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INFORMATION ABOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Ancient Romans referred to January as “Ianuarius” (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.

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”. The Gregorian calendar is most commonly used all over the world to mark the passage of years.

The month Tevet began on 29 December 2019 and ends on January 26, 2020. The 1st of Sh’vat commences on January 27, 2020. It is the fourth (4th) month of the Biblical civil calendar and the tenth (10th) month of Biblical Sacred calendar. This is the Jewish year 5780.



Alexandria, Egypt

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 Iehouah 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 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 ARE WE LOOKING AT THE BIBLICAL CALENDAR?

Our current Gregorian calendar is a solar calendar (it is based only on the length of a year as determined by the sun). The starting day of the year and the length of months are not based on any physical or Biblical principles but merely a happenstance of history.

The moon is given to mark Feasts—which are usually explained as a certain day of a certain month in the Bible: He appointed the moon for seasons [Hebrew moed means “festivals”]; the sun knows it’s going down (Psalm 104:19, NKJV).

Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, at the full moon, on our solemn feast day (Psalm 81:3, NKJV).

Genesis 1:14-16 also states that the sun and moon are the two great lights to indicate “festivals, days and years”. The sun marks the days and years, but Festivals are in certain days of certain months—marked by the moon. The first day of a month (“new moon”) was observed with a special meal in the Old Testament (1Sam 20:5, 2 Kings 4:23, Amos 8:5). That practice continued in the New Testament Col 2:16.

The practice will continue during the new heavens and new earth (Isa 66:23, Ezekiel 46:1,6). New moons were not the same as the annual Feast days in Leviticus 23—there is no specific command and explanation of how to keep them. But many verses say they were observed.

Most references to dates in the Bible are like those of Genesis 7:11: “In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month...” The day and the month are numbered, but the year is given as a year of the persons’ life, the year of a king’s life, or the year from some big event.

Although months are generally referred to by number, there are two systems of naming them in the Bible. The first system uses Hebrew names, the second uses largely Babylonian names acquired when the Jews were in captivity in Babylon. The four Hebrew names are:

- Abib the first month (Ex 13:4, 23:15, 34:18, Deut. 16:1)
 - Zif the second month (1Kings 6:1,37)
 - Ethanim the seventh month (1 Kings 8:2)
 - Bul the eighth month (1Kings 6:38)

The original Hebrew names for the other months are apparently unknown. (From Biblical Calendar Basics, Third edition - April 2002).

As we seek to understand the times, we will look at events that took place in each month as determined by the Biblical Calendar.

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 – WHO AM I? (Part 3)

FROM THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS WOOKBOOK BY MARIANNE CHRISTEL KAOLA PRINSLOO

You are a Purifier

Malachi 3:1-2

See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come, says the LORD Almighty. But who may abide the day of his coming? Who shall stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap

You are one who comes to purify.



The **messenger of the Lord** purifies things.

He brings changes by separating the precious and useful from the dross, un-useful stuff in any place or system he or she is sent to.

Malachi 3:3

“He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness”

It speaks of bringing out the **25.** _____ in those who you encounter.

Your mandate in God is to purify everything that pertains to the market place, ministry, etc. into honorable vessels.

You look for that which is **26.** _____ , **27.** _____ ,

28. _____ , **29.** _____ and

30. _____ in everyone.

You **endeavor to strengthen** those points, and **make them stand out.**

You encourage, uplift, train where necessary, and give opportunity for exposure in the areas of strength in all the people whom you encounter, in the environment you are in.

At the same time, you **downplay the unpleasant parts.**

You **discourage bad traits** that do not help those who come around you.

You **discipline where necessary**, and **break bad habits.**

In that way you are **31.** _____ all who work or live or relate with you in any way. This is the same for the environment you are in. Bring out its best, and cover up and refine the less pleasant parts.

Jeremiah 6:27-30:

“I have set thee for a tower and a fortress for my people. That thou mayest know and try their way. They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanderers. They are brass and iron. They are all corrupters. The bellows are buried, the lead is consumed of the fire. The founder melteth in vain for the wicked are not plucked away. Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the Lord has rejected them.”

If you are a man or woman from God, you will become a tower of deliverance, a fortress and a consolation to God.

God wants you to be one who will change the situation of our generation.

It is now referred to as ‘reprobate silver’ – meaning they are good for nothing or degenerates in God’s economy.



As a **32.** _____ and _____ you can be used as one who brings **33.** _____ so that they become ‚refined silver‘ worthy to be used as vessels that can make a difference.

You are the Salt

Matthew 5:13

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”

Why is there so much corruption and rottenness in the system today?

Take some time and ask God to give you some answers to this question.

Is it not because the Church which is supposed to be preserver, has failed to represent God properly? Imagine salt that is supposed to provide taste and preserve the fish from going bad starts complaining that the fish is rotten. What an irony!

A lot of corruption and rottenness passes your desk every day.

You complain and say, ‚There is too much corruption in the system.‘

It is so, because you are not playing your part as the salt.

At best, you are only reporting yourself to the Lord.

Remember God has given you all things for life and godliness.

You can exercise your **34.** _____ to deal with that uncleanness when you

35. _____ who you are in God.

36. _____ flavors food so that it is appealing to the taste buds.

It maximizes the flavor in food.

You are the **37.** _____ who will make the **38.** _____ of God appealing to those who encounter you.

You are the salt of the **39.** _____.

You are the one who enhances the desire for **40.** _____ and

41. _____ to your generation.



