

ADAR I



5779 LEAP YEAR

NAPTALI



May it be thy will, Adonai our God and God of our forefathers, to renew for us Adar I for good and for blessing. Grant us long life, a life of peace, a life of goodness, a life of blessing, a life in which we earn a livelihood, a life of physical vigor, a life that reflects reverence for God and dread of sin, a life that is free from shame and disgrace, a life of wealth and honor, a life in which a love of Torah and an awe of Heaven shall be within us, a life in which the desires of our heart shall be fulfilled for good. Amen.

He Who performed miracles for our forefathers, and redeemed them from slavery to freedom, may He soon redeem us and gather our dispersed from the four corners of the earth, for all Israel is united in fellowship, and let us say, Amen.

CHODESH ADAR I

12th Month (February-March)

- ❖ **Month:** Adar, meaning “fire, glorious, eminent, high, strength, threshing”
- ❖ **Tribe:** Naphtali, meaning “to wrestle”
- ❖ **Mazel:** Dagim (fish) or Pisces
- ❖ **Sense:** Laughter

THE ADDED MONTH

“This month shall be to you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year **to you**,” (Exodus 12:2)

The Hebrew word translated as "*to you*" also means "*yours*." God gave Israel (the ruling body - judges) the sole authority over fixing of the months.

This same message is repeated to Moses: "These are the appointed seasons of HaShem, **which you shall proclaim** to be holy convocations..." (Leviticus 23:37)

WHY IS A 13TH MONTH NEEDED?

- To keep the months in sync with the agricultural year.
- To ensure that Passover falls at the proper time, which sets the timing for the entire festal year.

Exo 13:4-5 (NASB) "On this day in the month of Abib, you are about to go forth. 5 "It shall be when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall observe this rite in this month.

Deu 16:1 (TLV) "Observe the month of Aviv and keep the Passover to Adonai your God, for in the month of Aviv Adonai your God brought you out from Egypt by night.

PREGNANT YEAR

A leap year in the Jewish calendar has 13 months and occurs 7 times in a 19-year cycle. In Hebrew, a leap year is referred to as Shanah Me'uberet, or pregnant year.

- ❖ It's not a "leap" but an enlarged year. Adar doubles in size in these seven pregnant years.
- ❖ **The added month is actually the first Adar, not the second.**

Unlike the other twelve months of the Hebrew year, the month of Adar Rishon does not always exist. It is hidden away two thirds of nineteen year cycle.

This month gives us 30 extra days, secret or hidden days to celebrate Adar, the last month, which is the end, but also the beginning.

PURIM IN LEAP YEARS

Since the added month is the first Adar and not the second, Purim is always celebrated in Adar II, the true Adar, which always places it one month before Pesach. This also ensures that one doesn't miss the many connections between Purim and Pesach.

For example, the setting of Esther is during the month of Nisan (Aviv) and the Passover season; but, it was nearly a year later, in Adar, when the Jews in Persia were able to defend themselves against the evil edicts of Haman.

The calendar of Adonai is cyclical, not linear. Thus, Esther has something vital to teach about the beginning (Nisan) and the end (Adar). The beginning is the end; the end is the beginning.

THIRTEEN

Thirteenth Hebrew Letter: **Mem** Numerical value of forty.
Pictographic meaning water, chaos, immersion, **womb**,
blood.

Mem is the center or belly of the Hebrew alephbet. Shows the masculine plural. As a prefix, is the preposition from, out of, or the means by which.

Ye, must be born again.

See my post called: Hebrew Numbers 11-30

ARE YOU PREGNANT?

- ❖ A child is concealed within the dark, protected womb. She is intrinsically linked her mother, receiving her warmth, nourishment, and livelihood through the tree like organ called the placenta.
- ❖ In pregnant years, our time has been enlarged. We are given hidden time, an additional month for the barley to ripen, and to make potential into reality.
- ❖ In this sense, we are all pregnant in Adar I. There is extra time to build and repair.

LET THEM MAKE ME A SANCTUARY

Exo 25:8-9 “Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. **9** "According to all that I am going to show you, *as* the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct *it*.”

Dwell - abide in tavek the middlepart or heart of them.



