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And God 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 appointed times, and for days and years. (Gen 1:14)

New Moon Observation

22 January 2023

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Dear Friends,

We just got back from looking for the New Moon, and at the time of this writing, we are not aware of any positive naked eye sightings from this evening's observation on **22 January 2023**.

As some of you may have noticed, we carried out this observation at the end of the 28th day, instead of the usual end of 29th day. That's because on rare occasions, if the new moon is not sighted at the end of the 29th day, due to atmospheric obstructions, the following New Moon may be visible 28 days later. In other words, we don't just look for the New Moon 29 days after the month begins, but rather we look for the New Moon the first evening it may be visible, and that was this evening.

As this was the end of the 28th day, we are planning on looking for the New Moon again tomorrow evening and sharing our observations with you.

The photo at the top of this report was taken from our observation point in Jerusalem this evening, however as we didn't see the moon, the moon is not in the photo. The white dot in the photo is Venus.

On behalf of all of us who keep the Biblical Calendar, we wish to thank everyone who looked for the new moon from Israel this evening, and all of you who are supporting this important effort from afar.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do we know a month can't be more than 30 days?

It's an astronomical fact that from our perspective here on Earth, it takes the Moon 29.5 days to revolve around the Earth. That means the crescent New Moon will either be visible at the end of the 29th day, or 30th day of the month (barring atmospheric obstructions). It seems that even in Biblical Times, they knew that a month can't be more than 30 days, as David say to

Does this mean this month might be a 28-day Month?

On rare occasions, if the new moon is not sighted at the end of the 29th day, due to atmospheric obstructions, the following New Moon may be visible 28 days later. Having a 28-day month does not mean we started the previous month on the wrong day. We are to begin the month either when we sight the New Moon (Gen 1:14) at the end of the 29th day or 30 days have passed (1

Yehonatan “tomorrow is the new moon” (1 Samuel 20:5). How did David know the following day was the New Moon? Presumably, the New Moon wasn’t sighted at the end of the 29th day, and so he knew the next day would be the beginning of the month by default.

Does the New Moon have to be sighted in Israel?

The Biblical Calendar, the holy days, and all the commandments, were given for us to live by them in the Land of Israel (Dt 6:1). In fact, you would get very skewed results if you try to establish the Biblical Calendar based on signs (Gen 1:14) outside of the Israel. For example, the year begins when the barley is harvested, so if someone lived in a place where there was both a Spring and Winter barley harvest (there are places like that), they would have extremely short years. Or if someone in Australia began the year when the barley became ripe there, they would be celebrating Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) when it was Fall in Israel, which makes no sense, because there is only one Chag HaMatzot, and it’s based on when the barley ripens in Israel, around Spring. Likewise, if one were to begin the month when the New Moon was seen for example in the United States, they could end up celebrating the holy days on the wrong day, because the percentage of the moon’s illumination, and

Samuel 20:5). It is not for us to speculate as to whether the New Moon would have been visible were it not for atmospheric conditions, our job is only to witness whether the New Moon reveals itself.

What’s Your Question?

If you have a question regarding the Biblical Calendar, feel free to [send it to us](#) and we’ll do our best to try and answer it in a future newsletter. All of our answers are based on our current understanding of relevant Biblical verses, what we’ve seen in the Land over the years, and much study and prayer.

the time between sunset and moonset, is constantly growing at this stage in its cycle, and so by the time the moon makes it to the United States, it may be visible there, even though it wasn't visible in Israel, but that would be irrelevant, as the holidays are on set days which are determined by the New Moon being visible in Israel.

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