When people see your life, they should desire to live **42.** _____ and **43.** _____.

When you do not represent these virtues then people get disgusted with **44.** _____ and with your life.

You fail to have **45.** _____ and you are only worthy to be disposed of.

You are the Light

Matthew 5:14 – 16

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Do you know you are the light?

Think of a few situations where you were the light.

The reason there is so much **46.** _____ on earth is simply because you have not influenced the world with your light.

When you see deeds that reflect the kingdom of darkness all around your environment what do you do?

Ask God how you can manifest His light in that situation.

Sin is not the presence of evil in society.

It is the 47. _____ **people about evil in the society.**

The Lord is not **48.** _____ on any other person except you.

God is not **49.** _____ on your pastor, the head usher, the government, the head of department or any other person.

You, to whom that **50.** _____ has been revealed, are the one who should solve it.

When you ask God, **He will 51.** _____ in very simple or **52.** _____ of how to be part of the solution;



and how to be the **53.** _____ in that situation.

Most times, instead of seeking how you can be part of the **54.** _____, you complain or pretend you did not see the darkness.

You are supposed to be the **55.** _____.

Are you **really living like that?**

What **kind of difference** are **you making** in your little or big corner of the earth?

You are the light. Endeavor to leave each place, the people that you encounter **better than you found them.**

Endeavor to deposit your light in that ministry, place of work, school, or business.

Who are the Others?

Why do people fight for positions?

Answer this question to yourself!

If you know, who you are and your position in God, then seek to know who are the others in God's plan.

Seek to know why you have been brought together.

If you did this, you would not fight for positions in Church, office school or anywhere else.

Once you understand who you are from the point of view of heaven, the next step is to **ask God about the identities of others around you.**

The best way to get to know people is **to see them from God's point of view.**

It is not enough to know yourself.

You **need to know others** in **the Spirit** so you can relate to them properly.

Think about the following persons: Joseph

Moses and Miriam

Jochebed

David and Solomon

Dear reader, have you asked God for the identity of the people you work with?

Have you asked God to reveal the identity of those whom you go to school with or whom you live in the same household with?

Have you asked God to reveal the identity of those who are either under you in ministry or even those in lowly positions that seem inferior?

God, who has a **56.** _____ for your life, also saw that you would relate with all these people at one point in your life.



Do you just complain about them and want to either fire them or maybe move from that place and go to a ,better` place with ,better` people?

How can you help bring the best out of people whose **57.** _____ you have no idea of?

These are the questions you must ask God in prayer every time.

It is not so much what you have that is important but who you are and who the others are!

It is even possible for you to have a lot of ,good things` surrounding you but if you fail to discover your identity and the identity of those around you, you may suffer from a lack of confidence to help them.

When you help others to discover their place in God,

you become a **58.** _____.

Isaiah 40:3-8 and Isaiah 62:10 say that we are supposed to be **59.**

_____ and leveling the crooked paths for the Lord.

A person who receives this **60.** _____ and translates it into his daily life will accomplish much.

He helps others to discover God's **61.** _____ for the nation, politics, and everything else. He becomes a territorial controller, a leader, and a commander, one who can prophesy to the land and into the lives of others.

In **1 Corinthians 4:7**, the Bible says, *"For who makes you to differ from another? And what have you that you did not receive? Now if you did receive it why do you glory as if you did not receive it?"*

It is time to discover the part the other person is supposed to be supplying so that you complement one another.

When we do this, the issue of unhealthy and **62.** _____ will be dealt with effectively.

When you do not look at others as a threat but rather as **63.** _____, then you will be building and not trying to gain ungodly advantage over them.

The Bible makes it clear in **Ephesians 4:16** that; *"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work"*

God has a **64.** _____ for your life so it is important for you to supply your part and care to know what the part of others is.

If you are able to do this, you will be in the position to help others discover, develop and demonstrate their God-given leadership qualities and abilities.

Your **mission** is to bring **God's original pattern** of life into your nation, office, school, business, and in every area of life.

True Identity is of the Heart

According to **Proverbs 27:19**,
your true identity and that of others, is that of **65.** _____.

The Good News Bible (GNB) states, *„It is your own face that you see reflected in the water and it is your own self that you see in your heart.‘* The New Living Translation (NLT) puts it thus, *„As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the person.‘* In the NIV it says, *„As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man.‘* The Bible in Basic English(BBE) renders it this way, *„Like face looking at face in water, so are the hearts of men to one another.‘*

Man looks at the **66.** _____, but

God looks at the heart.

His interest is in the condition of our hearts (1Samuel 16:7).

What is your heart like?

If you want to know who you really are, then you need to **examine your heart** and ask God for a revelation of your heart.

This is why God Himself looks **67.** _____ and not the outward appearance.

Having examined your heart, then ask yourself what heart ought you to have?

What is the standard for a perfect heart?

It is Jesus Christ.

Start with a Step in the Right Direction

Do you want a more purposeful life?

A life that makes **you live** and not just **exist**?

Asking the question **“Who am I?”** is turning to the right direction.

However, what is the first step to take in that direction?

Go to God and seek **to know Him first.**

God's pattern for mankind is Jesus Christ.

God's foundation for everything is Jesus Christ.

Therefore you ask yourself, who is Jesus Christ?



If you can establish who Jesus Christ is, then you can begin to discover yourself measuring up to who Jesus is.

Then you will begin to know who you are in His scheme of things.

