

Greetings all!

New moon watch **5** is here!

Last year the theme for month **5** or the month of Ab report was **cultural incongruities** that may exist between us in the Americas and those from over seas. This year we will build upon that. While many are paying hard earned vacation money to bask in the sun or swim in the sea we in the USA sometimes just take for granted the differences of our foreign visitors. So I find it is noteworthy to include in this months new moon report some enlightening information about **cultural incongruities**, but first ...

The data:

On **July 30, 2003** there will be a new moon over Jerusalem Israel at sunset. At 6:00 PM [18:00 hrs] the new moon will be 1 days, 11 hours and 38 minutes past conjunction with a 2% illumination. This chodesh **5 begins** biblical calendar month "five" on **July 30 at even** per Biblical definition of a day [**Gen 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31**]. Why is it month 5 and not 4 or 6? For an answer to this question please see an illuminating study titled [Calendar Studies - Abib](#).

The Biblical calendar month and day then are as follows: the Roman daytime date of July 31, 2003 will be DAY one of month five as shown in the banner above.

Data this month is from [Home Planet for Windows](#) software. This is a free software application and is available to you 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>

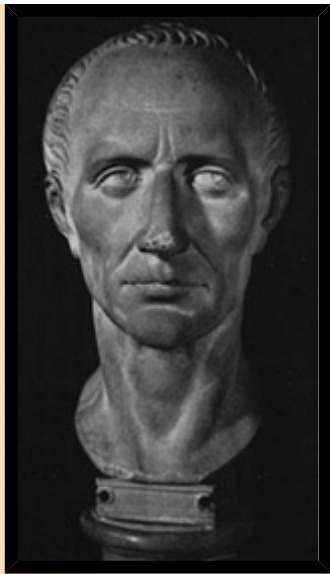
Names of the Month

The Roman calendar month JULY

Named for Julius Caesar in 44 BC. The month originally had the Roman name of Quintilis. July has 31 days.

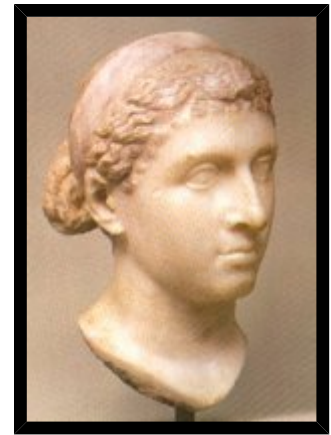
In the year 46 BC, the Greek [Sosigenes](#) convinced Julius Caesar to reform the [Roman calendar](#) to a more manageable form. At this time, Julius also changed the number of days in the months to achieve a 365 day year. In order to "catch up" with the [seasons](#), Julius Caesar also added 90 days to the year 46 BC between November and February (Vardi 1991, p. 238).

"Veni, Vidi, Vici." -- "I came, I saw, I conquered" said Caesar.



A bust of the "the last Pharaoh" - Cleopatra.

In the summer of 47 BC, having married her younger brother Ptolemy XIV, Cleopatra and Caesar embarked for a two month on a trip along the Nile, aboard a legendary boat. Together, they visited Dendara, where Cleopatra was being worshipped as Pharaoh, an honor beyond Caesar's reach. They became lovers, and indeed, she bore him a son, Caesarion. In 45 BC, Cleopatra and Caesarion left Alexandria for Rome, where they stayed in a palace built by Caesar in their honor.



Caesar's acts were anything but overlooked by the Romans. In 44 BC, he was killed in a conspiracy by his Senators. With his death, Rome split between supporters of [Mark Antony](#) and Octavian. Cleopatra was watching in silence, and when Mark Antony seemed to prevail, she supported him

and, shortly after, they too became lovers. I suppose that one could say the conqueror was conquered?

The Jewish calendar month AV, Ab or 'Abh

'Abh (not named in the Scriptures - **KJV**)

5	Ab	Numbers 33:38, Zech.7:3	Name not in Bible
	Ab (Jul/Aug)	Summer heat	Vintage (grape harvest) begins



"Chodesh Av," the Month of Av, is referred to in the Bible as the "Fifth Month," counting from Nisan, the "First Month." There is a Biblical reference in BaMidbar (33:38), where we find "And Aharon the Priest went up to Hor Hahar at the command of G-d, and he died there in the fortieth year after the Jewish People had left Egypt, **in the fifth month**, on the first of the month."

In the KJV Bible we read:

Numbers 33:38 And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, **in the first day of the fifth month**²³²⁰. [**KJV**] (fifth month not named in the **KJV** Scriptures).

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.

