

# The Assembly of Eloah

This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent -- Jesus Christ. Jn. 17:3

## The New Moon is a Holy Day

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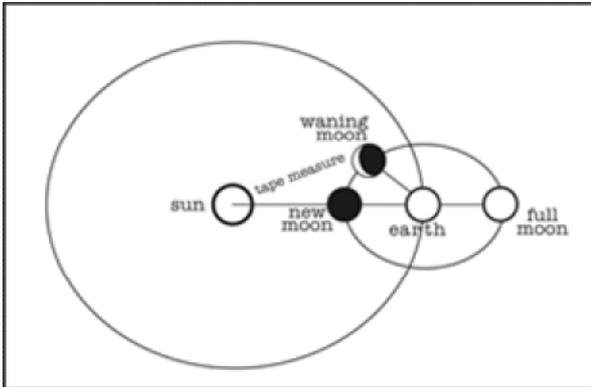
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The New Moon Day is to be kept on the day of the conjunction of the Earth and Sun and Moon during Jerusalem's time zone and it is to be kept as a Holy Day.



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### The New Moon

In astronomy, conjunction or to be conjoined, means when there is a meeting of two or more heavenly bodies in the same longitude or right ascension. This is termed the 'New Moon' when the moon is between the earth and sun and is termed the 'Full Moon' when the earth is between the sun and moon.

Should the New Testament Church of God, that is, as the spiritual Israel of God in these end days, be keeping the day of the New Moon as Holy?

To be *Holy* means to be set apart for a specific purpose. These can be on certain days of worship or certain people (*i.e. the saints*).

Historically, specific offerings were made on the Feast High Days, and on the New Moons, as well as on the seventh day Sabbaths.

Ezekiel 45:17 "And it shall be the prince's part to provide the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the libations, at the feasts, on the new moons, and on the sabbaths, at all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel; he shall provide the sin offering, the grain

offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel." (NASB unless otherwise identified).

During the Feasts the prince provided some of the sacrificial offerings as his responsibility, as we see in verses 22-25. He also had an administrative duty to take the peoples festival offerings; which approximates 2.5%. He had to have the offerings distributed at all of the Feast sites for their food.

Ezekiel 45:13-16 "This is the offering that you shall offer: a sixth of an ephah from a homer of wheat; a sixth of an ephah from a homer of barley; <sup>14</sup> and the prescribed portion of oil (namely, the bath of oil), a tenth of a bath from each kor (which is ten baths or a homer, for ten baths are a homer); <sup>15</sup> and one sheep from each flock of two hundred from the watering places of Israel for a grain offering, for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them," declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> "All the people of the land shall give to this offering for the prince in Israel.

This is a national administrative responsibility which is not possible to carry out in these end days.

There are three annual Feasts for which these specific festival offerings are taken (*Ex 23:14-18; 34:23; Deut 16:16-17*). These are commanded three times in a year and must be taken before or at the beginning of the feast. They are not Holy Day offerings.

Israel was to assemble to worship on those New Moon days, which are spoken of in the same way as Sabbaths or Holy Days and which are not to be working days. Access to the Temple was not available to the people on working days but only on Sabbaths and New Moons.

Ezekiel 46:1-3 'Thus says the Lord Y<sup>e</sup>hovih (God), "The gate of the inner court facing east shall be shut the six working days; but it shall be opened on the sabbath day, and opened on the day of the new moon. <sup>2</sup> "And the prince shall enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside and stand by the post of the gate. Then the priests shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate and then go out; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. <sup>3</sup> "The people of the land shall also worship at the doorway of that gate before Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) on the sabbaths and on the new moons.

This can only mean that the New Moons were to be kept in the same way as the Sabbaths were then, and are to be now.

These New Moon Days also had specific sacrifices as on the New Year's Day, which was celebrated on the first day of the First Month of the New Year. New Year's Day is a Holy Day.

### When is the New Moon?

The first day of the month, at the conjunction, is the New Moon.

([How to Determine the Conjunction, Easily](#)).