Paul the apostle encountered Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus and the first thing he sought to know was “**Who are you Lord?**”

That was a question of **68.** _____.

The Lord answered, **‘I am Jesus** whom you are persecuting.’

Paul asked again, what would you have me do.

‘The Lord answered: *‘You shall be a witness unto me.’* God sent Ananias to tell Paul that he was called to be a light to the Gentiles.

On the other hand, God also began to reveal to Him who he really was and used him in a mighty way to affect his generation and the generations to come even unto this day.

Paul obviously couldn’t have succeeded if he had not patterned his life according to God’s scroll.

How did he do it? He asked God for the true copy – the original blueprint for his life. After discovering this, he set about working to realize it.

The first step in the journey of **discovery of self** is, **knowing God.**

How?

God, the Creator and Giver of Life **did not create you as an 69.** _____ **or without a specific plan and purpose.**

He does care for you and wants you to step into His 70. _____ **for your life.**

You can know Him and His blueprint for your life.

However, God is **71.** _____ and must be approached on His terms.

He wants you to **72.** _____ Him as the only God in your life. Just as Adam and Eve failed to trust God, we have sinned by trying to run our own lives without God.

The Bible says that even if you obey all of God's laws but one, you are a lawbreaker and a guilty sinner before Him.

God understands your helplessness and He loves you so much that He arranged to have His Son take your punishment and die for your sins.

The Bible says, *“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

Salvation is a gift.

It can't be worked for, so no one can boast about earning it. In the Bible,



Think about John 3

Jesus told a religious leader, **73.** _____, that he must be born again to have **74.** _____ life; so you too must be born spiritually into God's family. That is why you need **75.** _____ Jesus to come into your life and allow Him to take over the running of your life.

He is the one who has the **76.** _____, the one who knows how best to get the equipment of your life to function.

If you want to know more about God, there are three things you should do:

- You need to talk to God often in prayer,
- You need to listen to Him by reading His word, the Bible.
- You need to find a church or fellowship where the teaching of God's word is emphasized so that you can grow into the fullness of what God has planned for you.

The word of God is your daily bread. You ought to read books, listen to teachings, and fellowship with those who love the word of God.

Once you have established your **77.** _____ with God, you have firmly set your feet at the beginning of the right road.

Summary

One big challenge confronting man today is his **inability to discover** his real **identity in God**. The result is that many have been rendered **ineffective and unfulfilled**.

Discovering the real you, the original you, is where the journey begins.

You can only do that when you begin to discover **God ON HIS TERMS**.

Once you take that one step, He will take many more steps toward revealing who you really are to you. If indeed, we are arrows shot forth from the womb of God, the most accomplished marksman and warrior, and then it is time to hit our target.

Who am I?

Having addressed the question of identity, you then need to address the issue of location and positioning in God, in time, history and life in general.

This question is, "Where am I?"

There is a pressing need for you to go back to God so He will sharpen your focus and direct you in His chosen path.

EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK – ESTABLISHING GOD’S ALTAR EVERYWHERE BY DR. ABU BAKO

CHAPTER FIVE

FEATURES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF ALTARS

Generally, some altars have names. Some of the names include El-Bethel, Jehovah Nissi, Jehovah Shalom, et cetera; and some villages, towns, and cities, even nations have been named after some altars.

To understand the nature of altars it will be instructive to take a closer look at the characteristics.

1) ALTARS SPEAK WHAT THEY HEAR

Genesis 4, 8, 22; Exodus 17:15; 1kings 3, 13; 2chronicles 3

Altars are like record retrieval systems, which record and play back what they recorded, sometimes with some amplification (spiritual electronics).

There are voices that come from altars and therefore they speak into the lives of those they control, govern, or influence. Revelation 9:13-15 says:

The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵ And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number.

It follows then that angels and other spirits can be released by words spoken from altars, whether positive or negative. Could this be the reason why Jesus said the words he spoke were "spirit and life"?

When an altar is raised to the forces of darkness, that altar will speak death, destruction, and oppression into the life of the one for whom it is raised since it is the devil's job description to steal, kill and destroy. In Revelation 16:7, John hears the altar in heaven speak these words, "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."

In the version of the Bible called God's Word it is recorded thus:

*Then I heard the altar answer, "Yes, Lord God Almighty, your judgments are true and fair."
(Revelations 16:7)*

Also, the altar at Bethel that the young prophet spoke to kept calling for Josiah, the one about whom the prophecy was spoken.

1 By the word of the LORD a man of God came *from Judah to Bethel*, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. 2 **He cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD: "O altar, altar! This is what the LORD says: `A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who now make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.'**" 3 That same day the man of God gave a sign: "This is the sign the LORD has declared: The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out." (1 Kings 13:1-3).

It was fulfilled about 200 years later when Josiah was born, became king, and fulfilled exactly these words (2 Kings 23:15-20). The same Altar kept calling for the bones of those that were to be burnt on that Altar!

2) **NEGATIVE Altars can break FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD**

The Bible is replete with scriptures that testify to this phenomenon, and a sample of these on the case of Israel's national sin of idolatry introduced by Jeroboam the son of Nebat will suffice.

