenth of Nissan, and to eat it that evening, roasted over the fire, together with matzah and bitter herbs, as they had done the previous year just before they left Egypt.

“There were, however, certain persons who had become ritually impure through contact with a dead body, and could not, therefore, prepare the Passover offering on that day. They approached Moses and Aaron . . . and they said: ‘. . . Why should we be deprived, and not be able to present God’s offering in its time, amongst the children of Israel?’” (Numbers 9:6–7).

In response to their plea, God established the 14th of lyar as a “Second Passover” (Pesach Sheni) for anyone who was unable to bring the offering on its appointed time in the previous month.

The day thus represents the “second chance” achieved by teshuvah, the power of repentance and “return.” In the words of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak of Lubavitch, “The Second Passover means that it’s never a ‘lost case.’”

It is customary to mark this day by eating matzah, shmurah matzah if possible, and omitting Tachanun from the prayer services.

In the Torah it describes how God created this holiday at the request of those who, for reasons beyond their control, were unable to offer the paschal sacrifice in its proper time. One month later, they received a second chance. Pesach Sheni reminds us that it's never too late. With sincere effort, yesterday's missed opportunity can become today's achievement.

Other special Days in the month of Lyra are:

16 Iyar (May 12) The Manna

Manna, the "bread from heaven" which sustained the Children of Israel during their 40 years of wandering through the desert, began to fall on the 16th of Iyar of the year 2448 from creation-one month after the Exodus.

26 Lyra (May 22) - Six Day War

In the spring of 1967, the Arab capitals paraded their arms and openly spoke of overrunning the Land of Israel and casting its inhabitants into the sea. The international media was almost unanimous in its belief that the small Jewish state, outflanked and outgunned by its enemies, stood little chance of survival. It seemed that, for the second time in a generation, the world was going to stand by and allow the enemies of the Jewish people to slaughter them in the millions.

On Iyar 26 1967, (June 5, 1967), Israel launched preemptive strikes on its southern and northern frontiers. In just six days, the Jewish army defeated five Arab armies on three fronts and liberated territories of its promised homeland amounting to an area greater than its own size, including the Old City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.

The openly miraculous nature of Israel's victory spawned a global awakening of the Jewish soul, fueling the already present and growing teshuvah movement of return to God and Jewish traditions. The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, of righteous memory, called it a moment of biblical proportions, an "opportunity the likes of which has not been granted for thousands of years." Many thousands of Jews flocked to put on tefillin and pray at the newly liberated Western Wall of the Temple Mount.

Intercessors it is time for serious prayers to possess the gates of the month of May. Decree and declare that you have apostolic authority and dominion in the regions where you live. Pray in line with Jeremiah 1:10. God has set you over the nations and kingdoms to root out, pull down, destroy, throw down satanic altars and to build and plant righteous altars.

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 Jehovah. 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 "JEHOVAH" 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 Jehovah [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., Jehovah), 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 JEHOVAH printed in small capitals, to distinguish it from the rendering of the Hebrew Adonai and the Greek Kurios, which are also rendered Jehovah, 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 Jehovah 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.

PRAYING THRU THE MONTH OF MAY

- Praise the LORD at the gates of a new month; receive it with thanksgiving and command the gates to be lifted up and every ancient door to be flung wide open for the King of glory to come in and for every GOD-ordained purpose to be made manifest for you and kingdom citizens to walk in. Proclaim Psa 24:7-10, Psa 65, 67, 118.
- Proclaim Ps 103 to bless the LORD and declare the Lordship of Jesus Christ over every gate of the month
- Cancel with the blood of Jesus Christ all previous dedications of the month to strange mythological gods. Re-dedicate and devote the month to its Owner the Creator of Heaven and earth. Col 2:14; Lev 27:28
- This is a season of various levels of harvest. Pray that as the earth releases a harvest of crops, kingdom citizens will receive a harvest from every spiritual seed that has been sown in previous seasons and is due for harvest in this month. Proclaim Psa 126 over every seed sown.
- Pray that the fruit that was assigned for the 3rd, 5th and 10th months from the tree of life to be released into your life, the Ecclesia, and your territory Rev 22:2.
- Pray that every level of healing required in your life, workplace and territory will be released from the leaves of the tree of life Rev 22:2

Is it your birth month?

