

Pearl #142 - Why the Jewish Calendar will be Incorrect in 2008-2009

In my studies of Bible prophecy, I found what matches the 21 December 2012 date, a solstice. I overlap cycles with these matches like in projecting backwards to establish the dates and events at the beginning of Noah's Flood.

If the Jewish calendar is faulty, then my dating methodology of matching sequences would also be faulty. Due to the nature of searching and aligning historic-prophetic cycles, several matches always exist. The final selection is based on the sets of multiple witnesses. From those sets, I select the best match. Two vital tools in this process are HANS and the Hebrew calendar. If the Hebrew calendar is off, then the second or third date alignment could apply. This is particularly true for 2011 as an additional Adar month will be added.

Using solstice references, I am very lucky as all dating would have shifted. What a mess! It would have made six books obsolete. From the beginning God has watched over me, and we seem to have it right because our calendar is NASA corrected from science. I have not depended solely on faulty Jewish calendar calculations, which one could argue are not directed by the Holy Spirit. God's grace will never disappoint when we place our trust in him. He answered my prayer not to write stupid mistakes but only represent him in truth.

Following the pattern of the Flood as paralleled with the prophecies against the great city of Babylon in Revelation, New York City faces destruction on 9 February 2009. This date also aligns with the Jewish New Year for Trees. Noah entered the ark, and after 7 days it rained 40 days and nights. The real flood waters at the end of the 40 days when an asteroid strike resulted in "breaking the fountains of the deep" and opening the "floodgates of the sky," dated as the 2nd month 17th day. (Genesis 7:4-11)

God knew that Noah and his sons needed some time to get organized for their daily tasks in caring for the animals. God's schedule is fixed. We can anticipate the apocalypse train to arrive right on time, but it can be changed by the management just before arrival to get their a little later. I notice that this happened to Nineveh, too.

However this strong parallel was enough for me to publicize the date for each person to decide for themselves. I did not want to remain silent and be responsible for the deaths of others; however, technicalities still make the date an open question due to having fewer witnesses to verify it.

Checking out my 22 HANS Dates for Human History table, I have a question mark about 9 February 2009 because it needs more coincident intersects besides the tree holiday of TU-B'Shevat (15 Shevat). This day is not found in Deuteronomy, but it aligned with the solstice day, 21 December 2008, in parallel with the Flood or First Apocalypse pattern of events.

At this late day, I learned that scholars divide on how to correlate the Jewish holydays with the modern Gregorian calendar. That information should be put into my forecast equation - especially if you live in NYC and are considering a vacation or moving out of New York City altogether in order to avoid the possibility of its destruction according to my model of Bible prophecy. Three TU-B'Shevat dates exist like a schedule that match, so I hoped to find more support for my opinion to bring it up to a more certain level.

Please check out this copied e-mail as the Apocalypse dating system according to HANS will happen. I think that there may be one exception that is still an open question mark for me. Perhaps God will show mercy on NYC like Nineveh and use one of the other optional dates for its destruction.

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This article¹ explains why most observant Jews and others following the Jewish calendar will be celebrating God's annual Holy Days one month late in 2008.

In trying to follow Exodus 12:2, Exodus 13:3-4, 7-10, and Numbers 9:2-3, Judaism says that Passover, which they celebrate on Nisan 15 rather than on Nisan 14, must not fall before the northern hemisphere spring equinox (Tekufot Nisan). The spring equinox currently occurs each year on March 20th or 21st and is that time when day and night are of approximately equal length. The spring equinox establishes the first day of spring. It is a solar, not a lunar, phenomenon.

But current Jewish calendar procedures periodically **conflict** with the use of the equinox to establish the first month of the religious year:

In 2008, Nisan 14 (Passover) can fall on March 21, the first opportunity for the 14th day of a month to occur after the equinox. But the Jewish calendar sets Nisan 14 at April 19th. Why? Because the Jewish year 5768 (the spring months of 2008 fall within the Jewish year 5768) happens to be the 11th year of the 19-year calendar cycle and is then, by Judaic definition, a leap year (the 13th month **must** be added). This forces the first month to begin one month later than it normally would. Unfortunately, their calendar leap year tradition is so rigid that they fail to follow what we agree is the correct interpretation of the scriptures listed above, that God gave them, which strongly imply that the Passover must be kept at the first opportunity on or after the spring equinox.

What allows them to ignore their own calendar rules? One reason they feel free to adjust the calendar to their liking is because Leviticus 23:2 and 4 are interpreted by Jewish Oral Law as saying that the people are allowed to keep the Holy Days on whatever day is most convenient.

It should be pointed out that the Jewish calendar leap year designations are **NOT Biblical**.

Let's add a little more detail: The spring equinox occurs on March 20th at 7:50 AM, Jerusalem time. The Jewish calendar calculates the new moon of Adar II (the 13th month of the previous religious calendar year) to be at 8:50 AM on March 7th and, due to the one-day postponement of the previous Tishri 1, March 8th as the first day of the month. Either day will place the 14th day of Adar II **on or after** the spring equinox and thus the month should be Nisan (Abib), not Adar II.

The result of this error is that **the Jewish calendar is ONE MONTH LATE from March 2008 through March 2009!** By making 5768 a leap year, they ignore the fact that, by their own interpretation of the Torah, Passover must be observed at the first opportunity on or after the spring equinox. This is the way the lunar calendar is kept synchronized with the solar calendar, and is an essential part in keeping the Passover (and every other Holy Day) in its season.

¹Why the Jewish Calendar will be Incorrect in 2008, by Wayne Bedwell, January 2006
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But some may wonder why it matters when Abib occurs, as long as it is in the spring. One of the major justifications why Abib should be assigned to the **first** qualifying month relative to the spring equinox is that there needs to be a **consistency** between years so that crops will be in approximately the same stage of development at the same time each year. The importance of the maturity of grain for the wave-sheaf offering (Lev. 23:9-14) is obvious. Another reason is that the one month delay will push the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) too late and too close to the Israeli fall rainy season.

For this reason we should avoid delaying Abib until the second month after the equinox as the Jewish calendar does in 2008. It is peculiar how the spring equinox is called "Tekufot Nisan", but when a conflict with the designated leap year occurs, the equinox is forced to fall in Adar II, not Nisan...That places Abib 1 on March 8th and Tishri 1 on August 31st. The result of all this is that in 2008 the Jewish calendar will keep the holy days one lunar month late.

For more detailed explanation of the calendar read "The Original Calendar For Our Day."