29 Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan 31 *But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.* (2Kings 10:29 & 31)

For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. (2Kings 17:21)

And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth. (1Kings 13:34)

And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin. (1Kings 14:16)

30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger. 34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. (1Kings 15:30 & 34)

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; 19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin. 26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. (1Kings 16:2, 19 & 26)

And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. 6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, but walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.) 11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: but he walked therein. (2Kings 13:2, 6 & 11)

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. 28 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. (2Kings 15:9, 18, 24, 28)

3) Altars can be either visible or invisible

They are visible when they are represented by physical tokens such as earth, stones, trees, water, pots, amulets, charms, rings, beads, pictures, books, clothing, groves, blood, drinks et cetera. It is much easier to deal with an Altar where there are tangible things representing it. In *Exodus 20:24* we have an instance where the Lord instructed His people to make an Altar of earth for Him. In verse 25 He directs them to make an Altar of stones but specifies that it should not be built from hewn stones.

Invisible altars are those that are not represented by physical tokens. An altar becomes invisible when the tokens representing it disappear, are destroyed, disintegrate or burnt. One may not know by one's physical sense that such an altar exists; therefore, invisible altars are much more dangerous and difficult to handle. One needs to pray that the Holy Spirit will disclose what exists in the spirit in one's family, land, clan, city or nation as the case may be.

4) Altars have angels or demons supervising them

Altars have angels or demons supervising them depending on who the altars are raised unto. The angels or demons are referred to as supervising spirits. They are there to enforce the covenants, decrees, proclamations that accompany the raising of these altars.

This is illustrated in *Genesis 31:45-53* in the covenant and Altar (pillar) set up by Jacob and Laban. Jacob named the Altar Mizpah whilst Laban called his Altar Galeed. Both of them declared that God himself will be the watchman or the judge between them from that Altar, ensuring that the terms and conditions of the treaty are scrupulously and religiously adhered to.

In *Luke 1:11* an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah standing at the right side of the Altar of incense. The golden Altar in heaven is serviced and supervised by an angel - the angel who had charge of the Altar (*Revelation 8:3-5, cf. 14:18*).

For a more elaborate treatment of this see the chapter on Angels, Spirits, and Altars in Volume 2.

5) ALTARS ARE DEVOTED, DEDICATED OR CONSECRATED TO A SPECIFIC DEITY OR GOD.

Altars are usually devoted, dedicated or consecrated to a specific deity or God. The dedication or consecration of the Altar is usually done with anointing oil, and, in some cases, this is done with drinks, corn, wine or blood (1 John 5:8 cf. Hosea 2:22). This is why those who build satanic altars still practice such dedications literally using such things. We, however, have the blood of Jesus, the new wine of the Holy Spirit and so on to apply by the words of our mouths.

*For there are three that bear record in heaven, the **Father**, the **Word**, and the **Holy Ghost**: and these three are one. (1John 5:7)*

*And there are three that bear witness in earth, the **Spirit**, and the **water**, and the **blood**: and these three agree in one. (1John 5:8)*

*And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. 19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. 20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD. 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; 22 And the earth shall hear the **corn**, and the **wine**, and the **oil**; and they shall hear Jezreel. (Hosea 2:18 – 22)*

Exodus 40:9-10 says:

9 Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy. 10 Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy.

In Numbers 7:8, the leaders of the people made a huge offering at the dedication of the Altar when it was anointed. The implication is that Altars that are raised need to be consecrated if their usefulness and effectiveness are to be enhanced.

We see Solomon's Temple dedicated in 2Chronicles 5 and 6, and the LORD God show up in a special way; the cloud of the glory of His presence so filled the house that the priests could not stand to minister.

The practice of shedding blood and blood sprinkled on the altar during festivals and yearly ritual of cleansing the traditional stools and the high places are a direct consequence of what transpired in 2 Chronicles 29:22 – a perversion by the enemy.

So they slaughtered the bulls and the priests took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar; next they slaughtered the rams and sprinkled their blood on the altar, then they slaughtered the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

Hence there are very strict rules governing the way one relates to the altar. In many villages, towns, and cities of some African countries, for example, where such places exist, one is usually barred or forbidden from entering such places with the shoes or sandals on. Women in their menstrual period are forbidden from coming to the altar. Other rules are that visitors to such places are not accepted on particular days.

In Numbers 18:3 when God was giving rules governing the priesthood, he added that the other members of Aaron's larger family, "... must not go near the furnishings of the sanctuary, or the altar, otherwise both they and Aaron will die." Ezekiel 43:18 outlines the regulations for sacrificing burnt offerings and sprinkling blood on the altar when it is built.

These ordinances are to be strictly enforced. Any infraction in our traditional set-up is met with serious censure.

6) Altars are sited at gates

In Ezekiel 21:18-23 we read –

*18 The word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁹ "Son of man, mark out two roads for the sword of the king of Babylon to take, both starting from the same country. Make a signpost **where the road branches off** to the city. ²⁰ Mark out one road for the sword to come against Rabbah of the Ammonites and another against Judah and fortified Jerusalem. ²¹ For the king of Babylon will stop at **the fork in the road**, at the junction of the two roads, to seek an omen: He will cast lots with arrows, he will consult his idols, he will examine the liver. ²² Into his right hand will come the lot for Jerusalem, where he is to set up battering rams, to give the command to slaughter, to sound the battle cry, to set battering rams against the **gates**, to build a ramp and to erect siege works. ²³ It will seem like a false omen to those who have sworn allegiance to him, but he will remind them of their guilt and take them captive.*

From the text above, we see this phenomenon clearly illustrated. However, note that Ezekiel 21:8-23 is the whole text that will give the complete picture.