Adar's Torah Portions

•**Terumah** – *Offering, Contribution* (Offerings for Tabernacle, Instruction for Ark, Table of Presence, Lampstand, Tabernacle, Framework, Curtain, Altar of Burnt Offering, Court and Hangings. Haftarah - 1 Kings 5-6 – Solomon preps materials and builds Temple.)

•**Tetzaveh** – *You Shall Command* (Oil for Lamp, Priestly Garments, Ephod, Breastplate, More Priestly Vestments, Ordination of Priests, Daily Offerings, Altar of Incense. Haftarah - Ezek. 43:13 – The Altar.)

•**Ki Tisa** – *When You Lift Up* (1/2 Shekel, Bronze Basin, Anointing Oil & Incense, Bezalel & Oholiab, Shabbat Law, 2 Tablets, Golden Calf, Command to Leave Sinai, Tent Outside Camp, Moses' Intercession, New Tablets, Covenant Renewed, Moses' Shining Face. Haftarah – 1 Kings 18 Elijah's Message to Ahab, Mt. Carmel Showdown.)

•**Vayakhel** – *And He Assembled* (Shabbat Regulations, Prep for Building Tabernacle, Offerings of Tabernacle, Bezalel & Oholiab, Construction of Tabernacle, Making Ark, Table of Presence, Lampstand, Altar of Incense, Anointing Oil & Incense, Altar of Burnt Offering, Court of Tabernacle. Haftarah – 1 Kings 7 Hiram Bronze Worker.)

- ❖ Gen. 30:8 So Rachel said, "**With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister**, and I have indeed prevailed." And she named him Naphtali.
- ❖ Naphtali is named because Rachel had “mighty wrestlings” or “elohim naphtul” with her sister.
- ❖ Does this remind you of Jacob and Esau? In tradition, Leah and Rachel were also twins.



NAPHTALI -BLESSINGS

- ❖ Gen. 49:21 "Naphtali is a doe let loose, **He gives beautiful words.**"
- ❖ Dt. 33:23 Of Naphtali he said, "O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, And full of the blessing of the LORD, Take possession **of the sea** and the south."



HIND



(H355) אֵילָה 'ayâlâh a doe or female deer:

- hind. From the root H352

אֵיל 'ayil ah'-yil properly strength; hence anything strong; specifically a chief (politically); also a ram (from his strength); a pilaster (as a strong support); an oak or other strong tree.

This is very similar to **chayil**. A hind in Hebrew has a root that means mighty or strong. Ezekiel uses this word to describe the **posts and pillars** in the pattern of the Temple.

SHELACH

To “let loose” in Hebrew is *shelach*. This is the same word as a “sent one” (sheliach), an apostle.

The shaliach functioned with the full authority of the one who commissioned him. “A man's agent (shaliach) is like to himself” (Mishnah Berakoth, Lev. 5:5; Rosh ha-Shanah, Lev. 4:9)

Jer. 7:25 (LITV) Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even **sent** to you all My servants, the **prophets**, daily rising up early and **sending**.

SHELACH - NOUN

They also have weapons for warfare.

**H7973 שלח shelach BDB Definition: 1) weapon, missile, sprout
1a) missile, weapon 1b) sprout, shoot.**

Neh. 4:17 (NASB) Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens took their load with one hand doing the work and the other holding a **weapon**.

Joe 2:8 (HCSB) They do not push each other; each man proceeds on his own path. They dodge the **arrows**, never stopping.

Joe 2:8 (KJV) Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the **sword**, they shall not be wounded.

What do they carry?

Beautiful words, the Good News, like Naphtali.

The Sword of the Word of Adonai, our ultimate
weapon of warfare.

Naphtali will take possession of the south and the
“west,” which is the same word for SEA (yam). Seas
are people, the nations. The “sent ones” go to the
nations carrying the beautiful words of the Good
News.

