

Greetings friends!

Chodesh **13** has come!

It's Adar - again!?! or make that Adar II; or better yet, Ve'Adar. Yes, about every third biblical calendar year the seasons



must be reconciled and the month called Adar must now be doubled, duplicated or repeated per the earliest examples of our basic biblical calendar rules. A brief review?

Technically, the cycle of twelve lunar months (354¼ days) falls short of the solar year (365¼ days). Because the spring the Passover Memorial and the Passover Festival, which begins the cycle of agricultural feasts, needed to be kept at a set time in the year [[Exo 12:14](#)], it is obvious why the intercalary month is placed in Adar at the end of the year. Thus, Adar II is for the adjustment of the seasons.

The Passover *must* coincide with the first harvest and thus the commencement of the year is dependent upon the location of the moon for that period in which the barley harvest begins to occur, that is, the new moon nearest the vernal equinox.

So that's why the repeat of the month Adar. Speaking of repeats, reruns and recycling there is some pretty good recycled info [including some recycled jokes] in this months report. But first, [the data](#).

The data:

On March 4, 2003 at about 6:30 PM Jerusalem, Israel should see new moon 13 with a 2% illumination. Around the globe that same day the new moon should appear at about 6:30 PM - Western USA time. The new moon will still have about a 2% illumination by the time it becomes visible in the Western States. It will be visible just after sunset at most location throughout the USA the evening of March 4, 2003.

Note that the date shown above in the right box of the banner. I've displayed the daytime date as opposed to the preceding days date for the new moon sighting. The first DAY is best represented by naming the daytime date which started [by biblical definition] at sunset the evening before. I'm just trying to be numerically correct as opposed to say, stating the year of "0". There really wasn't any year "0"; the year was either -1 or +1 at all times.

This chodesh **13** begins Biblical calendar month "thirteen". Why is it month 13 and not 12 or 1? For answers to this question and more please see a helpful bible study titled [Calendar Studies - Abib](#). A complete booklet with answers to all your biblical calendar questions may be found at "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)", <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

Data this month is also from [Home Planet for Windows](#) and [Ephemeris vs. 2.0](#) software for Windows operating systems. These are free software packages and are available free for download at: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/>

Actual new moon sightings list for the last 2-3 years dates can be seen at the monthly new moon chart at: *Calendar Info* <http://home.earthlink.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcalchart.html>

Names of the Month

March -- Mars' month

Middle English *March(e)*

Anglo-French *March(e)*

Old English *Martius*

Latin *Martius* "of Mars"

Latin *Marti(s)* "Mars" + *-us* (adj. suffix)

Latin *Martius mensis* "month of Mars"



Martius has always had 31 days.

March was the original beginning of the year, and the time for the resumption of war.

Mars is the Roman god of war. He is identified with the Greek god Ares.



Mars - Roman god of battle

(Click photo to enlarge). Mars was the Roman god of war, agriculture, and of the state. He was the son of Juno and husband to the goddess Bellona. His great festivals in March (which is named after him), and October marked the opening and closing of the military campaign season. Mars is identified with Ares, the Greek god of war. As Mars Quirinius, he was father to the famed pair of Romulus and Remus by the vestal virgin Rhea Silvia. He saved them from drowning in the Tiber River and raised them with the help of the she-wolf and the sacred bird, Picus.

The Jewish calendar month

Strong's Hebrew 2320 - **chodesh** kho'-desh from 2318; the new moon; by implication, a month:--month(-ly), new moon; and Abib means green ears of grain.

The *biblical calendar* month is similar to the Jewish calendar moon [month]:

Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Adar (Feb/Mar)	Spring rains	Almond in bloom / flax harvest

The civil month 6 [twelfth of the ecclesiastical year], Adar, was also named in the scriptures.



Est 8:12 Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar.

From **Strong's** Dictionary

H143

אָדָר 'adar

ad-awr'

Probably of foreign derivation; perhaps meaning *fire*; *Adar*, the H12 the Hebrew month: - Adar.

From **Easton's** Dictionary

Adar- large, the sixth month of the civil and the twelfth of the ecclesiastical year of the Jews ([Est 3:7](#), [Est 3:13](#); [Est 8:12](#); [Est 9:1](#), [Est 9:15](#), [Est 9:17](#), [Est 9:19](#), [Est 9:21](#)). It included the days extending from the new moon of our March to the new moon of April. The name was first used after the Captivity. When the season was backward, and the lambs not yet of a paschal size, or the barley not forward enough for abib, then a month called Veadar, i.e., a second Adar, was intercalated.

[*Note: Most common Roman calendar month references are NOT correct per biblical calendar - [see tefukah](#)*]

Note from the author: The differences of the traditional Hebrew calendar, the Biblical and the Roman calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective authors. We today use the civil Roman calendar for our commerce and governments with almost global acceptance. However, for the Bible student it should be noted that there are several factions among each of the faiths thus the sometimes confusing and differing names of the months, seasons, beginning of years including sometimes even the **Holy Days**.