We can also have a look at the following similar passages:-

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' "

⁴ **They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway.** As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!" (Mark 11:4-10)

⁴ And there before me was the glory of the God of Israel, as in the vision I had seen in the plain.

⁵ **Then he said to me, "Son of man, look toward the north." So I looked, and in the entrance north of the gate of the altar I saw this idol of jealousy.** ⁶ And he said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing--the utterly detestable things the house of Israel is doing here, things that will drive me far from my sanctuary? But you will see things that are even more detestable." (Ezekiel 8:4-6)

⁶ **Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting;** ⁷ place the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar and put water in it. ⁸ Set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. (Exodus 40:6-8)

³ "If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he is to offer a male without defect. He must present it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting so that it will be acceptable to the LORD. ⁵ He is to slaughter the young bull before the LORD, and then Aaron's sons the priests shall bring the blood and sprinkle it against **the altar on all sides at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.** (Leviticus 1: 3,5)

Again, altars can sometimes be used as gateways and ports of access for evil spirits. Invariably, the altars at the gate turn out to be the most important or major altars. Major altars have to be demolished and stripped of power if the people under their influence are to be set free.

(This book is available on Amazon)

WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING AS KINGDOM CITIZENS IN THE NATIONS?

Jesus instructed us in Matthew 28:19-20 (Hebrew Gospel of Matthew) to: "Go and teach them to carry out all things which I have commanded you forever."

This is what Paul did in Ephesus and in three years there was national transformation. Paul proclaimed the whole will of God Acts 20:27. As we pray for transformation in our nations what are we supposed to teach them? He said, "to carry out all things that He had commanded". We must teach them what the Bible says about family, government, politics...about all the spheres of society. We are called to be a transforming influence in society. The Bible provides us with a frame of reference for life.

The Jubilee Centre has over the past 30 years researched extensively around promoting good and right relationships at personal, organizational and public policy levels, as a practical expression of the biblical vision of society. Visit them on the web at www.jubilee-centre.org for resources to help you to teach them. If we don't teach them how will they know what to do?

"Jesus is LORD" is one of the most radical realities of Christianity. It means that He is the Supreme Ruler over ALL.

Jesus was commissioned by God the Father to come to earth, destroy the works of the Devil, and restore that which was lost. Jesus OBEYED everything the Father told Him to do. When Jesus left the earth, He gave His followers the same commission He had received from the Father - Go reconcile the human family to the Father, destroy the works of the Devil, and restore that which was lost. Proclaiming Jesus as LORD means we are to OBEY what He commands us to do. You are not saved to go to heaven: You are saved to bring heaven to the earth. Matthew 6:10 -- "Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (From <http://www.the-covenant-kingdom.com>)

This month as you pray through this guide ask Jehovah to show you what He would have you do to bring heaven to the earth.

PRAYING THROUGH THE MONTH OF JANUARY

- We are at a key gate of time; the beginning of another new Gregorian Year 2020. 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 19.2, 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 2020. Number 1 speaks of beginnings, supremacy, foundations; “In the beginning GOD. (Gen 1:1). We are at the foundation of a new year. 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 Psalm 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, Proverbs 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. Proverbs 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 and 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 5780. 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.

IS THIS THE MONTH OF YOUR BIRTH?

Even if this is not your month of birth, pray into the day of your birth on a weekly basis (that is the weekday in which you were born). Take time at regular basis to be praying for yourself and prophesying over your own life. Speak into the foundations of your life and prophesy good things.

- Prophecy that you will live and not die prematurely in any area of your life. Your family will live, the work of your hand will live and grow from strength to strength Deut 33:6, Psa 27:L13, 118:17.
- Prophecy and proclaim the blessing of Levi upon your life as a priest unto GOD 2 Pet 2:9, Deut 33:8-11.
- Prophecy the blessing of the wisdom of Issachar in every area of life. Wisdom to establish the work of your hands, your family, as you grow a year older 1Chron 12:32, Deut 33:18b-19, Pro 24:3-4.
- Prophecy and proclaim the blessing of Benjamin upon your life Deut 33:12.
- Prophecy the blessing of Joseph. Speak to the earth and declare that the earth will bring forth its best for you in this New Year. Prophecy to the heavens to declare the glory of GOD over your life every day of this New Year. Deut 33:13-17, Lev 26:4-5, Hos 2:21-22, Psa 19:1-2, Isa 55:12.
- Prophecy that you will grow in your spirit man into a mature son so that you can receive your inheritance. Wherever you go in this new year, creation will experience release from frustration because you are growing not just in years but also in maturity of spirit to take responsibility of your Father's estate i.e. the territory GOD has allowed you to inhabit. Rom 8:19-20, Gal 4:1-2
- Thank Him for your specific day of birth. Declare that day blessed.
- Thank Him that He ordained that you will be made manifest on earth on a specific day in that month at a specific hour and minute.
- Thank Him that He has a purpose for your life and it will be fulfilled.
- Ask Jehovah to forgive you where you have for one reason or another, ignored or rejected to recognize your day of birth.
- Thank Jehovah for the day of your conception. (Psa 139:13)
- Thank Jehovah that when He thought of you, he already thought of your entire life. Thank Him that He did not leave anything to chance. (Isa 49:1)
- Thank Him that he knew exactly what your redemptive purpose was going to be. (Psa 139:16)
- Pray that He will reveal the original you more and more as you enter another year of your life. (Psa 139:13-15)
- Pray that He will restore the heavenly label, and the heavenly name He gave you before you were conceived. (Jer 1:5).

