

Greetings all!

Here's a reminder for our the next new moon watch and some [must have DATA!](#)



New Moon watch for moon 4, **Tamuz**, referred to as "*... the fourth month ...*" in **Jeremiah 39:2** but was never named in the Bible, is upon us! Yes, that's correct. There has been no name found in the scripture for this month, but the Roman calendar month 6 named June and the Jewish month named **Tammuz** origins are as follows:

A History of the Months - The Roman month of June

The original Roman year had 10 named months Martius "March", Aprilis "April", Maius "May", Junius "June", Quintilis "July", Sextilis "August", September "September", October "October", November "November", December "December", and probably two unnamed months in the dead of winter when not much happened in agriculture. The year began with Martius "March". Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome circa 700 BC, added the two months Januarius "January" and Februarius "February".

He also moved the beginning of the year from Marius to Januarius and changed the number of days in several months to be odd, a lucky number. After Februarius there was occasionally an additional month of Intercalaris "intercalendar". This is the origin of the leap-year day being in February. In 46 BC, Julius Caesar reformed the Roman calendar (hence the Julian calendar) changing the number of days in many months and removing Intercalaris.

Middle English jun(e)

Old French juin

Old English junius

Latin Junius "of **Juno**"

Latin Junius mensis "month of **Juno**"

Junius had 30 days,
until Numa when it had 29 days,
until Julius when it became 30 days long.

Juno is the principle goddess of the Roman Pantheon. She is the goddess of marriage and the well-being of women. She is the wife and sister of Jupiter. She is identified with the Greek goddess [Hera](#).

From "The History of Valentine's Day": In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor **Juno**. **Juno** was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the 'Feast of Lupercalia', which was a time to honor several other Gods and Goddesses. Mars, the god of war, was the son of Jupiter and **Juno**.

The Jewish month of Tammuz:

Isn't **Tammuz** the name of the main pagan god of a certain region (is it Babylon?) from ancient times? Why then do Jews use it to name this time of Jewish commemoration? What does it have to do with **Tammuz**?

Answer: I assume you are referring to the fast of Shiva Asar b'**Tammuz** - the Seventeenth of **Tammuz**. **Tammuz** is the name of one of the Jewish months. These names are not of Biblical origin but were adopted during the Babylonian exile. Some of them can be found in those Biblical books which were written towards the end or immediately after the Babylonian exile, such as Esther, Ezra and Nechemia. The word **Tammuz** is used once in the Bible in Ezekiel 8:14. In that context it is not used for a month but as the name of an idol. I am not sure why the name was adopted for a month, but it is probable that the two usage's are not directly related but come from the same root. The commentaries explain that the root of **Tammuz** means "heat". The idol was called this because it would be heated so that its eyes would appear to tear (they were made from a material which would melt). I would seem reasonable that the month of **Tammuz**, the main month of the summer, would also be connected to heat.

The DATA!

June 12, 2002 at even [around 7:00 PM] is 29 days from the last new moon sighting, the 12th will be 29 days since the last. A new moon should be sighted in Jerusalem, IS. The moon will be about 1.7 days after conjunction with an illumination of about 3%.

My calculations show that there also will be a new moon here in the USA [Mountain Time Zone] on June 12 at about 7:00 - 7:15 PM. The moon will be about 2.1 days old after conjunction [our time] with an illumination of about 5%. I will send confirmation via email to those who are on my email list.

June 12 [at even] should start month 4. This will be the 4th chodesh [[Strong's 2320](#) - new moon] of the biblical calendar year. See 1 Samuel 20:5 for a biblical example of the use of the word "chodesh" actually translated into English for us as "new moon".

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.