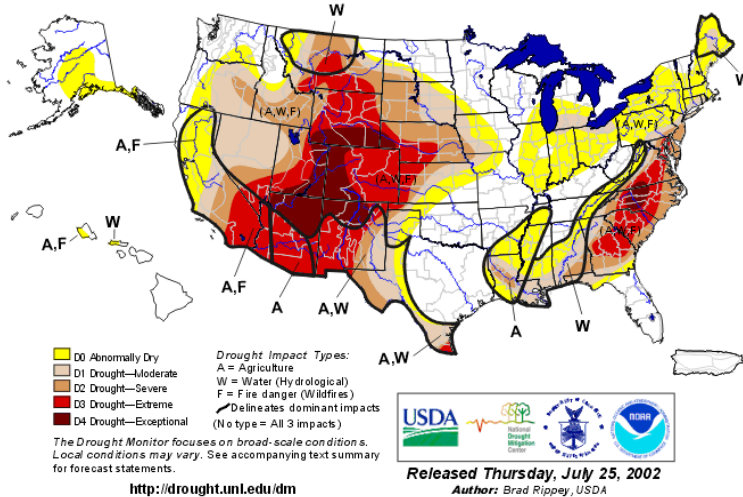
Some Biblical references to moon five [**KJV**]: **Numbers 33:38, Zech.7:3**

Drought Info:

Here is an animated graphics of the current drought as given from NOAA and the others whom comprise the Drought Monitor:

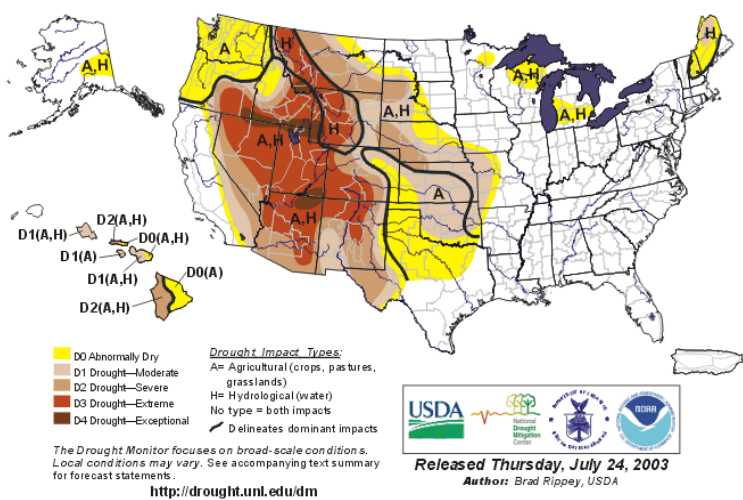
U.S. Drought Monitor July 23, 2002

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U.S. Drought Monitor July 22, 2003

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The birthstone for the month of July is the **ruby**, the color is **red**, the flower is the **Larkspur** - meaning **passionate attachment**.



Holidays July 31

Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week" Mexico : Day of National Mourning (1811-Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla)
Gilroy, California : Garlic Festival - - - - (Friday)

Religious Observances July 31

Ang, RC : Feast of Joseph of Arimathaea

Buddhist-Thailand : Buddhist Lent

Witch : Lughnasadh, sabbat

Ang, RC : Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits

This Day in Christian History July 31

1773 Anglican clergyman and hymn writer John Newton wrote in a letter: 'Duty is our part; the care is His.'

1776 Francis Salvador, a plantation owner from South Carolina, became the first Jew to die for American independence, when he was killed in a skirmish with the British.

1874 Patrick Francis Healy was inaugurated president of Georgetown University, the oldest Catholic university in America. Healy at the same time became the first African-American to head a predominantly white university.

1889 Death of Horatius Bonar, 81, Scottish preacher and author of the hymn, 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.'

1970 The complete New American Standard Version of the Bible (NASB) was first published. (The completed NASB New Testament had been released earlier, in 1963.)

Source: **William D. Blake**. *Almanac of the Christian Church*, Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987.

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Tips from the "Old Farmer's Almanac"

Q I read the term pleaching in a gardening book and couldn't figure out what they meant. What is it?
Susan Boldt

A Pleaching is a method of shearing planted trees and shrubs very closely into a high wall of foliage. Generally, maples, sycamores, and lindens can be used for this effect. It's something not seen often in the United States because it's very time-consuming, but it has been a popular idea in some formal

European gardens.

Arborsculpture is a unique art form that has been called the ultimate branch of topiary. There are other words and terms that are used to describe this art. Pleaching, permaculture, tree trunk topiary, botanical art, botanical architecture, biotechture, living art, visionary art. Some examples:



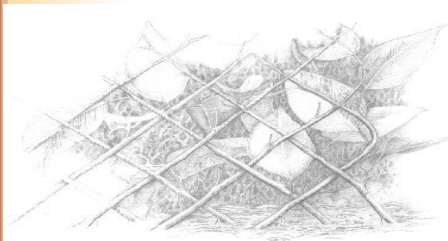
A living chair



A living hedge



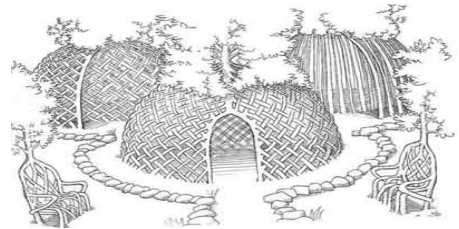
A tree



A weft



A living house



Arbor'ville

For more interesting questions [with answers] visit the web page **Old Farmer's Almanac**. Another really good article I found on this topic about hair and finger nails with pictures can be read at: <http://www.avera.org/adam/ency/article/004005.htm>
Intellicast.com [advanced weather forecasting for active lives] actually has a [USAFrizz Factor Map](#) for those whom are so compelled to wonder - it's generally lower in the Western USA, higher in the South.