FESTIVALS DURING THIS MONTH

THE SEASON OF SHEVAT - Begins on January 27, 2020 and will end at sundown on February 25, 2020.

The celebration of Tu Bishvat

The name “Tu Bishvat” is from the date in the Jewish calendar – the 15th of the month of Shevat, which usually falls in January. It’s a time to celebrate new life, and regrowth, especially of trees. At this time of year, the almond tree is typically (unlike all the other trees) in full bloom.

Deuteronomy 26:1–2 says:

“When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for His Name.”

The first fruits offering ended when the Temple was destroyed in AD 70. Today, Tu B’Shvat has come to symbolize and celebrate the spiritual and physical connection to God as well as to the Land of Israel.

Tu BiShvat is the New Year for trees, the beginning of a new cycle for the tithe on fruit trees. Tu BiShvat was the date designated because by then the early winter rains were mostly over and the period of budding was beginning.

Before the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in 70 C.E., 10 % of all produce was set aside for the support of the priestly class and the poor. According to the rabbinic laws of Tzedakah, a person only truly assumes ownership of his possessions after he gives away 10% to the more needy. Tu BiShvat marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for tithing.



THE SEASON OF SHEVAT

EVENTS IN THE SEASON OF Shevat– (From the book, “Triumphing at the Gates of the Stars in Their Seasons” by Steve Ogan)

	Events in the Season of Shevat	Implications for prayer and Practical Action
1	Greeks set up the “abomination of desolation” in the Temple.	Pray that the release of the Redeemer’s triumphant Archer, will restrain the practice of abominations.
2	Ezra compels the Jews to put away their strange marriages (Ezra 9:12)	Pray that men and women who have strange marriages will willingly bring restitution.

COUNTERFEIT FESTIVALS

Voodoo Festival

Location: Ouidah, Benin.

Date: 5-15 January

The celebrations begin when the supreme voodoo priest slaughters a goat to honor the spirits, and are marked by much singing, chanting, dancing, beating of drums and drinking of gin.

Carnaval de Blancos y Negros (Carnival of Blacks & Whites)

Location: Pasto, Colombia

Dates: 2–7 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

Location: Bikaner, India

Dates: 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.



These are the days that the LORD has made. Command these days to reject every speaking from the kingdom of darkness and they should only do that which Jehovah has ordained for them for you, your family and the Ecclesia. (Psa 19:2)

- Read Isa 51:16, Deut 18:18, Isa 59:21 Ask the LORD to fill your mouth with His words for these days so that you can plant the heavens and lay the foundation of the earth according to the pattern of His kingdom
- Events like these open up the land to defilement by familiar spirits so people are likely to experience visitations of long dead relations and loved ones which manipulate their minds, or inform their decisions on issues. The spirits also defile or oppress them. It is appointed for people to die once and not to return in any way shape or form. Close every gate the enemy may use to defile you or your loved ones, or the Ecclesia through familiar spirits. Gen 3:19, Heb 9:27
- Plead the blood of Jesus over your life and over everything connected to you. Pray that the LORD will keep His protective hand over you, your family, the Ecclesia, as the spirit of death passes over the land Psa 90, Psa 91, Exo 12:12-13

PRAYING FOR NATIONS

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On December 24, 2019 suspected Islamist militants killed 35 civilians, 31 of them women in an attack on a military base and the town of Arbinda in the northern province of Soum. Seven soldiers and 80 militants were also killed. The President declared two days of national mourning. Hundreds have been killed since the start of 2015 when violence began to spread across the Sahel region.

IRAQ

Iraqi protestors have been in the streets of Baghdad and in southern Iraq asking that the government be ousted. More than 500 protesters have been killed and 19,000 wounded.

AUSTRALIA

About five million hectares have burned by bushfires since September. Nine people have died.

SYRIA

Air strikes in Idlib has killed dozens of people. If the violence continues hundreds of thousands of civilians could soon be displaced.

Please use these prayer points as you pray for the nations listed above:

- Pray for the victims- that Jehovah would comfort them, pray that family members will be reunited.
- Pray for healing and mercy - God is our comfort and strength Psalm 46:1, Psalm 57:1-2

- Pray for wisdom and safety for those responding to the people in need. Pray for the safety of the rescue workers.
- Pray for the Body of Christ in the nation. Pray that the Body of Christ will be a witness to God's compassion and care for all who suffer. God is inviting us to be His watchmen in prayer and find Him as our refuge in hard times.

Unrest in Nations

While a 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 Afghanistan, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Northern Nigeria, Libya, Pakistan, 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.
- 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