- Apart from your actual birthday, do you know which day of the week you were born? That is the day of your birth. The best thing you can do for yourself is to bless that day of your birth, fast and pray into that day on a weekly basis. You may do this for your loved ones. It is the best gift you can give to them:
 - If you were born in this month, bless the day and month from the womb of creation and prophetically proclaim Isa 60 over your life.
 - Celebrate that the LORD chose a specific day, hour and minute that you were manifested into creation to establish a particular portion of His purpose on earth as it is in heaven. Declare that you will not die without fulfilling your purposes in this life. You will leave an indelible mark in this generation and in history. Phil 3.12
 - Declare that day blessed. Declare that you will enjoy every fruit for this 3rd, 5th and 10th month assigned to you.
 - Declare that this year you will be more of a blessing because you will deposit every good thing that was meant for this season and generation, and in return you will receive every good thing that life was meant to release to you for life and Godliness. You will not die before you receive every good thing the LORD ordained for you. 2 Pet 1.3-4
 - Nullify and render powerless, anything that has been released into creation to withhold you from fulfilling your redemptive purpose at every significant stage of your existence. Rev 12.1-5
 - Pray that your star will rise and shine ever brighter. Anything that has hitherto tried to cover your star will be swept away by the LORD's broom of destruction. Isa 14.23

FESTIVALS DURING THIS MONTH

Mothers' Day 2017

Mother's Day celebrated by most of the world on 2nd Sunday of May falls on the 14th of May 2017. Do you know any mothers? Pray for the mothers in your family, within the Ecclesia and any ladies who are prospective mothers or spiritual mothers as follows:

- This month put down a list of girls and women whom you will dedicate in prayer and prophetically pray for the birthing of true motherhood in them for families, communities and nations. Psa 144.12
- Pray for women using Genesis 24:60. The LORD has spoken concerning his uplifting of women in this season. Lydias, Esthers and Deborahs are on the rise in the areas of Business, Leadership and Education. Pray that not only will women arise, but there will be a rising of mothers in these three areas of business, leadership and education in an unprecedented manner.
- Pray that there will be a raising up of more mothers within the Ecclesia to nurture the world's youngest populations in Africa and other nations of the world
- Paul referred to himself as both a father and a mother. Pray that the LORD will reveal to you your nature as a mother. Every male and female can nurture this quality in their lives. Pray that the LORD will find mothers in every gate of society to disciple and mentor those who are to arise in these gates and fulfill the LORD's purposes.
- Pray for the emerging women leaders in key national positions in this season. Pray that the healing and succor that mothers bring will be made manifest in nations as mothers arise as Deborah's to bring deliverance and healing to these nations.
- Pray for other nations where women hold key positions in the judiciary, the legislature and the executive; that these women, some who have become hardened politicians and forgotten their

role as mothers, will be brought back to that place of being ultimate politician mothers to bring healing and comfort to their territories.

May Day/International Workers' Day

Monday, May 1, 2017 is May Day. May Day as International Workers' Day has its origins in the United States and stemmed from the pre-Christian holiday of Beltane, a celebration of rebirth and fertility. In the late nineteenth century, the working class was in constant struggle to gain the 8-hour work day. Working conditions were severe and it was quite common to work 10 to 16 hour days in unsafe conditions. It wasn't until the late 1880's that organized labor was able to declare the 8-hour workday. At its national convention in Chicago, held in 1884, the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions (which later became the American Federation of Labor), proclaimed that "eight hours shall constitute a legal day's labor from and after May 1, 1886." On May 1, 1886, more than 300,000 workers in 13,000 businesses across the United States walked off their jobs in the first May Day celebration in history. For most countries, Labor day is an annual holiday to celebrate the achievement of workers.

- May 1 is also the major occult holiday of Beltane. Beltane can be translated as "Baal fire," and many Wiccans acknowledge that this festival has origins which can be traced all the way back to the Baal worship of the ancient Middle East.
 - The following quote comes directly from wiccazone.net (http://www.wiccazone.net/beltane_may-day.htm).
 - Beltane is the second most important sabbath in the Witches' calendar after Samhain. Again, it is an intercalary day when the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead is thin. But whereas Samhain is a time for greeting and celebrating those who have gone before, Beltane is a time when more mischievous spirits may take advantage. For this reason the results of divinations performed at Beltane should always be approached cautiously, for the gods also enjoy a sense of humour! Similarly, be very careful of working Magic at this time, for the phrase 'Be careful what you wish for' is even more appropriate around Beltane. Many a Witch has found a wish being granted very literally and has received what they asked for as opposed to what they wanted.
 - This is the festival of the fire God Bel. Bel has been worshipped under many names in all parts of the world for thousands of years; Bel, Beli, Balar, Balor, Belenus, Baal, and Belial. Traditionally, Beltane would be the night on which the old hearth fires were extinguished and the new were kindled from the Bel fire. These fires were placed on the top of hills and produced a chain of beacons which ran across the land. Cattle would be driven between the fires and people would leap over them to ensure fertility for the coming season. In Britain, the tradition of hilltop fires has seen something of a revival lately, although not necessarily associated with Beltane. Fire beacons were lit at the passing of Princess Diana and to mark the Millennium celebrations.
- Command the gates of the May Day to be lifted up unto the Lord and let the king of glory go in and take possession of the day and all the lined up activities so God will take possession and order the day the way He wants it. Ps 24:7-10
 - God commanded the plants, animals and human beings to be fruitful and multiply when He created them in Genesis 1. Any ritual of any kind concerning their fruitfulness is a deception. Rather pray that more and more kingdom citizens will embrace the harvest Feast of Pentecost and other Feasts of the LORD to mark these important spiritual gates of seasons. Matt 10:27; Lk 12:3
 - In the past, political parties and other pressure groups have pushed for matters concerning righteousness, justice and equity in the workplace in the nations. The Ecclesia is supposed to be the voice of morality in such matters. Yet we have left it to pressure groups to carry the