Signs in the lights of the heavens?

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

Further reading of "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)" can also be seen at:

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

Scriptural Reading

The parable of the sower and the seed - the good seed and the good ground.

Matthew 13 ...

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;
4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:
6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:
8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.
9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear .

18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one , and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth , some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

English - **parable** = story told to illustrate a moral or spiritual truth

Hebrew - **mashal** = similitude, proverb

Greek - **parabole** = similitude

The Seed is The Word of God

verse 19 *When one heareth the **Word of the Kingdom** ...*

20 *... the same is he that heareth **the Word** ...*

21 *... persecution because of the **Word***

NOTE: From these verses we can see the good seed is **the Word of God**, especially as it relates to the **Kingdom of God**. How little is heard these days about [the Kingdom of God](#). Preachers must also beware of sowing '**corrupt seed**,' '**counterfeit seed**,' '**seed mixed with tares**,' seed that is not based on the **Real Word of God**.

The Good Ground

verse 8 *But other seed fell into **good ground***

23 *But he that received seed into the good ground is he that:
heareth the Word
and **understandeth it***

which also **beareth fruit**
and bringeth forth some an hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty.

And finally ... summertime has its moments ...



A working bee.

Psalms 24:13. My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste: 14. So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

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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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Please click your page down button for some *discrepant* humor.

Cultural Differences Explained

Aussies:

Believe you should look out for your mates.

Brits:

Believe that you should look out for those people who belong to your club.

Americans:

Believe that people should look out for and take care of themselves.

Canadians:

Believe that that's the government's job.

Aussies:

Dislike being mistaken for Pommies (Brits) when abroad.

Canadians:

Are rather indignant about being mistaken for Americans when abroad.

Americans:

Encourage being mistaken for Canadians when abroad.

Brits:

Can't possibly be mistaken for anyone else when abroad.

Americans:

Spend most of their lives glued to the idiot box.

Canadians:

Don't, but only because they can't get more American channels.

Brits:

Pay a tax just so they can watch 4 channels.

Aussies:

Export all their crappy programs, which no one there watches, to Britain, where everybody loves them.

Americans:

Love to watch sports on the idiot box.

Love to watch sports in stadiums so they can fight with other fans.

Brits:

Prefer to actually engage in sports rather than watch them.

Canadians:

Americans: Will jabber on incessantly about football, baseball and basketball.

Brits: Will jabber on incessantly about cricket, soccer and rugby.

Canadians: Will jabber on incessantly about hockey, hockey, hockey, and how they beat the Americans twice, playing baseball.

Aussies: Will jabber on incessantly about how they beat the Poms in every sport they played them in.

Americans: Spell words differently, but still call it "English."

Brits: Pronounce their words differently, but still call it "English."

Canadians: Spell like the Brits, pronounce like Americans.

Aussies: Add "G'day", "mate," and a heavy accent to everything they say.

Brits: Shop at home and have goods imported because they live on an island.

Aussies: Shop at home and have goods imported because they live on an island.

Americans: Cross the southern border for cheap shopping, gas and liquor in a backwards country.

Canadians: Cross the southern border for cheap shopping, gas and liquor in a backwards country.

Aussies: Are extremely patriotic to their beer.

Americans: Are flag-waving, anthem-singing, and obsessively patriotic to the point of blindness.

Canadians: Can't agree on the words to their anthem, when they can be bothered to sing them.

Brits: Do not sing at all but prefer a large brass band to perform the anthem.

Brits: Are justifiably proud of the accomplishments of their past citizens.

Americans: Are justifiably proud of the accomplishments of their present citizens.

Canadians: Prattle on about how some of those great Americans were once Canadian.

Aussies: Wollow on about how some of their past citizens were once outlaw Pommies, but none of that matters after several beers.

Americans: Seem to think that poverty and failure are morally suspect.

Canadians: Seem to believe that wealth and success are morally suspect.

Brits: Seem to believe that wealth, poverty, success and failure are inherited things.

Aussies: Seem to think that none of this matters after several beers.

Canadians: Encourage immigrants to keep their old ways and avoid assimilation.

Americans: Encourage immigrants to assimilate quickly and dump their old ways.

Brits: Encourages immigrants to go to Canada or America.

Canadians: Endure bitterly cold winters and are proud of it.

Brits: Endure oppressively wet and dreary winters and are proud of it.

Americans: Don't have to do either, and couldn't care less.

Aussies: Don't understand what inclement weather means.

Aussies: Have produced comedians like Paul Hogan and Yahoo Serious.

Canadians: Have produced many great commedians, like John Candy, Martin Short, Jim Carrey, Dan Akroyd, and all the rest at SCTV.

Americans: Think that these people are American!

Brits:

Have produced many great comedians, but Americans ignore them because they don't understand subtle humor.