

Greetings all!

Chodesh **8** is upon us!



A hardy welcome home to all returning from the **Feast of Tabernacles 2003!**

Now is the time to implement those things we have heard from the elders of the congregations whom were so

inspired to rise up and to speak as the sounding of a trumpet amidst the [spiritual] famine. Yes, while we may witness that many have strayed from their faith by reason of drought, draught and blight of God's true Word we should not despair. God does His will with whom He desires - in the mercies of agape. The numbers of the final days Churches has indeed dwindled to an all time low, yet never has it been so spiritually rich and capable of producing the fruits of the Spirit. Like an orchard by the rivers the Churches are strengthening in those matters which will eventually serve to be a part of the prophecies soon to occur.

And now is also the sacred calendar [and spiritual] time of preparing, plowing and grooming the fields, setting up the irrigation ditches and establishing the seed for the renewal of the years cycle of seasons during the Spring early harvest yet to come. It is also a time to enjoy the blessings of this past years growth and the fruits of our labors. *It is a time to prepare and to serve those fruits which were helped by the latter rains for our harvest and to aspire to preserve the abundance of it so that we may endure the long winter season which is upon us.*

The scriptural reading below shares with us instruction and a promise which ALL should try to remember regarding their time upon the Terra.

But first, the **data**.

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The data:

On **October 26, 2003** at about 6:00 PM Jerusalem, Israel should see a 0 days, 15 hour chodesh [new moon] with a 2% illumination. Around the globe that same day the chodesh should appear before 6:00 PM - Western USA time. The 1 day, 3 hour old chodesh will have about a 3% illumination by the time it shows in the Western States.

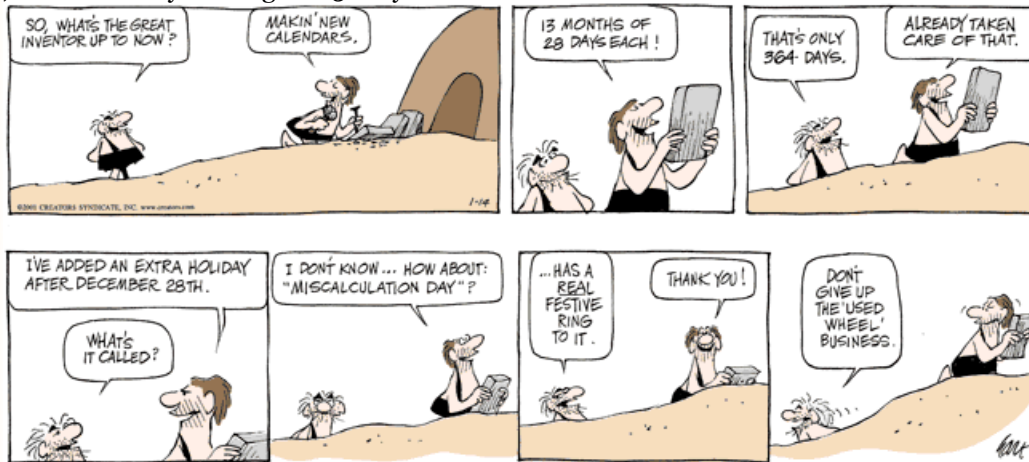
This chodesh **8** begins Biblical calendar month "eight". Why is it month **8** and not 7 or 9? For answers to this question and more please see a helpful bible study titled [Calendar Studies - Abib](#). A complete booklet with answers to all your biblical calendar questions may be found at [The Sacred Calendar Book](#), <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

Data this month is from [Home Planet for Windows](#) software for Windows operating systems. This is a free software package 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](#)

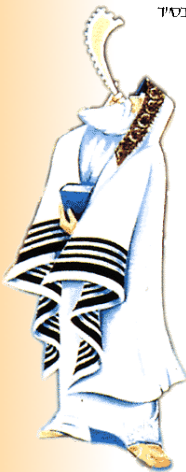
Names of the Month

The Roman calendar month October

From the Latin word **octo** meaning eight, which was the eight month of the Roman calendar: October was the eighth month of the former Roman Calendar year. October became the tenth month of the Julian Calendar year following the additions of July and August. October of the Julian Calendar alternates endings with September, and has always been given 31 days.



The Jewish calendar month



Months	Weather	Crops & activity
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Heshvan (Oct/Nov)		Ploughing / grain planting
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Heshvan is the second month of the Jewish Calendar. It is sometimes called **MarHeshvan** because it has no holidays other than **Shabbat** in it.

The Biblical 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 as follows for moon [month] 8:

The Biblical calendar month **8** was also named in the scriptures as **Bul**.

8	Bul	1 Kings 6:38	Rain/Eighth
1 Kings 6:38	And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.		

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](#).