For further reading see "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)".

The birthstone for the month of March is the **bloodstone or aquamarine**, the color is **Blue-light**, the flower is the **Daffodil** - meaning **Respect, regard**.



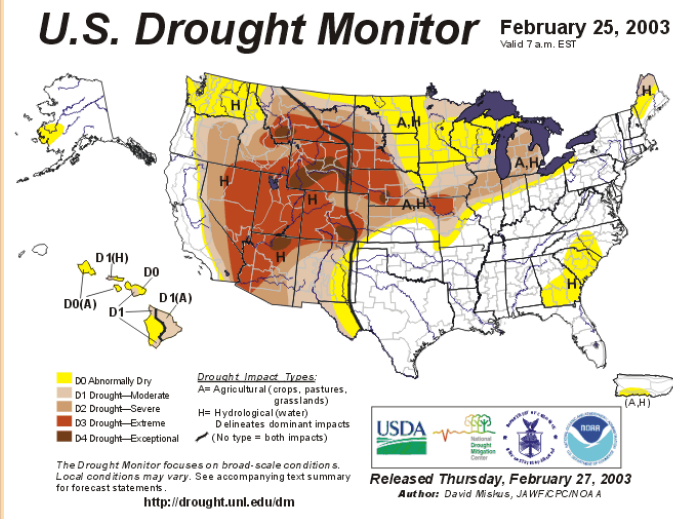
Bloodstone
(traditional)



Aquamarine
(modern)



Drought Info:



Here is a graphic of the current drought as given from NOAA and the others whom comprise the **Drought Monitor**:

Holidays

Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

Pennsylvania : Charter Day (1681)

Thailand : Magka Puja

US : Constitution Day (1789)

Vermont : Admission Day (1791)

Religious Observances

Roman Catholic : Commemoration of St Lucius I, pope, martyr

Roman Catholic : Memorial of St Casimir, king of Poland, confessor (optional)

This Day in Christian History

1738: Moravian missionary Peter Bohler, 26, advised future English founder of Methodism John Wesley, 34: 'Preach faith until you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith.'

1804: The British and Foreign Bible Society (BFBS) was founded at a large interdenominational meeting in London. Its purpose was "to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment, both at home and in foreign lands."

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1942: Birth of Gloria Gaither, wife of songwriter Bill Gaither, and female vocalist in the Bill Gaither Trio. Gloria is also co-author of the contemporary Christian songs, "Because He Lives," "Something Beautiful" and "The King is Coming."

1966: London's "Evening Standard" newspaper published an interview with Beatle John Lennon in which he remarked: 'Christianity will... vanish and shrink... We're more popular than Jesus Christ right now.' The quote touched off a storm of international protest, resulting in burnings and boycotts of the Beatles' records.

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From the **Old Farmers Almanac**

Question: What is a **Spring Tonic**?

Answer: an article from our friends at ...



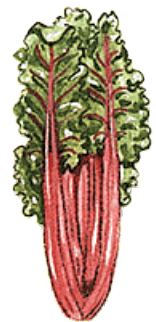
SEASONAL ADVICE
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SPRING TONIC

THE VERNAL EQUINOX marks the moment of spring, but the appearance of the first greens makes it real. The early settlers in New England were firm believers in the tonic effects of eating spring greens: they were said to stimulate the digestion, purify the blood, cure scurvy and ague, combat rheumatism, and repel kidney stones. Let's face it -- anything fresh and green no doubt tasted great after a wearisome winter of salt pork and dried beans.

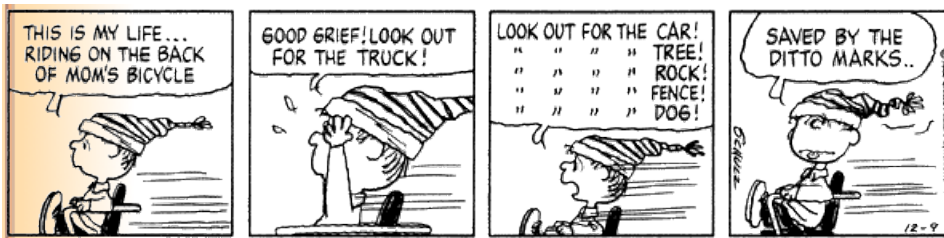
Dandelions were so valued that they were cultivated in gardens. French and Dutch settlers favored using the tender young leaves in salads, either fresh or blanched. Others preferred the leaves as one would spinach or make them into soup. (Those who boiled dandelion greens in water often made a point of drinking the "pot likker" or cooking water, which was, in fact, loaded with water-soluble vitamins.)

Rhubarb, or pieplant, was widely regarded as a fine spring tonic to aid the blood and the digestive system. Cooked and stewed rhubarb was called "spring fruit" in early cookbooks. Rhubarb found its way into pies, puddings, tarts, preserves, and even soups.