This first day of the First Month sets the three annual Feasts with their attendant Holy Days as set apart for worship. We should not forsake this day as an assembly with the likeminded where possible.

Ezekiel 45:18 'Thus says the Lord God, "In the first month, on the first of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary.

(SHD #2320) chodesh {kho'-desh} from #2318 meaning:

- 1) the new moon, month, monthly
  - 1a) the first day (head) of the month
  - 1b) the lunar month

Usage: month 254, new moon 20, monthly 1,

The single day that the conjunction takes place during Jerusalem's time zone sets that Holy Day apart. This assigns a uniform day of worship for all people everywhere on the planet.

Isaiah 2:3 And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways, And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion, And the word of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) from Jerusalem.

This setting apart of a day is impossible to do when using crescent moon observations; and this is an activity that is and causes sin. When kept from a visual citing near Jerusalem then only people in the Middle East could have been informed of the day assigned by the Pharisees.

John 4:19-24 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> "You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. <sup>24</sup> "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

We can see that until recently it was impossible to inform people all over the world of this visual event. Because of this added tradition which forced people to

keep two Holy Days, the day gradually came to be a day to be acknowledged but not kept as Holy. The Father must be worshipped by everyone, on the same day, all over the earth.

The month of the Passover is the First Month of the year from Exodus 12:2. (see *Num 9:1-3; 33:3; Josh 4:19*).

It is called Nisan or Abib, which infers the time of the ears of seed bearing barley that will occur near the vernal equinox in Israel. Abib is often pronounced Aviv. The city, Tel Aviv in modern Judea means Spring Hill. The first barley growth in Scripture was in Egypt, not Israel and there was no growth in the seventh year or on the Ark (*Gen 8:5 & 13*).

We would do best by using numbers for the months and not using the assigned names of false gods like Tammuz.

We see below in Amos that no trading, with selling grain and buying or selling wheat, is allowed to be conducted on New Moons as well as on Sabbaths.

Both the New Moons and Sabbaths are spoken of in exactly the same way. That is, as Holy Days, with no financial trading or even verbal negotiations being conducted. They are both set apart for the purpose of rest with study and worship of our God and Father, as we just read earlier in Ezekiel 46.

Amos 8:5 saying, "When will the new moon be over, So that we may sell grain, And the sabbath, that we may open the wheat market, To make the bushel smaller and the shekel bigger, And to cheat with dishonest

scales.

The Holy Days, which included the New Moons, could and were kept, although often improperly, by ancient and especially by modern Israel (see [www.Abrahams-Legacy.ca](http://www.Abrahams-Legacy.ca) ).

Hosea 2:11 "I will also put an end to all her gaiety, Her feasts, her new moons, her sabbaths, And all her festal assemblies.

Isaiah 1:12-15 "When you come to appear before Me, Who requires of you this trampling of My courts? <sup>13</sup> "Bring your worthless offerings no longer, Incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly. <sup>14</sup> "I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts, They have become a burden to Me. I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup> "So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you, Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood.

God will respond to our sin with correction, and this can get to a point where even our prayers will not be heard.

Proverbs 28:9 He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

Israel's Feasts were and are to be glorious occasions when they are kept on the correct days and in the correct ways.

The New Moons were termed Feast days and ordinances and statutes; and were always accompanied with or initiated by the blowing of the shofar.

Psalm 81:3-5 Blow the trumpet (Shofar) at the new moon, in the glorious day of your feast. <sup>4</sup> For this is an ordinance for Israel, and

a statute of the God of Jacob. <sup>5</sup> He made it to be a testimony in Joseph, (LXX Brenton) (See [Blow the Shofar](#))

David and Saul kept them, which means that all of Israel kept them on one specific day as solemn assemblies.

1Samuel 20:5-6 and David said to Jonathan, Behold, to-morrow is the new moon, and I shall not on any account sit down to eat, but thou shalt let me go, and I will hide in the plain till the evening. <sup>6</sup> And if thy father do in anywise enquire for me, then shalt thou say, David earnestly asked leave of me to run to Bethlem his city, for there is there, a yearly sacrifice for all the family. (LXX Brenton)

1Samuel 20:5-6 So David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I ought to sit down to eat with the king. But let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third evening. <sup>6</sup> "If your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked leave of me to run to Bethlehem his city, because it is the yearly sacrifice there for the whole family.