Comment from Easton's Illustrated Bible Dictionary:

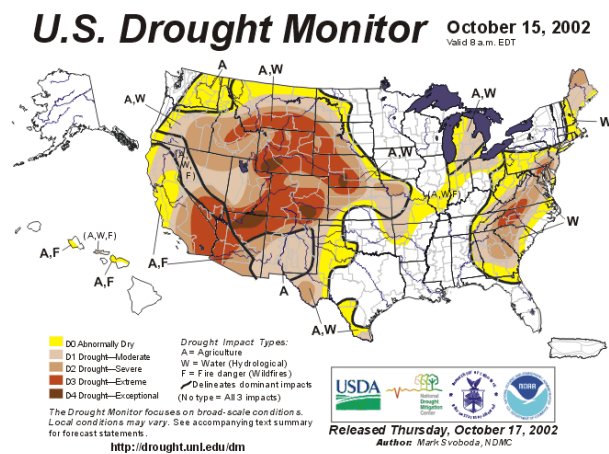
Bul rainy, the eighth ecclesiastical month of the year ([1Ki 6:38](#)), and the second month of the civil year; later called Marchesvan (q.v.). (See MONTH.)

The **birthstone** for the month of **October** is the **opal**, the color is **pink**, the flower is the **Calendula** meaning **grief/jealousy**. For **November** the gemstone is the **topaz**, the color is **yellow** and the flower is the **Chrysanthemum** meaning **optimism and cheerfulness**.

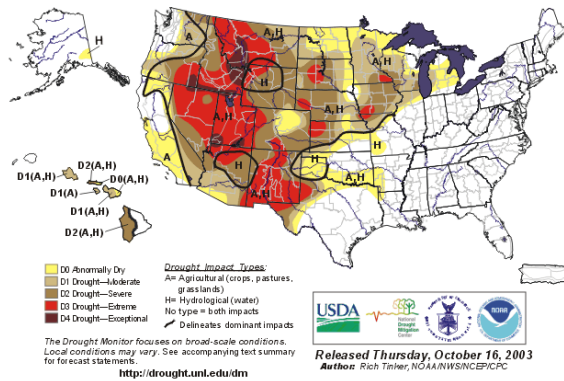


Drought Info:

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



U.S. Drought Monitor October 14, 2003 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



This Day in Religious History - October 27

1553 In Switzerland, Spanish physician Michael Servetus, 42, convicted for promulgating anti-Trinitarianism, was condemned for heresy and blasphemy, and burned at the stake in Geneva.

1771 Landing at Philadelphia, pioneer bishop Francis Asbury, 26, first arrived in America. He had been sent from England by John Wesley to oversee Methodism in the American colonies, and stayed all of his remaining 45 years, till his death in 1816.

1889 The first Lithuanian Church in America was organized in Plymouth (near Wilkes-Barre), PA. Rev. Alexander Burba was its first pastor.

1963 One month before his death at age 65, English apologist C.S. Lewis wrote in a letter: 'Autumn is really the best of the seasons; and I'm not sure that old age isn't the best part of life.'

1977 American missionary and apologist Francis Schaeffer wrote in a letter: 'The unforgivable sin is not something done once and for all and which when done is without remedy. it is the constant, unremitting resistance of the gracious work of the Holy Spirit for salvation.'

Religious Observances October 27

RC : Comm of St Frumentius, bishop; founded Ethiopian church

Source: *William D. Blake. Almanac of the Christian Church, Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987. Additional information supplied by the author. Contact via E-mail: [William D. Blake. \(pilgrimwub@aol.com\)](mailto:pilgrimwub@aol.com)*

Holidays October 27

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

Cuba : Discovery Day (1492)

Iran : Imam Reza's Birthday

St Vincent Islands : Statehood Day (1969)

US : Navy Day (1775)

US : Mother-in-Law's Day - - - - (Sunday)

New Zealand : Labour Day-last Monday in October - - - - (Monday)

US some states : Veterans Day - - - - (Monday)

US : Francis E Willard Day-temperance day - - - - (Friday)

Tips from the **Old Farmer's Almanac**

Since this is the sacred calendar season to plow and for the rains to come ...

Question: What is the weather proverb regarding crows and rain? Bob

Answer: In the pages of our old Almanacs, we found this one: "Crow on the fence, rain will go hence. Crow on the ground, rain will come down."

Ever feel like you had acres of [spiritual land] to plow? So what really is an acre?

Question: How was the measurement of an acre of land established?

Answer: In the British Imperial and U.S. Customary Systems, an acre was originally a unit of land equal to 43,560 square feet, or 160 square rods. The word is derived from the Latin word ager, meaning "field." The basis for choosing those measurements came from a primitive time when a field or plot was designated by the oxen needed to plow it or the seed needed to sow it. Thus, the Anglo-Saxons defined an acre as a strip of land 1 1/10 furlong, or 40x4 rods (660x66 feet).