Another popular spring tonic was made by boiling together bunches of sweet fern, sarsaparilla, wintergreen and saffron and using the brew as a basis for beer, adding hops, molasses, and brewer's yeast for extra bounce.

Rerun survives another harrowing ride on his mom's bike.



That Explains It!

Topic: When did TV start to show reruns?

Starting in 1951, the first 50 TV shows George Burns and Gracie Allen did of their sitcom were performed live. It wasn't until the third season of The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show that the program was saved on film, so reruns watched today actually begin in 1953, not 1951.

Is there any TV worth watching?

For baby boomers yearning for The Waltons and Little House on the Prairie, the sad truth is TV is getting edgier, nastier, with more crude and crass sensibilities and the best family TV may live on nostalgia channels that specialize in vintage reruns.

So says IU alumnus Matt Roush (B.A., 1981), the critic for TV Guide who held court in a cyber forum hosted by Indiana Alumni magazine this month.

The WB's 7th Heaven is the closest thing we now have to a truly wholesome family series and its Gilmore Girls is the very best family series on the air.

Is "reality TV" oxymoronic?

So many of these shows, responded Roush to one query, from Survivor to the inevitable spawn of lesser clones, are so far from true reality, so contrived in their particulars and in the way the shows are edited to heighten our responses to the individual characters, that I often find myself unsettled watching them. The most accurate term for these, in my mind, is unscripted TV, not reality as in documentary reality. The reason they're popular, I think, is in part a sense that they're a little less predictable than the dramas and sitcoms we've been saturated with over the decades. The younger audience especially, having been nurtured on a diet of Real World and Road Rules on MTV, seems fond of this sort of show, in part because they pander to the audience's voyeuristic desire to watch ordinary people make fools out of their exhibitionistic selves on TV, and because, in an age of wall-to-wall hype, it's hard not to swallow the tease.

Roush reports that he never tires of watching the tube and says that his four years in Bloomington were the least television intense of all his years.

There's so much stimulation in a college environment that has nothing to do with the act of watching TV, that I absolutely understand the notion of limiting one's exposure to the medium.

Check out Roush's responses: <http://www.indiana.edu/~alumni/magtalk/may-jun01/mattroush.html>

Fast Facts - and Riddles

1. I am taken from a mine, and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody.
2. What goes round the house and in the house but never touches the house?
3. What is it that you can keep after giving it to someone else?
4. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?
5. What gets wet when drying?
6. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
7. Brothers and sisters have I none but that man's father is my father's son.

Answers:

1. pencil lead 2. the sun 3. your word 4. Footsteps 5. a towel 6. the letter M 7. my son

Signs in the lights of the heavens?

For current biblical calendar information please see the articles [Calendar Info](#) and [Calendar of the Saints II](#).

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Scriptural Reading Study Notes [a mini study]

Ecc 3:1 To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Ecc 3:2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;

Ecc 3:3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

Ecc 3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Ecc 3:5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

Ecc 3:6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

Ecc 3:7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Ecc 3:8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Ecc 3:9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?

Ecc 3:10 I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

Ecc 3:11 He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Ecc 3:12 I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

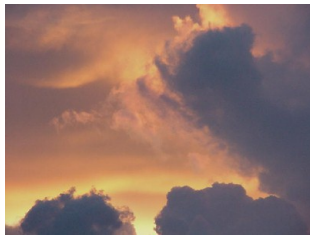
Ecc 3:13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it *is* the gift of God.

Ecc 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him.

Ecc 3:15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

Psa 10:17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: - AMEN

And finally, some images ... (for a larger view of the images, right click on desired image and left click on view image).



Up for some jokes? Here's some blasts from the past! Edited from the [NewsClipz](#) weekly virtual newsletter sent to me by the folks at [Truth on the Web](#).

Holy Humor Q&A *contributed by Randy Peoples (thanks) - edited for this publication*

- Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married? A. Ruthless.
- Q. What do they call pastors in Germany? A. German Shepherds.
- Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q. What was the greatest female financier in the Bible? A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible? A. God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in His "Fury". David's "Triumph" was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one "Accord".
- Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? A. Samson. He brought the house down
- Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden? A.

Your mother ate us out of house and home.

- Q. Which area of Israel was especially wealthy? A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.
- Q. Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in Scripture? A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.
- Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark? A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.



A March Poem.

'A poem is an eye passed around the blind'
Geoffrey Grigson

Flower Chorus

Such a commotion under the ground,
When March called, "Ho there! ho!"
Such spreading of rootlets far and wide,
Such whisperings to and fro!

"Are you ready?" the Snowdrop asked,
" 'Tis time to start, you know."
"Almost, my dear!" the Scilla replied,
"I'll follow as soon as you go."

Then "Ha! ha! ha!" a chorus came
Of laughter sweet and low,
From millions of flowers under the ground,
Yes, millions beginning to grow.

Ralph W. Emerson 1803-1882

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A friend in Christ,
David W. Lacey

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