LORD's mandate of righteousness and justice. Pray that in this season kingdom citizens will receive a renewed authoritative voice print to take affirmative action with regard to issues of righteousness and justice in the work place (Ps 45:6-7, Ps 89:14).

- The Queen of Sheba understood the purpose for a person occupying a seat of authority. Pray through the statement of purpose from 2 Chron 9.8 for every person occupying a seat of authority in the workplace; that this purpose shall be fulfilled; proclaim as follows: Praise be to the LORD my GOD, Who has delighted in (name the leader) and placed them on His throne as (leadership title) to rule for the LORD my GOD. Because of the love of my GOD for (name of department or organization) and His desire to uphold us forever, He has made (name the leader) leader over us, to maintain justice and righteousness."Therefore if there is any way that the purpose for their position does not align with the LORD's purpose, let there be a re-alignment in the area of (mention those areas that need adjustment) as the LORD would have it, so that His purposes may be fulfilled for every employee, every subordinate staff in the department or organization. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen
- Pray that from this time forth, you will seek to labour to enter into the rest as you work and you shall never labor in vain Heb 4.11.

Ramadan 2017

From 26 May to 25 June tentatively, the Ramadan season will commence. Kindly find on the GAPNET website (www.gapnetwork.org) the Prayer guide for the Ramadan season together with prayers to deal with terrorism in the nations especially through groups like Al Shabab, Boko Haram and ISIS among others. From time to time before the season begins, ensure you have manned the gates of that season and installed a heavenly angel so that its effects worldwide will be subdued, even quenched.

Shavuot (Pentecost) 2017

Shavuot will begin in the evening of Tuesday, May 30 and ends in the evening of Thursday, June 1

You shall count for yourselves -- from the day after the Shabbat, from the day when you bring the Omer of the waving -- seven Shabbats, they shall be complete. Until the day after the seventh sabbath you shall count, fifty days... You shall convoke on this very day -- there shall be a holy convocation for yourselves -- you shall do no laborious work; it is an eternal decree in your dwelling places for your generations. -Leviticus 21:15-16, 21

Shavu'ot (Pentecost) the Festival of Weeks, is the second of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance (the other two are Passover and Sukkot) Agriculturally, it commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple, and is known as Hag ha-Bikkurim (the Festival of the First Fruits).

Historically, it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and is also known as Hag Matan Torateinu (the Festival of the Giving of Our Torah). We count each of the days from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavu'ot, 49 days or 7 full weeks, hence the name of the festival. The counting reminds us of the important connection between Passover and Shavu'ot:

Passover freed us physically from bondage, but the giving of the Torah on Shavu'ot redeemed us spiritually from our bondage to idolatry and immorality. It was during this Feast of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the upper room in Acts 2.1-2.

- Praise Jesus Christ our KINSMAN REDEEMER who saved us out of bondage of sin and into eternal righteousness and life.

- This is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2.1; Praise the LORD for the Holy Spirit, Who's coming, brought with Him potential for every deliverance, healing, and ability to operate in the power that Jesus Christ operated in. Rom 1.16, 1 Cor 1.24-25, 2.4-5, 2 Cor 6.7 Eph 1.17-23, 2.6-10
- Pray that in this season, kingdom citizens will recognize the importance of the Holy Spirit infilling us and enduing us with power as He did in Acts 2. It is only after the baptism of the holy Spirit that any kingdom citizen have potential to fully operate in the grace of salvation in its totality.
- Consciously ask the Holy Spirit to help you move to another level of fellowship and operation in inspirational gifts He has for you for this particular season. 1 Cor. 12.
- John 1.17 While the Torah's release to Israel was the commencement of the Old covenant of the law, the New covenant of grace was ushered in fully by the release of the Holy Spirit after Jesus Christ ascended. Ask the LORD for a revelation of how to operate in this new covenant, as many kingdom citizens continue to operate in a mixture of the law and the covenant of grace; and suffer frustration in their walk with the LORD. Rom 1.17, 3.20-22.

