

The 1st month in the Scriptures & It's profound meaning.

We are familiar with the saying “I AM the Alpha & Omega” which translates the beginning and the end. With that in mind everything has a beginning and an end. Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 breaks down a time of everything. How does God put His beginning and end of what we would understand 1 year cycle. The Scriptures make it very clear that God created the Heavens and the Earth (Genesis) and made the Sun, Moon, & Stars for Signs, Seasons, Days, & Years.

Question -when is God's beginning of the year? At the beginning of the Scriptures days were divided into 7 day cycles, to months, to years. The **first mention of concept of months** is the Great Flood – Genesis 7:11 “on the 17th day of the 2nd month. That means the flood occurred on the 47th day after the start of the new year. Most Scholars would agree that would be around what we would understand now as fall timeframe – mid September to end of September. Interesting when you take September 15th and add 47 day you come into Halloween night. Many of us are aware of the Jewish Holiday called Rosha Shanna. Rosha Shanna occurs during this Mid-September to first week of October timeframe yearly. The Hebrew name of that month is Tishri and it is considered to be the changing of the calendar for Jewish years. Think of Tishri 1 and as our January 1.

So, Tishri or the 1st month kept that position in Scripture until the **time of Moses** and the Passover. In the book of Exodus chapter 12 verse 1-2 **God now instructs** Moses that the 7th month which is identified as (Nisan or Abib) would become the beginning of Months or the new 1st month in relating to time of year in the Scriptures. The 7th month or Nisan usually falls in between the end of the month of March or into early April. The month of Nisan stands out with Biblical Events! The include the plagues, Passover (killing of 1st born), escaping from Pharaoh and the 10 Little G- gods of Egypt, crossing over the Red Sea on dry ground, and believe it or not about 1333 years later in time the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ of Nazareth on Nisan 14th, and His Resurrection on Nisan 17th. It's a good thing when you ask God a question in the right Spirit! Why the change Lord? I can't totally answer, but I think by the by repeating patterns, templates, and symbology shared in Scripture it goes a long way to giving us a clue/insight.

If you look at a year being 12 months long – God in His infinite wisdom takes the exact midpoint day of a 12-month calendar cycle, and on the 1st day of the first month & 1st day of the 7th month day and places major events of most all the major Biblical Stories occurring around them. The 1st month (Nisan per Exodus 12) **by far outnumbers** major significant events in the Scriptures that helped shape the Biblical Narrative and timeline. Why the Flood was originally attached to the 1st month before Moses was told to change it by God (Exodus 12) – Tishri the former 1st month *now becomes the 7th month*. What I find intriguing is this 7th month is still recognized as the changing of the actual number of the current year. Hence it is called Roshanna or also known as Feast of Trumpets. But the 7th month is filled with the observation of the last 3 of the 7 feasts Moses was given by God to instruct the Hebrews to observe as a forever commitment.

The new 1st month Nisan contains 3 feasts **Passover – 14th day, Unleavened Bread -15th day, First fruits of Barley -17th day.** Count 50 days later from First fruits of Barley and you arrive in the **3rd month on the 7th day**

(Counting of the Omer)- which we call Pentecost or also known as First Fruits of the Wheat Harvest. Continue counting another 113 days and you come to the 7th month which ends the last 3 feast of the Religious Observation of Appointed Moedims.

Here is a breakdown of the 7 Feasts God told Moses to instruct the Hebrews.

1st Month 14 day – # 1 Passover Lamb sacrificed for personal sin.

1st Month 15th day – #2 Unleavened bread – representing when they had to leave Egypt in haste.

1st Month 17th day –#3 Feast of Barley First Fruit grain comes in

3rd Month 7th day – #4 Feast of Wheat First Fruits – grain comes in.

7th Month 1st day – #5 Feast of Trumpets, sighting of the first sliver of light on a New Moon by 2 witness and changing of the calendar year.

7th Month on the 10th day – #6 Day of Atonement when the High Priest makes Attonment for the Communal Sin of the Whole Nation. The High Priest enters the Holy of Holies only once per year.