1Chronicles 23:31 and to offer all burnt offerings to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), on the sabbaths, the new moons and the fixed festivals in the number set by the ordinance concerning them, continually before Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD).

The seventh day and feast days are fixed and so is the New Moon. The day of the New Moon fixes the Feast days.

2Chronicles 31:3 He also appointed the king's portion of his goods for the burnt offerings, namely, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths and for the new moons and for the fixed festivals, as it is written in the law of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD).

Our incorrect keeping of God's correct appointed times will cause God to make

it difficult for them to be understood and retained.

Lamentations 2:6 And He has violently treated His tabernacle like a garden booth; He has destroyed His appointed meeting place; Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) has caused to be forgotten The appointed feast and sabbath in Zion, And He has despised king and priest In the indignation of His anger.

Hosea 2:11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, (Chag SHD #2282) her new moons, (Chodesh SHD #2320) and her sabbaths, (Shabbat SHD #7676) and all her solemn feasts. (appointed place and time, assembly (Mow'ed).

Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) seven days: on the first day shall be a Sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a Sabbath. (Lev. 23:39).

**The New Moon in these End Days**  
Most of the modern Covenant keeping Churches declare that because the New Moon isn't listed as a Holy day in Leviticus, chapter 23 that they do not have to keep it. At least not at this time. They all believe that the New Moon was kept as Holy anciently and will be in the Millennium.

Declaring that Scripture isn't worded in a manner that we claim it should be is a gross and false accusation against our Father. We must study all of the related points in the Law to gain a proper understanding of the will of God.

Isaiah 28:9-14 "To whom would He teach knowledge? And to whom would He interpret the message? Those just weaned from milk?

Those just taken from the breast? <sup>10</sup> "For He says, 'Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there.'"

<sup>11</sup> Indeed, He will speak to this people Through stammering lips and a foreign tongue, <sup>12</sup> He who said to them, "Here is rest, give rest to the weary," And, "Here is repose," but they would not listen. <sup>13</sup> So the word of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) to them will be, "Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there," That they may go and stumble backward, be broken, snared, and taken captive. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, hear the word of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), O scoffers, Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem.

We have been told that having to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread away from work for all seven days is a burden. We are also told the same in the matter of keeping Holy, away from work, the day of the New Moon. All baptized adults should be much more cautious about accusing Eloah. His Law is not a burden, but it is liberty.

1John 1:2-3 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

Start keeping the commands of God in your everyday activities, your works, and your understanding will subsequently improve.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit thy works unto Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), and thy thoughts shall be established (KJV)

Solomon kept the New Moons along with the Sabbaths and Feasts. He built the Temple for holding the morning and evening sacrifices, which were held at the third and ninth hour or our modern 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

2Chronicles 2:4-5 behold, I also his son am building a house to the name of the Lord my God, to consecrate it to him, to burn incense before him, and to offer shewbread continually, and to offer up whole-burnt-offerings continually morning and evening, and on the sabbaths, and at the new moons, and at the feasts of the Lord our God: this is a perpetual statute for Israel. <sup>5</sup> And the house which I am building is to be great: for the Lord our God is great beyond all gods.

2Chronicles 8:12-13 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to Yehovah (the LORD) on the altar of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) which he had built before the porch; <sup>13</sup> and did so according to the daily rule, offering them up according to the commandment of Moses, for the sabbaths, the new moons, and the three annual feasts - the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths.

People met with others or attended a service on New Moons as well as the seventh day Sabbaths.

Elisha was a prophet. In 2Kings 4 a Shunammite man asked his wife why she was seeking a "man of God", as if attending services, on a day other than a New Moon or Sabbath.

2Kings 4:22-23 Then she called to her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and return." <sup>23</sup> And he said, "Why will you go to him today? It is neither new moon nor sabbath." And she said, "It will be well."