It is noteworthy that the holiday is called the time of the giving of the Torah, rather than the time of the receiving of the Torah. The Ecclesia is constantly in the process of receiving the Word of God in various forms. We receive it every day, but it was first given at this season. Thus it is the giving, not the receiving, that makes this holiday significant.

- Thank the LORD for the wonderful gift of His WORD. Unfortunately the Ecclesia does not take seriously the reading, studying, meditation and memorizing of this Word which is supposed to be our daily nourishment for life and godliness. Pray that God will stir up in you a zeal for the consumption of larger quantities of His word during this season. Job 23:12, Psa 119:9, 11, 105, Psa 138:2, Jer 15:16,
- The Day of Pentecost commemorates the receiving of the Person of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit was to transform the letter of the Torah to become spirit and life so that it can in turn transform us to become sons of the LORD. Make this your daily proclamation for yourself and other kingdom citizens in your territory:

I keep asking that the GOD of our LORD Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which He has called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe. We want to comprehend and experience this mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And GOD placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be Head over everything for the Ecclesia, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way. And GOD raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of GOD—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are GOD's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which GOD prepared in advance for us to do. Amen Eph 1.17-23, 2.6-10

- The Day of Pentecost set precedence for the pattern of the gospel of grace –unmerited unearned favor; it is a gospel where we receive all the benefits of the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross including redemption, eternal life, deliverance, healing, wealth, peace, joy, reconciliation with the Father, Adoption as joint-heirs with Jesus Christ, all things we require for life and godliness; a return to the original Edenic existence. Just as the Holy Spirit had to be RECEIVED so do all these virtues of the crucifixion come by receiving them by faith through grace – unmerited favor. On a

daily basis, receive with thanks each of these virtues as you may require just the same way you received salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit

- It is customary to stay up the entire first night of Shavu'ot and study the Torah, then pray as early as possible in the morning. During this month, endeavor to wake up early and proclaim prophetically through the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Isa 55.10-11

PRAYING FOR NATIONS

Israel

On May 1 Israel celebrates her 69th birthday. Praise the LORD for the fulfillment of prophecy. This people group who had been scattered from the land for over two thousand years were gathered again and indeed a nation was born just as the LORD had prophesied through many prophets.

Jewish history tells that the State of Israel was proclaimed in 1948. The British mandate to govern the Holy Land expired on Friday, May 14, 1948. A United Nations resolution passed six months earlier endorsed the establishment of a Jewish state in the biblical homeland of the Jewish people. That afternoon, the state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv. The date Iyar 5 on the Jewish calendar is celebrated in Israel as the Israeli "Independence Day." This year it is May 1.

As the nation celebrates her national day pray that:

- Pray that as Israel enters her 69th year, many will come to a real spiritual independence from blindness to the Messiah.
- Pray that during this season when many of the people practicing Judaism count the omer there will be a visitation of the Holy Spirit among people of Jewish descent not only in Israel but in the Diasporas
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to strengthen the Messianic believers among them in this 68th year of independence

France

France will elect a new president on May 7, 2017. The candidates are Emmanuel Macron who has never before been elected and Marine Le Pen the leader of the far-right National Front.

Now is the time to pray into these elections.

Bring a lamentation before the LORD and proclaim Lamentation 2.18-22 and 5. Pray for an arising of concerts of effective fervent prayer with fasting for the land. There is need for redemption of the land where there seems to be a blood-thirsty call from the kingdom of darkness especially for lives of young people.

Great Britain

Prime Minister Theresa May of Britain has called for early elections on June 8, 2017. She is seeking to exploit her popularity to gain more parliamentary seats.

Please pray into these elections.