The following nations celebrate national days in this month

- 1) Cameroon 1 January 1960 Independence from France;
- 2) North Mariana Islands 8 January (Commonwealth Day, the constitutional government takes office 1978)
- 3) India 26 January (Republic Day, India becoming the first republic in the British Commonwealth of Nations 1950)
- 4) Australia 26 January, (Australia Day, proclamation of British sovereignty over Australia (the penal colony New South Wales) 1788)
- 5) Pakistan 28th January (Pakistan Day)
- 6) Nauru 31 January (Independence from the Australia, NZ, and UK-administered UN trusteeship in 1968)
 - Using Acts 17:26-28, pray into the womb of time for the above nations. Thank God that He is the One Who determined the boundaries of each nation at an exact time and season during a particular year for the purpose of redeeming each of these nations and causing men to seek Him and find Him.
 - For each nation celebrating an independence day, pray that the LORD will follow this with the independence of His people from the kingdom of darkness into His glorious kingdom of light. Many will have a personal encounter with Him which will lead to their decision for salvation over eternal death. Pray that the people in each of these nations will choose life and that there shall be fellowships which will be on hand to receive and disciple them into strong disciples of the LORD. Matt 28:18-20.
 - Thank the LORD that He is Governor over the above nations and He rules justly (Psa 22:28)
 - Pray that a level of kingdom governance will begin to reflect in each of the above nations as they mark various milestones during this month.
 - Prophetically proclaim Isaiah 61 to the Ecclesia in each of the above nations.
 - Pray that the LORD will strengthen the weak hands and knees of the Ecclesia in each nation. One common feature in each of the above nations is that the Ecclesia is not very strong. There is a strong occult presence in each of these nations. Pray that the LORD will raise a prophetic Ecclesia to deal with all forms of occult in this season.
 - Pray for nations that have turned heavily to Secular humanism because of the relative successes they have enjoyed in areas of economic development. Many of these nations have become centers of immorality and defiance of the LORD. Pray that the LORD will in this season do something that will cause the people in these nations to turn their hearts back to Him.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

We encourage you to keep praying for a nation's election for at least 2-3 years before the fact. That way, you pray without the frenzy of campaigns and the attendant pressures. Also Jehovah can begin to reveal the person whom He wants to raise in position of leadership.

Be like Mary who anointed Jesus for his death and burial way before the actual event. While everyone else was scrambling around to do their good deed after He had died, and missed the opportunity because He was risen, she could rest content that she had done her bit on time. Be like the five clever virgins who paid the price of preparation before-hand, so that when the bride-groom did appear, they entered into their rest while the foolish virgins scrambled around trying to do a hasty last minute job.

Let us not be fire-fighters and crisis intercessors. Such an important matter as a nation or region, or constituency leadership should not be taken as lightly as it has been done in the past. Let this sacred new year commence a new beginning and new attitude toward matters of elections.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS – (JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH)

January

- 5 January:
 - [Croatia, President \(2nd round\)](#)
 - [Uzbekistan, Parliament \(2nd round\)](#)
- 9 January: [Sint Maarten, Parliament](#)
- 11 January: [Taiwan, President](#) and [Parliament](#)
- 19 January: [Comoros, Parliament \(1st round\)](#)
- 26 January: [Peru, Parliament](#)
- [Tokelau, Parliament](#)

February

- 9 February:
 - [Azerbaijan, Parliament](#)
 - [Cameroon, Parliament](#)
 - [Switzerland, Referendums](#)
- 16 February: [Guinea, Parliament](#)
- 21 February: [Iran, Parliament](#) and [Assembly of Experts](#)
- 22 February: [Togo, President](#)
- 23 February: [Comoros, Parliament \(2nd round\)](#)
- 29 February: [Slovakia, Parliament](#)
- [Saint Kitts and Nevis, Parliament](#)

March

- 1 March: [Tajikistan, Parliament](#)
- 2 March:
 - [Guyana, Parliament](#)
 - [Israel, Parliament](#)
- 19 March: [Vanuatu, Parliament](#)
- 26 March: [Falkland Islands, Referendum](#)
- 27 March: [Tajikistan, Senate](#)
- [Artsakh, President and Parliament](#)

- Thank GOD for the above nations that have different types of election activities over the next three months.
- Pray that GOD's Shalom shall brood over each territory as they participate in elections.
- Pray that the elections will be free and fair and that the individuals whom GOD has marked for leadership will emerge as winners as the Ecclesia partners with GOD in making the proper selection
- Pray that the Ecclesia will no longer be used as a pawn in campaign activities in these nations. Rather the Ecclesia will have a strong voice in representing the kingdom of GOD in the national matters.
- Pray against the party spirit that breeds division in the Ecclesia whenever election seasons come.

PRAYING THRU THE HEAVENS

- For any army to win a war, they will ensure their air-force is in place. Whether it is simple Calvary in ancient times, or soldiers positioned on the city walls, or on high hills or elevated places, these have the best view of the battle. For you to overcome the enemy in this spring season, ensure that the heavens are in agreement with you. Speak to the heavens over the month and ask them to declare the glory of Jehovah. Command the sun, moon, stars and every heavenly being to do Jehovah's bidding, and to do that which they were created for - to give Him pleasure (Ps 19:1-2, Rev 4:11)

GOD created the heavens and gave them their role in creation – to determine the times and seasons on earth (Gen 1:14-18). It is a must for every kingdom citizen to study and understand the heavens and know our role as stewards of His estate toward them – not the ungodly astrology, horoscope and other occult practices.

Once we acquire GOD's ordained knowledge for the heavens, we will be able to set up their dominion here on earth (Job 38:31-33). Remember that in Mathew 28:18-20 Jesus commissioned the fledgling Ecclesia with all the authority given to Him to go out into all nations and disciple them. This authority included that which is in heaven and on earth. It is our duty to answer in the affirmative, the question that Job was asked concerning the visible firmament in Job 38:31-33. (For further teaching on "Understanding the Heavens" make a request of the teaching by email).

LUNAR MOVEMENTS

January 10, 2020 — A penumbral eclipse of the Moon from 17:07-21:12 UTC

At the maximum eclipse, 90% of the Moon's disc will be partially shaded by the earth, which will cause a slight shadow across its disc.