These days are termed happy or mirthful memorials with specific sacrifices and the blowing of a shofar, until a pair of silver trumpets can be made.

Numbers 10:9-10 And if ye shall go forth to war in your land against your enemies that are opposed to you, then shall ye sound with

the trumpets; and ye shall be had in remembrance before the Lord, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. <sup>10</sup> And in the days of your gladness, and in your feasts, and in your new moons, ye shall sound with the trumpets at your whole-burnt-offerings, and at the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; and there shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the Lord your God. (LXX Brenton)

Numbers 10:9-10 "And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who attacks you, then you shall: sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, and be saved from your enemies. <sup>10</sup> "Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed feasts, and on the first days of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God."

If these New Moon days were not actually kept after Christ's sacrifice, then no one would have been judging converted gentiles who did keep them. There would be no reason to be hostile in their judgment and criticism.

The New Testament assembly of converted gentiles (*Col 1:21*) at Colosse in Asia Minor was keeping the food laws, Feasts, New Moons and seventh day Sabbaths.

Colossians 2:16 Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day.

It is difficult, but we will keep them all today and without complaint.

Virtually everyone believes that the New Moon was kept anciently, and certainly

will be in the Millennium and on into the future.

The New Moon of the First Month sets apart the fourteenth day sacrifice for the fifteenth day Passover. These appointed days, which when combined, are salvation events that must be kept at the correct appointed and published times that are set by the New Moon day.

Numbers 9:13 'But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and yet neglects to observe the Passover, that person shall then be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) at its appointed time. That man shall bear his sin.

If the correct days are not published ahead of time, then sin and an individual or national penalty will be the result. The Samaritans have published the correct days of conjunction twice a year for close to 2500 years.

Somehow most of the Feast keepers of the last few centuries have rejected the New Moon as a requirement to be kept Holy. It seems that some groups or individuals have always kept it as a Holy Day during these last 40 Jubilees.

Isaiah 66:22-23 "For just as the new heavens and the new earth Which I make will endure before Me," declares Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), "So your offspring and your name will endure. <sup>23</sup> "And it shall be from new moon to new moon And from sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me," says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD).

Isaiah 66:22-23 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), so shall your seed and your name remain. <sup>23</sup> 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 Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD). (KJV)

No one can get around the obligation in the Millennium and going into the true new world order, that all of mankind will attend worship on the monthly New Moons exactly the same as on the weekly Sabbaths.

Read and understand Scripture with the intent of the will and Plan of God in your mind. This should give us all an understanding that we may believe is not stated clearly enough for us in Scripture.

If we can buy and sell on the New Moons because they are not Sabbaths, then on what grounds does God chastise the Israelites for simply desiring that the New Moon is over so they could sell? It doesn't say that they were selling, but that they wished that they could trade.

Why could they not trade unless the New Moon is to be kept as a Holy Day or Sabbath? It doesn't say this is the Day of Trumpets, but that it is a Chodesh.

Amos 8:5 saying, "When will the new moon be over, So that we may sell grain, And the sabbath, that we may open the wheat market, To make the bushel smaller and the shekel bigger, And to cheat with dishonest scales,

The evidence is at hand in these end days, where the lack of understanding of the Plan of God is pronounced.

This confusion of mind will be a curse from God in the upcoming national corrections.

Amos 8:11-12 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord God, "When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD).<sup>12</sup> "And people will stagger from sea to sea, And from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), But they will not find it.

### When is the New Moon?

The New Moon Day is to be kept on the day of the conjunction of the Earth, Sun and Moon and it is to be kept as a Holy Day over all the Earth as a witness before Eloah.

It must be appointed from Jerusalem's time zone and cannot be established in a local time as that would set different Feast days in different parts of the world.

The New Moon is a Holy Day and is kept the same as the Sabbath, with no regular work done and no buying or selling conducted.

The New Testament Church of God and Assemblies, who are the spiritual Israel of God in these end days, must be keeping the Day of the New Moon at the conjunction, as a Holy Day.

Amen Eloah