NATIONAL DAYS

Marshall Islands	1 May	Constitution Day 1979
Poland	3 May	Constitution Day 1791
The Netherlands	5 May	Liberation Day
Alderney	9 May	Liberation Day the end of the German Occupation of the Channel Islands during World War II in 1945
Guernsey and Dependencies	9 May	Liberation Day the end of the German Occupation of the Channel Islands during World War II in 1945
Herm	9 May	Liberation Day the end of the German Occupation of the Channel Islands during World War II in 1945
Jersey	9 May	Liberation Day the end of the German Occupation of the Channel Islands during World War II in 1945
Sark	9 May	Liberation Day the end of the German Occupation of the Channel Islands during World War II in 1945
Paraguay	14 May	Independence Day declaration of independence from Spain in 1811
Norway	17 May	Constitution Day the signing of the Norwegian Constitution in Eidsvoll in 1814
Cameroon	20 May	Creation of a unitary state in 1972
East Timor	20 May	Independence from Indonesia 2002
Yemen	22 May	North and South Yemen are unified to create the Republic of Yemen in 1990
Bermuda	24 May	Originally Queen Victoria's birthday, now 'Bermuda Day' to celebrate the islands' heritage and culture
Eritrea	24 May	Eritrean rebels enter the capital Asmara in 1991 independence from Ethiopia in 1993
Argentina	25 May	May Revolution the first junta after the Kings abdication, including the Viceroy is dissolved and the "First Junta" is created
Jordan	25 May	Independence from the United Kingdom in 1946
Georgia	26 May	Day of the first republic } declaration of independence from Russia
South Africa	27 April	First democratic general election in 1994
Armenia	28 May	Republic Day independence from the Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic in 1918
Azerbaijan	28 May	Republic Day independence from the Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic in 1918
Ethiopia	28 May	Downfall of the Derg Day the Derg regime is defeated in 1991
Nigeria	29 May	Democracy Day return to Democracy in 1999
Anguilla	30 May	Anguilla Day, the beginning of the Anguillan Revolution in 1967

- Read Acts 17:26-28; Each of the above territories were ordained by the LORD so that men may seek Him. Pray that there shall be a dissatisfaction in each of these territories with the status quo in whatever other deity the inhabitants worship and they will desire to know the LORD.
- Pray that there shall be peaceful gatherings and no harm on the days of their national observances.
- Pray for the Ecclesia in each of these territories; that there shall be a desire to know the Holy Spirit and embrace Him fully in the operations and ministration within the body of Jesus Christ and amongst individual kingdom citizens.
- Pray for the women in these nations that during this month when Mother's day is observed, there shall arise a crop of mothers in these nations who will bring succor, healing where needed and influence the return to moral standards of family life.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Date	Country	Election Type
4 May	Algeria	People's National Assembly
Postponed	Chad	Local
4 May	United Kingdom	Local
4 May	West Bank and Gaza	Municipal
23 April & 7 May	France	President
10 May	Bahamas	President
13 May	Nepal	Local
14 May	Iran	President
8 June	United Kingdom	General Election
11 & 18 June	France	Legislature
18 June	Albania	Parliament

- Thank the LORD for the opportunity to join Him in electing those who will share His throne in a position of governmental leadership. 1 Chron 29:23, 2 Chron 9:8, Heb 13:1
- Bless every person in each of the above nations, who has stepped forward with the desire to oversee others; for this is one of the original mandates for mankind – to oversee; rule and reign with the LORD over all creation.
- Pray that kingdom citizens will participate actively in the voting process both as voters and as candidates
- Pray that Jehovah Shalom will overshadow each election activity and there shall be no record of violence or corruption in rigging.

PRAYING THRU THE HEAVENS

Proclaim Psa 19.1-6; The heavens continue to declare the purposes of the LORD and accurately proclaim the times and seasons both spiritually and physically. It does kingdom citizens well to understand the heavens and their purposes over the affairs of men. For further information request for the publication on Understanding the Heavens.

- Proclaim Psa 121.5-6 over your life and kingdom citizens everywhere that the sun shall not smite you by day neither shall the moon smite you by night.
- Command the sun and moon to give forth their best for you in this season Deut 33.13-14, Hos 2.18-19

Lunar Movements

The Full moon will occur on 10th May 2017 @ 21:43 UTC. The magnetic pull of the moon on the earth is greatest at full moon; affecting the ebb tide (receding tidal movement away from the land) and the ebb flow of water in the bodies of all creatures resulting in unusual emotional and psychological sensitivity.

- Command the full moon to praise the LORD and do only His bidding in this season. Psa 19.1-2, 148:1-3
- Pray that in this season of instability of the waters of your body and of the land, the LORD will be the Stability of Your times and a wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge. Pray this for the Ecclesia Isa 33.5-6
- Pray that the LORD will pass through all the waters of your life, family, the Ecclesia and your territory, and drain it of all marine power influences that may take advantage of the gravitational pull of the full moon to bring adverse psychological sensitivity
- Pray that every prophetic word for this month that you had prophesied during the new moon last month will reach maturation during the full moon season, and as it wanes you will enjoy the fruitfulness of each prophecy that you spoke into your life, family, the Ecclesia and the territory at large.
- At full moon there is heightened demonic activity and his agents ensure their evil intents are at fullest. Pray that in this month, you are rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ. You shall think with the Word and not with the circumstances around you. (Eph 1:23, 3:17)

The Last Quarter Moon will occur on 19 May 2017 @ 00:33UTC and First Quarter Moon will occur on 3rd May 2017 @ 02:47UTC.