NEGATIVE SHELIAKHIM

Torah Portion: Shelach Lecha

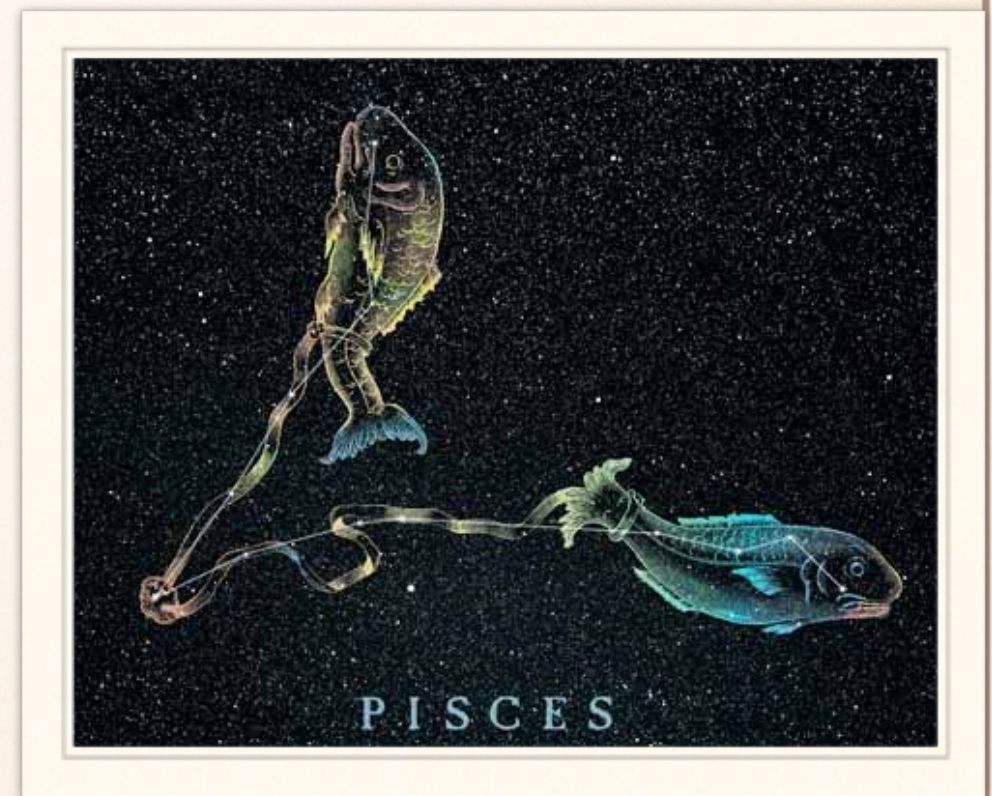
Num 13:2 (NASB) "**Send out** for yourself men so that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I am going to give to the sons of Israel; you shall send a man from each of their fathers' tribes, every one a leader among them."

- ❖ 10 of the 12 “sent ones” inspired fear, not faith, so much so that they desired to usurp Moses and return to Egypt.

DAGIM - PISCES

The mazal (constellation) for Adar is Pisces, dagim (fish).

- ❖ Fish are the creatures of day 5 and the sea; a symbol of something concealed or hidden in the world amongst the nations.
- ❖ Jer. 16:16 "Behold, **I am going to send for many fishermen,**" declares the LORD, "and they will fish for them..."
- ❖ Ezek. 47:10 "And it will come about that **fishermen** will stand beside it; from Engedi to Eneglaim there will be a place for the spreading of nets. **Their fish will be according to their kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many.**
- ❖ Mat 4:19-20 And He *said to them, "**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**" 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.



- ❖ The Good News is proclaimed through the wondrous lights of day four of creation. These obedient messengers never fail to serve the Creator with their voices day and night. (Ps. 19)
- ❖ Pisces or Dagim is the last mazel in the yearly circuit, and it is represented by FISH. Do you think this is a coincidence?
- ❖ Fish live in the sea, a metaphor of the nations and many peoples. Though hidden in the earth and in His Word, God has always had a plan for the nations because He loves the whole world!

JOY JOY JOY

Adar is the last month of the year. Feelings of frustration, unfinished business, and depression can be real enemies and wrestlings for many people.

Purim teaches that God can flip or turn our vexing circumstances and enemies (physical and spiritual) into a season of joy and overcoming.

Things are not always what they seem. Appearances are deceiving.

We must be careful to not make assumptions about our circumstances or even the motives of other people. This month, we are challenged to have JOY. Purim is connected to Passover in Jewish tradition for a very good reason.

MONTH OF TRANSFORMATION

Adar transforms sorrow into joy, and doubt into belief. It transforms a "scattered people" into a unified nation.