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This Day in History - June 12

1442 Alfonso V of Aragon is crowned King of Naples.
1812 Napoleon Bonaparte and his army invade Russia.
1849 The gas mask is patented by L. P. Haslett.
1862 Confederate General J. E. B. Stuart begins his ride around the Union Army outside of Richmond, Virginia.
1901 Cuba agrees to become an American protectorate by accepting the Platt Amendment.
1918 The first airplane bombing raid by an American unit occurs in France.
1920 Republicans nominate Warren G. Harding for president and Calvin Coolidge for vice president.
1921 President Warren Harding urges every young man to attend military training camp.
1926 Brazil quits the League of Nations in protest over plans to admit Germany.
1931 Gangster Al Capone and 68 of his henchmen are indicted for violating Prohibition laws.
1937 Eight of Stalin's generals are sentenced to death during purges in the Soviet Union.
1942 American bombers strike the oil refineries of Ploesti, Rumania for the first time. The U.S. 93rd Bomb Group.
1963 Black civil rights leader Medgar Evers is assassinated by a gunman outside his home in Jackson, Mississippi.
1967 The Supreme Court rules that states cannot ban interracial marriages.
1972 At a hearing in front of a U.S. House of Representatives committee, Air Force General John Lavelle defends his orders on engagement in Vietnam.
1977 David Berkowitz gets 25 years to life for the Son of Sam murders in New York.
1985 The U.S. House of Representatives approves \$27 million in aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.
1991 Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines begins erupting for the first time in 600 years.

Born on June 12

1806 John Roebling, civil engineer, pioneer in designing suspension bridges.
1829 Johanna Spyri, Swiss author (Heidi).
1897 Anthony Eden, British Prime Minister (1955-1957).
1915 David Rockefeller, international banker.
1924 George Bush, 41st President of the United States (1989-1993).
1929 Anne Frank, German diarist, victim of the Holocaust.

This Day in Christian History - June 12

1744: David Brainerd, missionary to the New England Indians, is ordained by the Presbyterian Church. Within the next three years, he enjoyed success in his missionary efforts [to evangelize American Indians], but he died of tuberculosis at age 29.
1776 A Virginia convention adopts the Bill of Rights which includes protections for religion.
1840 A world antislavery conference erupts into shouting because American women attend.
1842 Death of Thomas Arnold, a Christian and a prominent English educator.

1914 A Day of Demonstration is held for Harriet Tubman (left), the escaped slave who rescued over



three hundred fellow slaves, bringing them out on the "underground railroad." A woman of deep and simple faith she credited her success to the Lord.

1972 Expo '72, headed by Campus Crusade opens in Dallas.

1984 Charles Stanley is elected president of Southern Baptist Convention.

Source: Christian History Institute URL: <http://www.gospelcom.net/>

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

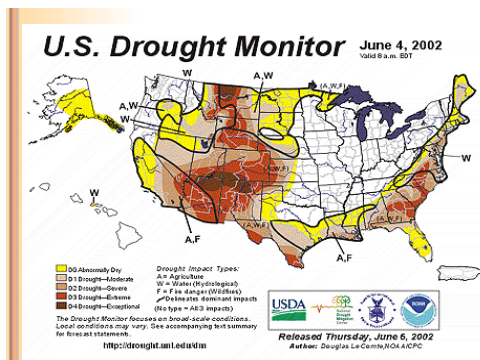
How Weather Effects Us

- Studies show that the most healthful conditions occur when the temperature is 64 degrees Fahrenheit and the humidity is 80 percent.
- Hot, dry winds exert a tremendous influence upon people often causing irritability and an increase in drunkenness.
- Lowell Thomas writing ... "People in this frozen corner of Siberia live longer than anywhere else" ...
- Four-fifths of the world's crops are produced on one-fifth of the earth's surface. The crops are at their best where the weather is stormy and changeable ...

The complete article is located at URL: <http://www.almanac.com/tour.2001/weatheraffects.html>

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Signs in the lights [the sun] of the heavens?



Drought and hydrological information for your area can be found at:



[Drought Watch](#)



Some days it's just too hot to get anything done around here.