- Command the quarter moons to praise the LORD and do only His bidding in this season. They will mark the passage of time and season and reject every manipulation from the kingdom of darkness. Psa 104.19
- The quarter moon or the D shaped moon resembles a bow which the enemy uses to shoot arrows of wickedness at the ignorant. Pray that the LORD will smite the bows of the occult out of their left hands and cause their arrows to fall out of their right hands Eke 39:3
- Proclaim 2 Sam 22.15, Psa 45.5, and ask the LORD to arise and contend with every arrow of the enemy that is flying against you and kingdom citizens from the camp of every enemy of your GOD-ordained purposes
- Proclaim Psalm 91 over your life and territory in this season.

The New moon will occur on 25 May 2017 @ 19:44 UTC.

- During this new moon command the heavens to praise the LORD.
- Proclaim Psa 81. In the OT the new moon was a time to gather properly and solemnly to offer worship and adoration at the gates of a new month. Use this day to praise the LORD and sing to Him, proclaim Psalms of praise to Him and let Him know how thankful you are to enter a new month.
- At the new moon, make prophetic proclamations, declarations and decrees concerning what you see happening to yourself, your family, your occupation, your ministry, the Ecclesia and your territory by the next new moon. These are prophetic seeds which will grow with the waxing moon, reach their fullness with the full moon and begin to manifest as the moon wanes into the end of an era.
- The new/crescent moon is sickle shaped. The enemy uses this to “harvest” the gains of the ignorant. As you pray and enforce Num 23:22-23 also pray that the Lord will be an enemy to the spirit of the “Midianites, children of the East and the Amalekites” who harvest with their sickles the gains of the ignorant and destroy whatever they cannot carry away or plunder.

Solar Movements

From April 19, 2017 to May 20, 2017 the Sun continues to dwell in the star cluster of 141 stars in the constellation called Taurus symbolized by the bull (rushing forward). A charging Bull, immediately behind Aries, is rushing forward with energy and wrath. His lowered horns connect with both Orion and Auriga. Named: Coming, ruling; exultation, power, pre- eminence.

- Pray that these attributes of the LORD will be made manifest in your life, in the Ecclesia and in the territory as judgment sweeps through the land.

The stars signify: Leader; governor; wounded, slain; belonging to the judge; center, foundation; the abundance; vertex/turned on, rolled around; the centre; the congregated.

The star clusters include: Pleiades/Seven sisters; Succoth/booths; the congregation of the judge or ruler; the heap, accumulation.

The Rushing Bull is the risen Messiah, rushing with full authority and speed to judge, shepherd and govern. Messiah Jesus Christ is the foundation, the centre of the universe, coming judge of all the earth and He will bring His congregation with Him. Zech 9:16; Rev 14:4

- Command the star cluster Taurus to praise the LORD and reject and nullify every astrological prognostication influenced by the kingdom of darkness. Isa 47:12-15
- This star cluster portends judgment and righteous governance on the earth. Prophecy that the judgments of the LORD which are right will visit starting with kingdom citizens, then the leadership and trickle down to every part of society, so that the purposes of the LORD will begin to flow. Psalm 119:7-11, Isa 26:9
- Judgment has to do with the LORD dealing with anything whether in an individual or in a group or a system, which is hindering His purpose from being fulfilled. Are there any areas of your mind-set, character, in your family, community or territory that need a doing away of hindrances so that purpose can be fulfilled? Present all of these areas before the LORD asking Him for righteous judgment to happen so that you fulfill purpose and besetting sins are done away with.
- Pray that this season will strengthen trust in the LORD the righteous Judge within the Ecclesia as He purges and gives a new beginning.
- Proclaim over governments in your territory Isa 9:6-7

The other smaller group of stars called decans that form part of Taurus describe the details of the stages of the coming Judgment and government.

ORION: Below the ecliptic, a victorious hunter stands with his left foot at the entrance of Eridanus, the river of judgment and upon the head of the enemy; His sword is the head and body of a lamb. In his right hand is His raised mighty club; in his left hand is the head and skin of a lion. His belt contains three bright stars.

- When the LORD rose from the dead He led captivity captive and gave gifts to the sons of men. Praise the LORD and join the heavens in declaring this glorious triumphant victory over the kingdom of darkness the dragon and all his surrogate spirits when Jesus Christ rose again Rom 16:20, 1 Cor 2:7-8 Col 2:14-15.
- Pray that kingdom citizens who continue to diligently make demands on the finished work of Jesus Christ over various bondages, oppression from the enemy, will experience breakthrough in those areas of deliverance and inner healing.
- Pray that the Great Commission will be pushed forward and that the Ecclesia will become more dynamic in taking the gospel with the changing culture and lifestyle in the territory so that the Light of Jesus Christ will begin to shine forth in the dimmest corners of the world.