Crescents and Quarter Moons

When the moon is shaped like a C or its mirror image (Sickle), it is considered a crescent moon. The quarter moon is shaped like a D or its mirror image and considered to be a bow. The occult will use the bow shaped moon to shoot arrows of wickedness to the unsuspecting in order to draw unfair advantage in various areas



of life. The occult use the crescent moon as sickles (e.g. Hecate's sickle), for harvesting the gains of the ignorant and for demonic strength and fortification with intense enchantments.

- Proclaim Psalm 148 and Command all creation especially the crescent and Quarter moons to praise GOD as instructed in Psalm 19.
- Proclaim Psalm 64 and fasten that judgment into the heavens.
- Proclaim Isa 26:1-9 and command the heavens to receive this instruction and reject every other voice of destruction; pray for strength and fortification "Trust in the LORD forever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength". Isa 26:4
- GOD abhors enchantment so He warned His people not to be involved in enchantment. (Lev 19:26b) Pray that the occult, involved in intense enchantment will equally and certainly face the fierce wrath of GOD. Is 13:9

The Full moon will occur on 10 January 2020 @ 19:21 UTC

- Praise GOD for the full moon this month.
- Declare that as the moon has waxed into fullness this month, so shall you receive a double portion of the prophetic release which will wax to fullness during this season.
- Command the full moon to declare the glory of GOD alone and reject every other instruction from any other source that is not ordained by GOD. Psa 19.
- Proclaim Zech 9:15-17; In this month, command the full moon to praise GOD. As the enemy comes in like a flood, as he comes as a terror by night or shoots arrows that fly by noonday, the Word of the LORD will be your shield and buckler. Psalm 91
- Ask Jesus who is the Conquering King, to ride forth victoriously on behalf of righteousness, humility and truth during the full moon season. Every enemy instruction for the full moon to strike the righteous by night will be returned to sender as the moon rejects every other instruction except that which is from the LORD Psa 45.3-6
- During full moon seasons the gravitational pull of the moon on the earth causes an ebb and flow of waters resulting in tidal action and instability of the waters on earth even in bodies of all creatures. Pray that the waters of your body will stabilize and be still during the full moon season when the waters ebb and flow, and body fluids are also affected adversely. Ask the LORD to be the stability of your times; pray this for your economy and for the political landscape in your territory.



The Last Quarter moon will occur on 17 January 2020 while the First Quarter moon will occur on 3 January 2020.

- Command the Quarter moons to praise GOD in this season.
- Pray that GOD will teach your hands to war and your fingers to do battle so you can break the steel bows of the witches, wizards, sorcerers, necromancers, diviners, monthly prognosticators, astrologers, traffickers of familiar spirits and the queen of heaven (Ps 18:34; Ps 144:1)

The New Moon occurs on 24 January 2020 @ 21:42 UTC

- Command the new moon to praise GOD who created it to mark the times and seasons. Psalm 104:19, 136:8-9, 148:3,
- Command the new moon to receive instruction only from GOD and from Kingdom citizens to fulfill only the purpose which GOD created it for in this season. Pray that the moon shall reject the incantations, prognostications and manipulation from any other ungodly source.
- Pray that as the new moon waxes as a witness in the sky, so shall their desire to know the true LORD GOD grow with it.
- Pray that GOD should cut off those that handle the sickle in the time of harvest against the ignorant and cause them to flee. (Jer 50:16)
- At the new and crescent moon proclaim and enforce Num 23:23 over your life, family, and the ignorant in the Ecclesia and territory.

SOLAR MOVEMENTS

Solar Events

From December 18, 2019 to 18 January 2020 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 2019.**

From January 19, 2020 to 15 February 2020 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 laborers (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 (1Joh 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.



- 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 them in heaven.

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PRAYER REQUESTS FROM GAPNET PARTNERS

We receive prayer requests from out 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 sees 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 FOR 2020

The prophecies for 2020 will be posted on the GAPNET website once they become available. Please view the video recordings on YouTube.

Refer to the website for the complete 2017 prophecies and those from previous years that continue to be fulfilled.

PROCLAIM

THE LORD IS WITH ME; HE IS MY HELPER. I LOOK IN TRIUMPH ON MY ENEMIES. IT IS BETTER TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE LORD THAN TO TRUST IN HUMANS. IT IS BETTER TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE LORD THAN TO TRUST IN PRINCES. ALL THE NATIONS SURROUNDED ME, BUT IN THE NAME OF THE LORD I CUT THEM DOWN. THEY SURROUNDED ME ON EVERY SIDE, BUT IN THE NAME OF THE LORD I CUT THEM DOWN. THEY SWARMED AROUND ME LIKE BEES, BUT THEY WERE CONSUMED AS QUICKLY AS BURNING THORNS; IN THE NAME OF THE LORD I CUT THEM DOWN. I WAS PUSHED BACK AND ABOUT TO FALL, BUT THE LORD HELPED ME. THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY DEFENSE; HE HAS BECOME MY SALVATION. SHOUTS OF JOY AND VICTORY RESOUND IN THE TENTS OF THE RIGHTEOUS: "THE LORD'S RIGHT HAND HAS DONE MIGHTY THINGS! THE LORD'S RIGHT HAND IS LIFTED HIGH; THE LORD'S RIGHT HAND HAS DONE MIGHTY THINGS!" I WILL NOT DIE BUT LIVE, AND WILL PROCLAIM WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE. PSALM 118:7-17

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