Well That Explains it!!

It was once a theory that rats spontaneously generated from garbage

It was once a theory that maggots spontaneously generated from dead flesh

It was once a theory that mold spontaneously generated in the right conditions

It was once a theory that the sun went around the earth

... shall I go on?

As with technologies, so with theories. The understanding of nature that a theory provides is improved incrementally as the theory is articulated, tested, and revised. The theory's domain of validity—the set of data it can explain—is explored and the details filled in. But the very activity of exploration discovers data outside the theory's domain. These unexpected facts become anomalies that eventually undermine the theory. A theory is an intellectual tool with the amazing property that as it's perfected it destroys itself. In analogy with natural selection, the cognitive niche that selects a theory for fitness is itself altered by the theory such that, after a time, a new and different theory is selected.

Thus, a theory's domain of validity has temporal as well as factual limits. The power of an idea whose time has come is counterpoised by the debility of the idea whose time has gone.

Fast Facts:

The five most stolen items in a drugstore are batteries, cosmetics, film, sunglasses, and, get this, Preparation H. Apparently people are just too embarrassed to purchase the last item. And, just in case you are curious, one of Preparation H's main ingredient is shark liver oil. The oil not only helps shrink hemorrhoids, but will shrink any tissue. As a result, many older women in Florida use the stuff to help reduce the appearance of wrinkles!

Source: Do Pharmacists Sell Farms? by Vince Staten (1998, Simon & Schuster)

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>

What are the harvest times in Israel?

[From SBS [Calendar Book](#) question 4.]

Answer

The agricultural year in Israel begins in the autumn (after the harvest festival of Tabernacles) with ploughing and sowing. Harvests in Israel begin in spring in the month of Adar (February/March). The following harvest times in ancient Israel are obtained from the Readers Digest book entitled **Jesus and His Times**, pages 100-101.

Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Tishri (Sep/Oct)	First rains	Ploughing begins
Heshvan (Oct/Nov)		Ploughing / grain planting
Kislev (Nov/Dec)		Grain planting continues
Tebeth (Dec/Jan)	Main rains	
Sebat (Jan/Feb)		
Adar (Feb/Mar)	Spring rains	Almond in bloom / flax harvest
Abib (Mar/Apr)		Barley harvest begins
Zif (Apr/May)		Barley harvest completed
Sivan (May/June)	Dry season	Wheat harvest begins
Tamuz (June/July)		Wheat harvest completed / first figs
Ab (July/Aug)	Summer heat	Vintage (grape harvest) begins
Elul (Aug/Sept)		Date harvest / summer figs

From the above, one can see that the harvest season in ancient Israel began in Adar (Feb/March) and continued by stages into autumn. The barley harvest began in March-April: the first sheaf being cut and waived in the middle of Abib, which could be any time between 21st March and the middle of April. It is the same in modern Israel. Concerning the wheat and grape harvests, the **Westminster Dictionary of the Bible** says this:

"In Palestine wheat was sown in November or December, after the rains began. The harvest was in April, May or June in Palestine varying according to the locality and the weather at the time." (page 635)

"The vintage began in the middle of September and continued into October. It was a season of festivity. In the vineyards there were singing and joyful noise, and the treaders in the press kept time by shouting as they trod the grapes." (page 629)

These details concerning harvest times in Israel are vital when determining the start of a year in the sacred calendar and the sacred Festivals in it.

Scriptural Reading

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Rev 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is

righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

From **JFB**:

Rev 22:10 - Seal not--But in *Dan_12:4, Dan_12:9* (compare *Dan_8:26*), the command is, "Seal the book," for the vision shall be "for many days." The fulfilment of Daniel's prophecy was distant, that of John's prophecy is near. The New Testament is the time of the end and fulfilment.

From the Bible of the Puritans, the **Geneva** Bible:

Rev 22:11 - (5) *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.*

An objection anticipated, but there will be some that will use this occasion for evil, and will wrest this scripture to their own destruction, as Peter says. What then? says the angel, the mysteries of God must not be concealed, which it has pleased him to communicate to us. Let them be harmful to others, let such be more and more vile in themselves, whom this scripture does not please: yet others will be further conformed to righteousness by this, and true holiness. The care and reformation of these may not be neglected, because of the voluntary and malicious offence of others.

And finally ...

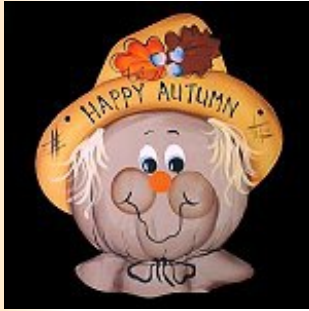
Some images of the Harvest season.