PERSEUS (The Breaker – Jesus Christ the Redeemer) A man of war moves swiftly on winged feet to rescue captive Judah/Andromeda. It is named - He who fights and subdues.

Stars: Who helps; who carries away; who breaks. Stars in Medusa's head: Rosh Satan; the trodden under foot; the head of the adversary; the subdued; the evil spirit; rolling round

Like Orion, Perseus carries the evidence of his victory – the severed head of anti-messiah. Jesus Christ alone can break the chains that bind. Jesus Christ is the Man of War Who alone will redeem those in chains and destroy the dragon and his surrogate spirits. He rules with an iron scepter and dashes to pieces all opposing rulership.

- Proclaim Psalm 2 over the territory
- Praise the LORD that the heavens continue to declare His total destruction and decapitation of the enemy even as He comes swiftly to rescue His people, judge the wicked and above all, the dragon and his surrogate spirits and install governance which will align to His purpose.
- Pray that every enemy resisting the LORD will suffer every one of the prophetic portents that the heavens declare in this season, including subjugation, severing of their authority and power, confusion and complete destruction in every gate of society.

ERIDANUS (The River of the Judge) This immense constellation issues from the foot of Orion and flows down out of sight. The sea monster Cetus is either trying to stop its flow or will be cast into it. Named: The River of the judge; the mouth of the river. It represents the river of wrath breaking forth for His enemies

- This is a season for chastisement of the LORD's enemies and those who continue to resist His purposes even when they are warned. Thank the LORD that indeed the heavens do declare all that He is and all that He has in Him – HE is the Judge and this is a time for justice to move. Pray that His purposes shall come to pass.
- Pray that as the river of the Judge flows over the nation, kingdom citizens will be purged of a rebellious spirit, so that when they have overcome, they too will bring deliverance to those who do not know the LORD.

AURIGA (The Shepherd) A seated shepherd holds a trembling she-goat with two newborn kids. Stars: A she-goat; band, chain of the goats; a flock of goats; wounded, slain; wounded in the foot; kids. Jesus Christ is the Great Shepherd raised from the dead, the Chief Shepherd in the day of His coming glory. (1 Peter 5:4) and it represents safety for the redeemed in the day of wrath.

- This is a season when there is a shaking in the areas of justice and righteousness in governments. Pray that the LORD will, in this season, move through each area of your territory, re-defining the government and justice system. Isa 33:22, Psalm 22:28, Psalm 103:19
- Proclaim Ps 23 over your life as the heavens declare
- Pray that the LORD will establish the following promises within your gate(s) in this month: Deuteronomy 33:13-17, Psalm 121, Deut 28:1-14, Rev 21:7

Program your prayers into the Sun, Moon, stars and the heavenly elements. Using the blood of Jesus Christ, program them into the Interplanetary Magnetic Field, which sends the heat and energy of the Sun to all creation. As nothing is hid from the heat of the Sun (Ps 19:4-6), so nothing will hinder all that you have spoken to the heavens.

From May 20, to 20th June 2017, the sun in its ecliptic path passes through a cluster of 85 stars in the constellation called Gemini symbolized by the twins which speaks of Jesus Christ's two-fold nature, two-fold work and two fold coming.

The front twin carries a bow and arrow in his left hand and a lyre in his right hand. The rear twin holds a club or palm branch in his right hand. Named: The place of Him who comes; united, twinned.

Stars: Ruler, judge; who comes to labor or suffer; hurt, wounded, afflicted; set; treading under feet; the branch, spreading; the palm branch; the seed, branch.

- Command the star cluster Gemini to praise the LORD in this coming season.
- Thank Jesus Christ for the two-fold nature of devouring, roaring Lion and gentle slain humble Lamb; He devours the enemy but is humble and was willing to take our place as the sacrificial Lamb of the LORD slain for the salvation of the world.
- The lyre and arrow in the front twin signifies David's two-fold weapon i.e. Tehillah Praise – warfare through praise. In this month spend quality times of praise as the LORD arises to scatter the enemy and leads you into the place of dominion and kingdom authority in your family, place of occupation and in the territory.
- Thank the LORD that in this season the heavens declare His evangelizing spirit. People who seek for all kinds of permissive sexual encounters want to fill that void that only the LORD can fill. As the heavens declare, command that those ordinances that have to do with healing of inner wounds, salvation and judgment on sin will be reinforced in many parts of the earth.
- The rear twin is Ephraim bearing the palm branch of praise for Messiah Jesus Christ, reminiscent of his welcome into Jerusalem for the Passover when He died. (John 12:13). The heavens declare a welcoming of the triumphant King into the lives of His people. Pray that in this season as people hear the gospel in various areas of the world, they shall declare "blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD" and many lives will be redeemed by the Lamb of Jehovah.