7th Month on the 17th day # 7 Feast of Tabernacles/ Booths for 8 days remembering the 40 years the Hebrews camped in tents in the wilderness. These 8 days run till the 7th month on the 25th day.

Now we have no observed Feasts of Moses until the 1st month on the 14th day which is the Passover returns.

Now that we can see the breakdown of these feasts, with 3 Feasts each occurring in the 1st month & 7th Month, I want to focus on 1st month of Nisan. It's interesting on how many of the Bibles most predominate Events of Scripture tended to occur over the 1st month of Nisan.

Nisan 1st month. Passover & Crux fiction on the 14th day. – Crossing of Red Sea on dry ground – 1st month.

Resurrection of Jesus on the 17th day – 3 days in the grave.

Numbers Chapter 20 – Miram (Moses' sister) dies in the 1st month. Note this is almost the 1 year anniversary after leaving Egypt. Moses strikes Rock twice in anger for Water for the Hebrews and loses his right to enter into the promised land.

Exodus Chapter 40 – the completed Tabernacle with the Ark of the Covenant dedicated Nisan 1st day in the second year from the Exodus.

1st Chronicles 12:15 & Joshua 4:19– Joshua crosses over the Jordon River at Flood Stage on dry ground Nisan 10th day then circumcises all males.

Nehemiah chapter 2 – “it came to pass in the month of Nisan – to go and rebuild the wall.”

Ezra 7:9 – Ezra begins his journey from Babylon to Jerusalem on the 1st day of the 1st month.

Ezekial 29:17 = in the 27th year on the 1st day in the 1st month the word of the Lord came to me, “this date marks the Prophetic word against Egypt.

Ester 3:7 – Haman gets makes his plan to annihilate the Jews in the 1st month of Nisan. It's also very possible Ester held her Banquet for the King in the very same month in which Haman plan was exposed and he was hung, but I couldn't find a scripture to back that assumption up.

2nd Samuel chapter 11:1 – Spring of the year is when Kings go to war. The 1st month is the beginning of Spring mid to late March.

Daniel Chapter 10 – verse 4 – on the 24th day of the 1st month after 3 weeks of fasting and praying the Angel Gabriel shows up and talks to Daniel after fighting the Prince of Persia to get to Daniel. When did Daniel begin to pray / 24-21days of fasting = 3rd. 1st month on the 3rd day = Nisan 3 is when Daniel began to pray for his people and make intercession for them.

Even in the Book of Job it alludes to this time of the Year. The Book of Job was written before Moses but in chapter 1 – Job is recognized for making burnt offerings according to the number of his children. Verse 5 “It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus, Job did regularly. Remember Passover is a Lamb for the attornment of sin for the family – reread Exodus 12:4. Day of Attornment by the High Priest is in the 7th month on the 10th day and that is for THE NATION as a whole. Rabbinical legend is that 1 lamb blood is to cover up to 10 members of a family. That why in Exodus 12 it states if the family is to small share with your neighbor's family. Getting back to Job – what burnt offering was Job doing – covering for his children's sins. When does that occur later in the Bible – Passover/Crucifixion or during the 1st month or Passover timeframe. This would be Biblical Consistent theme even though the Passover had not been dedicated yet – a pre shadowing of a future event. So, **the 1st Month of family attornment** was even alluded to in the Book of Job. Isn't that fascinating.

There are probably more stories from the Bible that occur around the 1st month, but this should give us a picture to see the wide range of Biblical events and themes around this time of year. Will God redo major world-shaking events during this time of year as in the past? I guess we will just have to study, watch, and ask for the discernment of the Holy Spirit as we go through our lives. It is interesting to note that in the Book of Ester that Haman's Plan was exposed to kill off all Jews, and the Prince of Persia was delaying Gabriel in getting to Daniel in the Book of Daniel Chapter 10. Both these events took place while the Persia Empire was in authority over the Hebrews by Cyrus the Great defeating of the Babylon Empire. Persia is modern day Iran. We have over 1/3 of our B2 bombers station Diego Garcia, and 3 Air Craft Carrier Naval Task Forces that are either on station or will be very soon in the waters of the Persian Gulf region.

Nisan 1 this year starts today March 30th and goes till April 28th 2025.

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