

# What's so *New* about New Year's?

As profound (and controversial) as it might sound, it is our observation that every religious practice that is not legislated in Scripture (as handed down to the Hebrews) is pagan—from clothing styles to holidays to names. It is not that the Almighty is angry with all of us who are still practicing pagan lifestyles but if we are knowingly and willfully ignorant of the Hebrew practices and time tracking methods, can we blame Him for His wrath? We are at fault as the true religious timetable and holy days (holidays) are within our reach.

New Year's celebrations are not new. In fact there is nothing new under the sun regarding holidays and festival occasions. Since Creation, man has either observed the Creators appointed times, or the counterfeits, sometimes a combination of the two. Using an encyclopedia and the Word of YHVH, let's discover what we can about the day we commonly call New Year's, the so-called beginning of the year.

**New Year's Day** "... is celebrated as a holiday in almost every country. Generally, church services are held, with parties before or after them....

"In the United States, people attend church, go to the theater, or to various places of entertainment. Parties are held on New Year's Eve to 'watch the old year out.' ... Many persons hold 'open house' on the afternoon or evening of New Year's Day. Their friends come to call, and refreshments are sometimes served." *The World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 13, p. 237*

Notice the intermingling (marriage) of religious or sacred services with secular entertainment. For the honest truth seeker, this should raise a red flag. As time has passed, although never ordained by the Creator, there has been less and less "sacred" and more and more secular about this holiday. Along with Christmas and Mardi Gras, New Year's is one of the most drunken, decadent festivals of the year.

*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. **Philippians 4:8***

"In ancient Rome, the first day of the year was given over to honoring Janus, the god of gates and doors and of beginnings and endings. The month of January was named after this god. Janus had two faces, and looked both ahead and backward. On the first day of the year the Roman people looked back to what had happened during the past year and thought of what the coming year might bring." *Ibid*

**Janus** "was the god of doors and gates in Roman mythology. ... People prayed to him when they were about to start something new. ... In prayer, he was named first in any list of gods, even before Jupiter. The first day of the month [of J-nuary] was sacred to him." *The World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 10, p. 29*

The first month of our calendar is named after a pagan deity! In the covenant, YHVH says, *And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth. **Exodus 23:13***

At one point, this knowledge permeated the consciousness of YHVH's people. They knew better than to mention or utter the names of pagan deities, but somewhere along the way the children of YHVH have lost this conviction. Just because it has been forgotten, does not mean that YHVH does not mean what He says or that He has forgotten His decree. He changes not, **Malachi 3:6**. We shudder to mention this false deity, even though we, as simple watchmen on the wall, are merely trying re-educate Yah's people. YHVH, have mercy on us all.

Lest you think we are nit picking or being ridiculously overzealous, Jesus, quoting the Torah (**Deuteronomy 8:3**) said in **Matthew 4:4**, *It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of YHVH.*

Not only did this command to not mention the names of false gods come out of the mouth of YHVH, the New Testament reminds us that every word that has proceeded out of the Father's mouth is still of vital importance.

We believe in nit picking. If you see a nit on us, pick it off. If we see a nit on you, we'll pick it off. Will you ask, Am I my brother's keeper? Indeed, we are. It's called loving thy neighbor as thyself—lifting each other up, being accountable to one another as we have been commanded to do. One thing we have not been given the liberty to do is alter the Creator's timetable. His method is legislated in **Genesis 1:14-15**.

**January**, “the first month of the year, is named for Janus, a Roman god. ...Numa Pompilius added January and February to the end of the 10 month Roman calendar, about 700 B.C. He gave the month 30 days. In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar added a day and made January the first month.” *The World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 10, p. 28*

Pagan calendars seem to be changeable at the whim of whoever is sitting on the throne at the time. The beast power in **Daniel 7:25** *will think to change times and laws*. That beast power is identifiable as pagan/papal Rome, which not only claims to have changed the Sabbath but the other festivals of YHVH as well. Now all the world wonders after the beast (**Revelation 13:3**). Protestantism has followed the course of Mama, the great harlot. It appears to us that the Almighty has revealed these things to us in advance that we might recognize these powers and avoid their customs, traditions and counterfeits—these are a web of deceit, you are the prey.

You may be thinking, “What do I have to worry about? I am not practicing the customs of pagan Rome!” Oh? Indeed, the first modern (immigrant) citizens of the U.S. were English. “The early English took over many of the Roman New Year's customs.

“New Year's Day became a holy day in the Christian Church in A.D. 487, when it was declared the Feast of Circumcision. [Declared “HOLY”? By whom?] At first, parties were not allowed on this day because the pagans had followed this custom. This was gradually changed and celebrations could again be held.

“January 1 became generally recognized as New Year's Day in the 1500's when the Gregorian calendar was introduced.” *The World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 13, p. 237* [Prior to this, March 1 was new year's day.]

New Year's Day celebrations were brought to you by pagan Rome. The actual date, J-nuary 1 was brought to you by pagan Rome. The modern calendar, adhered to by nearly all of civilization, is the solar Gregorian calendar, named after Pope Gregory XIII, which is owned and operated by the same entity, in different clothes.

J-nuary 1 is not mentioned in Scripture. There is only one “new year” that we can readily recognize as Heaven's way of tracking time and that is the method revealed in the Torah, (**Exodus 12:2, Leviticus 23**). The methods that secular society uses to track the beginning of the year are not scriptural and are therefore based upon pagan methods of time tracking and will eventually lead us to practice the pagan religions that Satan has invented. If all roads lead to Rome, as the old saying goes, then all pagan religions leads to sun worship. We are in the business of restoring ALL things. It is difficult but it is possible and actually required for this last generation.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow;  
The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true. -- *Lord Alfred Tennyson*

Tennyson probably had no idea just how prophetically accurate his statement was. YHVH's year begins in the Spring when Nature is bursting with life. The man-made (Satanic) New Year begins in the dead of winter. Which calendar you keep will eventually separate the sheep from the goats. We are making an astronomical observation (this is not astrology). J-nuary 1, the Gregorian New Year, is under the constellation Capricorn (a goat). The first of Abib (the Creators first month) is under the constellation of Aries (a ram, a male sheep).

Coincidence? Not a chance. YHVH knows! And now so do you; get off the fence. Whom will YOU serve?

*Choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve YHVH, Joshua 24:15.*  
*Ye cannot drink the cup of the YHVH, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the YHVH's table, and of the table of devils, I Corinthians 10:21.*