

Greetings all!

New Moon watch for moon 3 - the month named Sivan during Israel's Captivity!

Yes, it's really that time again to stand our watch for the next new moon. Here's the **DATA**:

May 13, 2002 at even is 29 days from the last new moon sighting, the 14th will be 30 days since last.

My calculations show that there will be an apparent new moon here in the USA [Mountain Time Zone] on May 13 at about 7:00 - 7:15 PM. Illumination at our location will be about 1.7% illumination. A new moon should also have already been sighted in Jerusalem, Israel on the same date [May 13] at around 6:45 PM their time with an illumination of 1.3%. I will send confirmation via email only to those on my email-ing list.

May 13 [at even] should start month 3. This will be the 3rd new moon of the year, also called **SIVAN**.

Easton's Bible Dictionary: a Persian word (Assyr, sivanu, "bricks"), used after the Captivity as the name of the third month of the Jewish year, extending from the new moon in June to the new moon in July (**Esther 8:9**).

The Calendar of the Saints new moon chart has a graph near the bottom showing the number and names of all the months and the expected beginning dates.

Historic happenings this day - May 13



May 12 was Mother's Day 2002!

[Delphinium]

Happy Mothers Day to all Mothers, Ma's, Mom's and Mommy's!

May 13, 1607 English colonists land near the James River in Virginia.

1648 Margaret Jones of Plymouth is found guilty of witchcraft and is sentenced to be hanged.

1779 The War of Bavarian Succession ends.

1846 The United States declares war on Mexico after fighting has already begun.

1861 Britain declares its neutrality in the American Civil War.

1864 The Battle of Resaca commences as Union General Sherman fights towards Atlanta.

1888 Slavery is abolished in Brazil.

1912 The Royal Flying Corps is established in England.

1913 Igor Sikorsky flies the first four-engine aircraft.

1944 Allied forces in Italy break through the German Gustav Line into the Liri Valley.

1958 French troops take control of Algiers.

1968 Peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam begin in Paris.

1981 Pope John Paul II survives an assassination attempt.

Born on May 13

1729 Henry William Stiegel, early American glassmaker.

1842 Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer, collaborator with W.S. Gilbert.

1857 Ronald Ross, bacteriologist.

1907 Daphne du Maurier, author (Rebecca).

1912 Gil Evans, jazz pianist and composer.

1914 Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion from 1937 to 1949.

1940 Bruce Chatwin, travel writer (Patagonia).

This Day in Christian History - May 13

May 13, 1665: A statute was enacted in Rhode Island, offering freemanship with no specifically Christian requirements, thus effectively enfranchising Jews.

1839: Birth of William P. Mackey, a Scottish physician who later in life became a Presbyterian pastor. Mackey wrote several hymns during his life, including "Revive Us Again."

Note: ... those Scotts, they really do have a sense of humor - heh-heh!

1917: Near Fatima, Portugal, three shepherd children reported that Mary, the mother of Jesus, had appeared to them. Since 1930, this appearance has come to be known as Our Lady of Fatima.

1925: In Tallahassee, Florida, the State legislature passed a bill requiring daily Bible readings in all public schools.

1981: In St. Peter's Square, Rome, Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca, 23, shot and seriously wounded Pope John Paul II in an assassination attempt. Following a long convalescence, however, John Paul resumed his world travels.

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Health tips from the "**Old Farmer's Almanac**"

Are you too skinny or just right?

HERE'S AN EASY formula to figure your Body Mass Index (BMI), now thought to be a more accurate indicator of relative body size than the old insurance charts. *W* is your weight in pounds and *H* is your height in inches.

If the result is 25 or less, you are within a healthy weight range.

If it's 19 or below, you are too skinny.

Between 25 and 27, you are as much as 8 percent over your healthy weight.

Between 27 and 30, you are at increased risk for health problems.

Above 30, you are more than 20 percent over your healthy weight. It puts you at a dramatically increased risk for serious health problems.

There are a couple of exceptions to the above. Very muscular people with a high BMI generally have

$BMI = \frac{(W \times 705) \div H}{H}$ nothing to worry about, and extreme skinniness is generally a symptom of some other health problem, not the cause.

Here's another way to see if you are dangerously overweight. Measure your waistline. A waist measurement of 35 inches or more in women and 41 inches or more in men, regardless of height, suggests a serious risk of weight-related health problems.

Signs in the lights of the heavens?

Since these days I myself feel as if I am living larger than in times past I thought this month I might insert a basic physics lesson here which compliments the previous article regarding weights.