The other three smaller group of stars called decans that form part of Gemini describes the details of the stages of His reign:

Canis Minor/the small Dog – Jesus Christ the Redeemer: A small dog is situated near Gemini and below the ecliptic. Close to its heels is the forked tongue of the snake Hydra, approaching from behind. Older zodiacs depict a human figure (rather than a dog) with the head of a hawk and a tail. The hawk

is the natural enemy of snakes. Named: Conquering, victorious. Stars: Redeemer; the burdened, loaded, bearing for others; the Prince, chief of the left hand; ruler; who completes or perfects.

This constellation identifies Jesus Christ, Son of Man, in a heavenly intercessory role. The designation 'chief of the left hand' is complementary to his designation 'chief of the right hand' in Canis Major. Acts 5:31.

- His yoke is easy his burden is light. In this season cast your cares on the LORD. When you take whatever challenge you are facing and you put it on Him, then it is He who bears its burden. You will not be tired, frustrated or wearied by that load any more for it is in His hands. What remains is for you to praise and worship Him as He sorts out your challenges. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a full revelation of the scriptures in Psa 55:22, Phil 4:6-7 and 1 Pet 5:7 so you can apply them into your life on a moment to moment basis.
- Are there areas you feel inadequate or imperfect? The scriptures adjure us to be perfect. The heavens confirm this characteristic trait for all believes, because it is not in our strength that we become perfect. It is the LORD in our lives manifested that displays perfection according to heaven's standards. Prophesy that you are complete and perfect in Him who completes and perfects you. Matt 5:48, 1 Cor 14:20, Phil 3:15, Col 4:12, James 1:4
- Jesus Christ carries the burden to represent kingdom citizens before the throne of the LORD. He currently sits at the right hand of God as our Advocate and High Priest. Thank God that Jesus Christ is seated as our High Priest at the right hand of the Father and that He intercedes for us in every tough situation. Pray that this month kingdom citizens will know that they are not alone. He will never leave nor forsake us even as the heavens declare.

Canis Major/the large Dog – Jesus Christ the Conqueror: A large dog sits even further below the ecliptic, adjacent to Argo, the Ship. Older zodiacs depict a hawk or a wolf, rather than a dog. Sirius, the brightest star in the heavens is found in its mouth. Named: Coming quickly down; the Prince.

Stars: Sirius the prince, ruler; the bright, the shining; the glorious; who shall come; chief of the right hand; the Prince; the mighty; the leader, the chief.

- The heavens declare that there is a quick response in dispatching angelic assistance from the LORD in this season. Pray that Jehovah will hasten to answer the Jehovah ordained prayers of kingdom citizens which have hitherto been hindered by forces of darkness in the heavenly realm. Pray this for kingdom citizens in your territory Dan 10:12-
- The heavens declare that in this season Jesus Christ the conquering King, the victorious One over the Serpent and all his surrogate powers, is ruling in the heavens. In every battle you face in this season, understand that you are more than a conqueror in Him even as the heavens declare. You have already won the victory no matter what the circumstances around you may say. Pray this for kingdom citizens in your territory. Rev 19:11-16
- Pray against the spirit of intimidation, fear, timidity that attends kingdom citizens in seasons of warfare and testing. Break that power over your life and declare 2 Tim 1:6-7. Pray this for kingdom citizens in your territory.
- Pray that this season as the LORD our Redeemer moves among the nations seeking to save that which was lost through kingdom citizens, there will be a greater urgency in the hearts of His people with regard to His Second Coming and the Day of Jehovah. Lepus (the Hare or enemy) represents the enemy trodden under foot.
- Rejoice in the finished work of Jehovah. For He came and led captivity captive and made a public show of the enemy defeated. He released those imprisoned in darkness into glorious light. Is 63:3-4; Mal 4:3
- Proclaim Psa 110 and Rom 16:20 concerning every work of the enemy

Prayer Requests from GAPNET Partners

We receive prayer requests from our GAPNET Partners every day. We will put the general categories from those requests here and ask you to remember to pray for them during the month. Thank you.

- Please pray for healing for those in the GAPNET family that are sick.
- Pray for those who are struggling with addictions.
- Pray for strong Christian families.
- Pray for our ministry partners for financial provision.
- Pray for Christian spouses for our children.
- Pray that the leaders of the nations would have a Damascus experience.
- Pray for our children who are disappointed with the Body of Christ and see it as hypocritical. Pray that they will build a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for the financial resources that we need to advance the work of the Kingdom in the nations.

PROPHECIES 2017

Keep reading and praying through the prophecies for 2017 and previous years as Jehovah continues to bring to fulfillment the words He gave over time.

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