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Holidays for June 12 - Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

- Finland : Helsinki Day (1550)
- Phillipines : Independence Day (1898)
- Turk & Cacios Island : Constitution Day
- Massachusetts : Children's Day
- (Sunday)
- Paraguay : Chaco Peace Day (1935)
- (Sunday)
- Shelby, Mich : National Asparagus Festival
- (Thursday)
- Great Britain : Queen's official birthday (National Day)
- (Saturday)

Religious Observances

- Buddhist-Bhutan : Buddha's Ascension
- Christian : Feast of Bl Guy of Cortona
- RC : Commem of SS Basilides, Cyrinus, Nabor, Nazarius, martyrs
- RC : Commemoration of St John of San Facondo, confessor

Religious History

1458 In England, the College of St. Mary Magdalen was founded at Oxford University.

1720 Birth of Isaac Pinto, translator of the first Jewish prayerbook published in America.

1744 David Brainerd, 26, was ordained a missionary to the Indians in Colonial New England by the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge (SPCK).

1914 The first edition of A.T. Robertson's monumental 'Grammar of the Greek New Testament' was released. Its 1400+ pages make it the largest systematic analysis of the original New Testament language ever published.

1950 American missionary martyr Jim Elliot wrote in his journal: 'Earthly blessing is no sign of heavenly favor. Behold how many wicked prosper.'

Source: William D. Blake. ALMANAC OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987.

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Scriptural reading

Revelations 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

From the webmaster of "[To the Saints](#)"

Let us attempt to reach out and acknowledge, to share, to give or assist in service to the saints of the congregation(s), not so as to absolve the uniqueness of those congregations, but to help establish that unity of the Spirit of God which is from the same sacred and Holy rule which He gives as a gift to His seven churches and their members.

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It's been so dry here out West most wouldn't mind if it would rain cats and dogs. It isn't raining much water these days so we can at least joke some about those cats and dogs layin' all over the place from the heat, like the rest of us ... page down for some pet 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/>

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This guy buys a parrot. Every morning he stands in front of the cage and asks in a pleasant voice "Can you talk?" This goes on for weeks with absolutely no response from the bird.

Finally one morning, totally fed up, he shouts "CAN YOU TALK, YOU STUPID CREATURE? CAN YOU TALK?"

The bird looks him in the eye and says "I can talk, all right. Can you fly?"

The Texan tourist was telling Sandy about how big everything was back home. "**I can hop on a horse and it will take three days to ride** to the other side of the ranch." "Och aye," said Sandy, "I've got a horse that's like that too."

A man follows a woman **out of a movie theater. She has a dog on a leash.** He stops her and says: "I'm sorry to bother you, but I couldn't help but notice that your dog was really into the movie. He cried at the right spots, he moved nervously in his seat at the boring parts, but most of all, he laughed like crazy at the funny parts. Don't you find that unusual?"

"Yes," she replied, "I find it very unusual... He hated the book!"

Top Ten Signs You Spoil Your Dog:

1. You think begging for table scraps is beneath him, so you let your dog eat at the table with you.
2. You take him to the supermarket and let him pick out his own dog food.
3. Your husband comes home from work, looks at the stew on the stove and asks: "Is this people food or dog food?"
4. You bought matching His & Hers place mats for your dog and yourself.
5. At dinner parties you always have to double-check the butter for visible lick marks, before putting it on the table.
6. Your dog gets to vote on where to spend the next family vacation.
7. You don't care if you or your spouse are comfortable at night, as long as Fido has enough room on the bed.
8. You complain about the rising costs of groceries, but you don't think twice about spending a fortune on doggie treats.
9. Your dog always gets the best spot on the couch and sometimes he even gets to hold the remote.

10. He has his own e-mail address.

A quote: "One of the most striking differences between a cat and a lie is that a cat has only nine lives." From Pudd'nhead Wilson's Calendar - By Mark Twain

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And lastly, this.



Sometimes we all need a little help.



Happy NM watching!