Elephant and Feather - Air Resistance

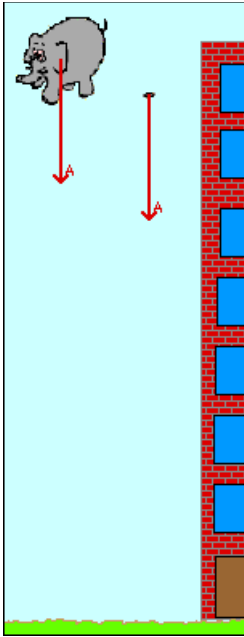
Suppose that an elephant and a feather are dropped off a very tall building from the same height at the same time. We will assume the realistic situation that both feather and elephant encounter air resistance. Which object - the elephant or the feather - will hit the ground first? The animation at the right accurately depicts this situation. The motion of the elephant and the feather in the presence of air resistance is shown. Further, the acceleration of each object is represented by a vector arrow.

Most people are not surprised by the fact that the elephant strikes the ground before the feather. But why does the elephant fall faster? This question is the source of much confusion (as well as a variety of misconceptions). Test your understanding by making an effort to identify the following statements as being either true or false.

The full explanation can be found at [The Physics Classroom:](http://www.glenbrook.k12.il.us/gbssci/phys/mmedia/newtlaws/efar.html)
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Scriptural reading

- Psalms 116, 1** I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.
2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.



6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

From **MHC**

Psalms 116:1-9 We have many reasons for loving the Lord, but are most affected by his loving-kindness when relieved out of deep distress. When a poor sinner is awakened to a sense of his state, and fears that he must soon sink under the just wrath of God, then he finds trouble and sorrow. But let all such call upon the Lord to deliver their souls, and they will find him gracious and true to his promise. Neither ignorance nor guilt will hinder their salvation, when they put their trust in the Lord. Let us all speak of God as we have found him; and have we ever found him otherwise than just and good? It is of his

mercies that we are not consumed. Let those who labour and are heavy laden come to him, that they may find rest to their souls; and if at all drawn from their rest, let them haste to return, remembering how bountifully the Lord has dealt with them. We should deem ourselves bound to walk as in his presence. It is a great mercy to be kept from being swallowed up with over-much sorrow. It is a great mercy for God to hold us by the right hand, so that we are not overcome and overthrown by a temptation. But when we enter the heavenly rest, deliverance from sin and sorrow will be complete; we shall behold the glory of the Lord, and walk in his presence with delight we cannot now conceive.

Please tap your <page down> button for some desiccate humor.

A friend,
David W. Lacey

"YHWH, the Almighty God of Israel, is with us!"

The **Stewarton Bible School** web page is at: <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/>

A Voice in the Wilderness web page is at: <http://www.avoicethewilderness.org/>

To the Saints of the Churches of God is at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~dwlacey/>

In light of our current widespread drought it would do us well to find a sense of humor in an otherwise parching matter.

"Drought probably sums up the rancher's sense of humor about as well as anything. One time I was with a group of ranchers having coffee out in Fort Stockton, Texas, talking about the current drought, when a fellow from back East, visiting one of the ranchers, asked, 'Has this drought broke anyone around here yet?'"

'No,' one the local replied, 'but we're all bent pretty bad.'

Here's one from the Tri-CityHerald.com

A couple submitted to us the following takeoff on David Letterman's famous Top 10 lists. They requested no credit, but we're passing on their submission, which we think brings some much-needed levity to a serious situation.

Top 10 Benefits of the KID water shortage

10. Brown grass matches our house trim color better than green.

9. "Grass is greener on the other side" phrase actually now is true.

8. It's so dry, the weeds aren't even growing.

7. No annoying sprinkler sounds at 6 a.m.

6. Neighbors are no longer watering the sidewalk/street/our car.

5. Our house water bill was too low anyway.

4. We get to see the neighbors adjusting hoses in their bathrobes.

3. Brown spots made by dogs are no longer apparent.

2. Gives the Tri-Cities that much sought after "Santa Fe" natural landscaping look.

And the No. 1 reason (drum roll)...

We haven't had to mow in three weeks!!

And lastly, this:

So how hot and dry can it get? Some responses gleaned from Texas folklore:

* *It was so dry, the cows were giving evaporated milk.*

* *It was so hot, we had to feed the chickens cracked ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.*

* *It was so hot the birds had to use potholders to pull the worms out of the ground.*

* *It gets so dry in some parts of West Texas that citizens have to fasten stamps to letters with safety pins.*

* *"The drought in Texas is so intense," a Kentucky newspaper wrote in 1886, "that potatoes are cooked in the ground, and all the people have to do is dig them up and eat them. Workmen carry salt in their pockets and don't have to go home to dinner."*

* *And finally, a visitor to Texas once asked, "Does it ever rain out here?"*

"Yes, it does," a rancher quickly answered. "Do you remember that part in the Bible when it rained for 40 days and 40 nights?"

"Yes, I'm familiar with Noah's flood," the visitor said.

"Well," the rancher puffed up, "we got two and a half inches during that spell."

Happy NM watching ya'll!