

Love Is For Ever -- Rediscovering Abba's Fantastic Truths

Please read **Psalm 136:7-9** and **Psalm 148:1-6** (Remember "the LORD" is correctly said "YeHoVaH")

YHVH's Time Pieces

Many are the misconceptions regarding Paul's words in **Colossians 2:14-17**. Already in this study series we have discussed the phrases "handwriting of ordinances," "that was against us" and "Sabbath days." More discussions from this passage will follow, but today we will look at the "new moons."

The following argument was presented to us trying to link YHVH's festivals with the shadows of the cross. One verse in particular should leap off the pages of your memory in answer to the following objection:

Only the Feast days statutes dealt with "meat or in drink". The new moon was also associated with the Feast days. All are shadows of "The Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world."

Does **Isaiah 66:22-23** mean anything to you? Has there ever been an evangelistic meeting in the last 150 years that has not used this text to enlighten a darkened world about when the saints will worship the Creator in the new earth? If this verse proves Sabbath observance is still binding today, what does it say about the new moon?

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith YHVH, so shall your seed and your name remain.

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith YHVH.

Would it surprise you that this objection to festival observance came to us from a minister of the gospel? This minister has used this verse in his sermons; we have heard him do so. Surely he should know better than to nail new moon observance to the cross, for by fastening it there he nullifies what Isaiah has prophesied. Friends, making a simple mistake in your theology is one thing (and we reserve the right to print a correction if we totally blow it). However, overlooking a previously known truth in order to create a theology that cannot be supported in Scripture is quite another thing altogether. There is a statute that condemns such a practice:

What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it,

Deuteronomy 12:32. See also **Proverbs 30:5-6**, **Isaiah 30:1**, and **Revelation 22:18**.

Permit us to take you on a journey through Scripture. Here you will find just how important new moon observance is to your Creator. Pay attention, you just might learn some things. First stop, **Genesis 1:14-15...**

And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

For those who have studied prophecy, you know that there will be signs in the sun, moon and stars foretelling the return of Messiah. And astronomically, we count our days and years by astronomic revolutions. But seasons? There was no winter, spring, summer, fall at Creation. There were no seasons as we now recognize them in Eden before sin entered the earth. Earth was perfect in its axis. How many have read this passage in **Genesis 1:14** yet never questioned this word *seasons*? If you dare (or more importantly, if you are interested in truth) look up this word (Hebrew #4150) in a Strong's Concordance. For those who do not have a Strong's, *seasons* is translated from the Hebrew word, Mo'ed. Now look up the word *feasts* (from **Leviticus 23**) in Strong's--it's the same word, Mo'ed. They weren't called feast days in times of old, they were called *Mo'edim* which means appointed times or set times. They were dates on the calendar in which to meet with YHVH, just like the weekly Sabbath. In fact, there are seven annual Sabbaths, or feast days in YHVH's calendar.

One of the express purposes of the moon, set forth at creation, was to regulate the cycle of feast days. A good Berean will require 2-3 witnesses in order to establish this thing from YHVH: One, **Genesis 1:14**, of course and two, He appointed the moon for seasons: (Mo'ed again) the sun knoweth his going down. **Psalms 104:19**

The new moon day was counted as the first day of each new month, which set off a celebration. This celebration and order of things was a statute, (**Numbers 10:10**) a law commanded by the Creator....

*Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the Elohim of Jacob.* **Psalms 81:2-4**

The new moon was a very special occasion. You probably have no idea just how special, but the first 4-5 words should give you some indication....

*Thus saith the Sovereign YHVH; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.
Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before YHVH in the Sabbaths and in the new moons.* **Ezekiel 46:1-3**

Verse three compares with **Isaiah 66:23**. All flesh came before YHVH to worship Him on the Sabbaths and new moons in times of old, and will do so in the new earth. Some things never change because YHVH never changes. At what times do you think we should come before Him today? Since the Sabbath and feast days were the times set apart in the covenant to worship YHVH (**Exodus 20:1--23:33**), how do think YHVH considers them now? *My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.* **Psalms 89:34**

What does ordained mean? It means set apart for a special task by decree or command. The Creator made a decree or an ordinance regarding the moon. YHVH's was a lunar calendar, not solar. The moon was ordained at creation to regulate YHVH's calendar and festivals, visiting days. And that decree is binding forever. *When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?* **Psalms 8:3-4**

*Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of YHVH: for He commanded, and they were created.
He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass.* **Psalms 148:3-6**

We are children of Israel. All believers are counted as the seed (**Romans 9:6-8**); one does not have to be Jewish to be counted as an Israelite. And only "Israelites" and those grafted onto the tree (Gentiles, now counted as the seed) will be saved. (**Romans 11:13-27**) So binding is YHVH's ordinance regarding the moon that if it departs from before Him, no one will be saved, nor can they be. The first 3 words of this passage below make it so...

*Thus saith YHVH, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; YHVH of hosts is His name:
If those ordinances depart from before Me, saith YHVH, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me for ever.* **Jeremiah 31:35-36**

Did you know there was no covenant made with "Christians"? He is only returning for "Israelites," those counted as seed. Aren't you glad that someone somewhere is still observing this ordinance of the moon? More importantly, will you?

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