

How did it go So Wrong?

We should not be surprised to see the fulfilling of Revelation 12:9, *even in the Church of God*, for Satan is well aware of God's words, and **God permits delusion when His people fail to love His words sufficiently**, 'And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth **the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.'

So, it is not surprising that most of God's people are unaware that *prior* to the Jews' captivity in Babylon, we find God's Holy Days were based on an *agricultural calendar* in Ancient Israel, not the *current* supposed "Hebrew" calendar. **It** was created in Babylon, just like our adopted Babylonian names for the months, Nisan, Sivan, Elul, Tishrei, Kislev, Tevet, Shevat, and Adar. The Talmud records that these month names, "came up [to Israel] with [the returnees] from Babylon".

The *True* Holy Days of Leviticus 23, instituted by Moses, began with Passover, which commemorated the Exodus, and the other festivals were based on the natural harvests in Israel, not calculation, Exodus 23:14ff, Deuteronomy 16:9-15. **God determined** which month began **His** calendar (Exodus 12:2, **the spiritual True New Year**) and the actual Holy Days were fixed by counting the day on which the New Moon first *appeared*, together with the God's Leviticus 23 Wave-Sheaf instructions.

The agricultural cycle culminated in the fruit harvest (Exodus 23:16b), and **began again** [the turn of the year] with the early rains which prepared the ground for ploughing. The first day of the seventh month (Tishri) is still the Jewish Civil New Year (Leviticus 23:24), stemming from this cycle seen in the "Gezer calendar," a simple clay tablet in Hebrew, from about 900BC, the time of King Solomon, listing the agricultural seasons and the work each season required.

The Holy Days are listed in Leviticus 23, but that ancient Calendar of God needed to be temporarily replaced by the man-made Babylonian *calculated* calendar when the Jews were taken in captivity to Babylon, and could no longer *follow God's Wave Sheaf commands by observation, in Israel*. Leviticus 23 10-11.

However, when Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to their homeland, *the priests, led by Ezra and Nehemiah, who did love God's words, re-instated God's Calendar*, which had previously accurately provided the Holy Days by observation. 'These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim **in their seasons**,' not hundreds of years in advance!

They were and *are* God's Holy Days, determined by God, for He controls the weather in Israel, which controls when the barley becomes ripe for harvest, the first sheaf of which would become the Wave Sheaf, which dictates all the other months that follow

on. According to the Talmud, the priests would also watch for the new moon, requiring two reliable witnesses before sending messengers and the blowing of trumpets to proclaim the news.

Knowledge of the calculated calendar was retained by the priests, but the primary source of determination reverted to observation for several hundred years after Ezra and Nehemiah's return, until after the destruction of the temple by the Romans in AD 70.

We know that Jesus Christ fully supported the *observation* of the harvest Holy Days He had created, by His use, John 4:35, Mark 14:12. hence, the first month became called "the Aviv," (in Hebrew- the month of "the ripe barley.") "Aviv" is always preceded by the definite article.

So, His regular keeping of the Holy days *with the Jews*, based on observation, and His death on the Passover Day as the Lamb of God, validate the *True Calendar* in practice at the time of Christ, but the Jews were exiled once more, driven out of Israel after the Temple was destroyed by the Romans, and once again the Babylonian/Jewish calculated calendar was brought back into use by the refugees.

Over time, the Jews began to return to Israel, but there was no official return to God's Calendar this time, for the few Rabbis needed the complexity of the calculated calendar, inaccurate though it is, to lend them added power and authority in re-establishing their leadership. Later, Jewish Christians, living outside of Israel, also needed to use the calculated calendar where observation was for them impossible, until, 'in the last days,' modern technology eventually enabled local observation and reporting, as well as "fly in", "fly out" inspections, and instant proclamation on the internet, when a few faithful watch-men and women (*Jews and Christians*) had the courage to stand up and implement God's commands they found in Leviticus 23:9-11, and return to the true Biblical Calendar **kept by Jesus Christ**.

Even now, after a quarter of a century of the resumption of the true calendar in countries around the world, the vast majority of the people in God's Church still **cannot see**, or have not had the courage to put **1 Peter 2:21** into practice. 'For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:**' **Let it be clear: At the time of Christ, He** lived and died by that *True Calendar*, which was in practice by the Jews as we may read in the Talmud. For Christ to keep any other Days would be for Him to sin, and then you would have no Saviour! The ministry in God's Church bear the responsibility to expound God's words which we have read, as well as promote Christ's example.

Today, we await Christ's return to see that calendar officially sanctified, but until then, we carefully follow His calendar commands in Leviticus 23 each year, to avoid being possibly **more than a month wrong** with all God's holy days, as occurred last year, 2025, under the Jews' calculated calendar!