Harvest Corn



Fall Moon - a modern painting



Harvest Apples

Shine On Harvest Moon

[By Nora Bayes and Jack Norworth - 1903]

Shine on, shine on harvest moon
Up in the sky,
I ain't had no lovin'
Since January, February, June or July
Snow time ain't no time to stay
Outdoors and spoon,
So shine on, shine on harvest moon,
For me and my gal.

Q. What is a harvest moon?

A. Simply put, the harvest moon is the full moon that occurs closest to the date of the autumn equinox in the Northern Hemisphere.

A Recipe ... Apple Dumplings, m-m-m-m-m!!!!!!



Old Farmer's Almanac Recipe: Apple Dumplings It's apple-picking time for much of the country, and even if you don't have an orchard near you, the produce aisle of your local grocery store is sure to be bursting with fresh varieties of the tasty fruit. Celebrate the bounty of the harvest -- and warm yourself from the inside out as the days grow cooler -- with this simple and satisfying recipe from our archives.

Dumpling Dough:

- * 1-3/4 cups flour
- * 3/4 teaspoon salt
- * 3 teaspoons baking powder
- * 1 tablespoon sugar
- * 6 tablespoons chilled butter or shortening

* 3/4 cup milk

Apples:

3/4 cup brown sugar

* 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened

* 1/4 teaspoon salt

* 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

* 4 medium apples, peeled and cored

* 1 egg white

Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit.

For dumplings: Mix together dry ingredients. Cut butter or shortening into dry ingredients, make a well in the center, and add milk. Stir just until dough is fairly free from sides of bowl. Turn onto lightly floured board and knead 8 to 10 times. Cover and chill while preparing apples.


For apples: Combine brown sugar, butter, salt, and cinnamon and fill apple-core hollows with this mixture, reserving some to sprinkle on top.

Roll out dough to 1/4 inch thick and cut into 4 squares. Place an apple on each square and sprinkle remaining brown-sugar mixture over apples. Bring up corners of dough to cover each apple and press edges together (dampen with a little water if necessary). Make sure edges are sealed, or dumplings will pop open during baking. Brush with egg white and prick tops of dumplings with a fork. Carefully transfer dumplings to a baking pan. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 350 degrees Fahrenheit and continue baking for about 40 minutes longer, or until apples are tender when tested with a wooden pick. Serve with cream.


Serves 4.

Media Links:

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

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YHWH, The Almighty God of Israel Is With Us!

See also:

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

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

MatanYah Learning Centre, South Africa: <http://mercury.spaceports.com/~matanyah/index>

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Remember your Captain Kangaroo construction [shoe] box with those rounded scissors, assorted colored construction paper, Elmer's glue, Scotch tape, etc.?

Cut and paste, with your computers however - heh-heh!, the following onto an 8 1/2 x 14 page for a Biblical wall calendar - the month Bul (Oct.-Nov.) Paste, fit to size and print. Enjoy!






Colorado Aspen Trees

The Tribes of Israel (Jacob) **Gen 32:28**

Dan	Bul/Heshvan (Oct/Nov) Scorpio	Yellow/G r	Leshem	Danes/Swedes/Norw.	Serpent/Horse	5 Bilhah**	Gen 30:6
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KJV Biblical Calendar – Bul/November 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>29 Ethanim</u> 26 Oct.  <17:57</p> <p>29 days NM Watch</p>	<p><u>1 Bul</u> 27 Oct.</p>	<p><u>2 Bul</u> <u>28 Oct.</u></p>	<p><u>3 Bul</u> 29 Oct.</p>	<p><u>4 Bul</u> 30 Oct.</p>	<p><u>5 Bul</u> 31 Oct.  21:25</p>	<p><u>6 Bul</u> 1 Nov.  18:13</p> <p>R 06:26 ... S 16:59</p>
<p>7 Bul 2 Nov.</p>	<p>8 Bul 3 Nov.</p>	<p>9 Bul 4</p>	<p>10 5</p>	<p>11 6</p>	<p>12 7</p>	<p>13 8</p>
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<p>21 16  21:15</p>	<p>22 17</p>	<p>23 18</p>	<p>24 19</p>	<p>25 20</p>	<p>26 21</p>	<p>27 22</p>
<p><u>28 Bul</u> 23 Nov.  15:59</p> <p>30 Nov.  10:16</p>	<p><u>29 Bul</u> 24 Nov.</p>	<p><u>30 Bul</u> 25 Nov.  <17:56</p> <p>R 06:52 ... S 16:40</p>	<p><u>1 Chisleu</u> 26</p>	<p><u>2 Chisleu</u> 27</p>	<p><u>3 Chisleu</u> 28</p>	<p><u>4 Chisleu</u> 29</p>

Sunrise [R] and sunset [S] times for Colorado Springs, CO [MST], NM Watch = JST