

Does The Scriptures Say What A New Moon Is?

We can start in Gen.1:2-13 which reads, “And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.” we see here that there was darkness first before it was light. Verse 5, “And God called the light Day and the Darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” When we read on we see this same pattern “evening and morning” being the second day and so forth. When we come to verse 14, we read “And God said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day and the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years.” (Gods Calendar in the Sky) Verse 15, “And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth: and it was so.” Verse 16, “And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also.” By following the pattern in the first 13 verses, what would have been created first? The sun or the moon? We would have to say the moon, as it says the “evening and morning was the day” plus darkness was upon the earth first as in verse 2; “darkness was upon the face of the deep.”

As the moon was created first it would have to be a dark or invisible moon, (New Moon) because the moon has no light of it's own, it only reflects the light of the sun. Verse 19 reads, “And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.” We see in these verses the beginning of YHWH's Calendar, the first New Moon beginning the first month. Numbers 10:10 reads, “Also in the day of your gladness and in your solemn days, and in the beginning of your months....” and Ps. 81:3 reads, “Blow up the trumpet in the New Moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast days.” Ps. 104:19 reads, “He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down.” Also we see the sun being created, setting the beginning of the first year, as the orbit of the earth around the sun makes one year. The question might arise, Was the sun and moon created at the same time on opposite sides of the earth? The answer is no because if this was the case the moon would be a full moon as this is what makes a full moon. A New Moon in Astronomical terms is when the sun and moon is in conjunction, (aligned with one another), and the scriptures says, a New Moon is the beginning of a new month.

Can we determine when was this beginning of the months and the year pointed out in Gen. 1: 14? As whatever YHWH does is perfect and is by laws, (spiritual, nature, astronomical, or physical). As this was the beginning of the year and first month, there would have been equal time in the night time as the day light and that is known as the Vernal Equal Knox. This is the beginning of spring, first season of the year, and remember that the moon sets the seasons so we read this in Ex. 12:2, “This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.” (Aviv or Abib 1) If this is the first of the year, then it would have been the same at creation as it is today, not the 7th month. If you say that the new moon of the 7th month, is the new year and it comes before Atonement and the Festival of Sukkot (Tabernacles), how can you have a beginning before the end of the year. The scriptures says that Sukkot (Tabernacles) is in, the end of the year. We read in Ex 34: 22 “And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering AT THE YEAR'S END.” (Sukkot or Tabernacles) We also read in Gen. 1:11 “...Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit...” And the evening and the morning were the third day.” When does the earth bring forth it's fruit? Only in the spring.