Let us notice how **fatal** that mistake is! I will quote from the United Church of God magazine, January/February 2026, article, **“Could the End Come Tomorrow”**: **“And Christ’s followers will not be raised up to meet Him at His return until the conclusion of the end time tribulation period (Matthew 24:29-31) They will remain as human beings on the earth through this period of 1260 days or 3½ years, the last part of which is a year-long period known as the Day of the Lord (see, for example Revelation 12:14-17 and Isaiah 34:8.....The Great tribulation and Day of the Lord must occur first.”**

If we dishonour God’s Commands, we are subject to such deluded lies.

First, let us notice that when Jesus Christ returns for His Bride, she **does** rise up to meet Him in the clouds, with the help of the angels, Matthew 24:30-31, **‘and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.’** The angels gather her to Christ in the clouds, Zechariah 9:16, HELPS word studies: **‘to accomplish the intended purpose of the gathering.’**

The purpose of the gathering is shown in Philippians 1:23, **to be with Christ**, **‘For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ which is far better. 24, Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.’** To remain in the flesh applies to those in Revelation 7 who experience the Great Tribulation, verse 14, **because they follow unbiblical false End-Time teaching** and repent too late, *after seeing the resurrection take place*. How easily we accept the Jews’ calendar, thinking church tradition must be right!

There is plainly **no excuse for such false teaching except** Satan’s blinding and deluding of the deceived, but sadly, this false teaching also **pushes the Resurrection back from the 6th Seal**, when it actually occurs half way through the 7 years, (Rev. 6:12-13, Matt. 24:29-31) to the end of the 7th Seal, **against God’s word** and the promise of Christ in Revelation 3:10, **‘Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, [Great Tribulation] which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.’**

So, in fact, the **Babylonian** derived calendar, with its Babylonian named months, not only **replaced** God’s Calendar as the Jewish people gradually returned to their homeland, but also successfully diverted Christians from the True Holy Days, most of whom were unaware of the scriptures that promise **blindness and delusion** to those *not close enough to God’s words*. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11, **‘And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:’**

Note the obvious lie that those who belong in the First Resurrection, “will remain as human beings on the earth through this period of 1260 days or 3½ years,” (Great Tribulation) when the Bible clearly says they are safely in Heaven! Revelation 14:1-5, Revelation 15:2-8... How could we have missed this obvious lie? How seriously then, should we examine and absorb all God’s words, if we wish to be counted righteous!

Thus, the false, calculated Jewish calendar unknowingly became our idol, made much of by some Christians, but actually a very effective idol in Satan’s eyes! It’s only *on-going* advantage was to the ‘priests,’ the ministers, to bolster *unbiblical dominion* and hierarchy, but it’s greatest damage was that it broke the link between the spiritual significance of the **barley** harvest in Israel in determining all of God’s true Holy days!

To reiterate, that link is established by the Wave-Sheaf, the timing of which determines all the other Holy Days that automatically follow on. The system of examining the barley at the end of the 12th Month to see if it’s harvest would be possible to provide a Wave-Sheaf some 14 days later at Passover, keeps God’s calendar exactly in sync with the seasons, for if the harvest would not be possible in any year, a repeat 12th month, a second Adar, was, and still is, added in God’s Calendar, to find His True holy Days. Not by mans’ erroneous calculations!

The Orthodox Jews know that their present calendar is both unbiblical and wrong, and they are practicing observation of the moon in order to make the change, but their chances of getting 71 Rabbis to agree on anything so important as a return to the true Holy Days, until the return of their Messiah, seems remote. Will you now choose to continue to reject God’s words, and instead worship that idol?

(Watch our video about the ‘Month of the Abib’, shot in Israel). Their ‘Sanhedrin’ - the modern "Nascent Sanhedrin" (2004–Present), founded in October 2004, are a group of 71 rabbis convened in Tiberias to re-establish a "nascent" or "developing" Sanhedrin, part of a growing number of people including the Karate Jews, (who **rely solely on the scriptures**), to practice or apply the biblical calendar found in Leviticus 23, as now do thousands of faithful Christians around the world, who recognise that authority lies only in God’s words, not *any* man’s, including mine!

I recently watched a You Tube video which dealt with End-Time prophecy. Like *many* such prophetic videos it was very convincing if you didn’t know that the scriptures which they used, confused the return of Christ *for* His Bride with other scriptures about His final return from Heaven *with* His Bride, which is common. The Resurrection of the spiritual Firstfruits does **not** of course take place at the time of commemoration of war (Trumpets). Nor does it take place at the Pentecost waving of *wheaten, leavened* loaves.

Of course, it takes place as it should do, at the time of the **firstfruit** *barley* harvest in Israel, at the **Wave-Sheaf Day**, *correctly* fulfilling all the biblical timing and **imagery** of a single Sheaf of Barley, with very many grains, picturing the spiritual **Firstfruit Harvest [Resurrection]** 3½ years *after* the start of the 7 Year Tribulation and 3½ years *before* the return from heaven of Jesus Christ and His Bride.

Christ will not set foot on the earth until His **final** return *with* His Bride, when we are told that His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives on the east... Zechariah 14:4.

What happens during the *first* 3½ years?

Satan rejoices that until now, most of us have been taught to believe in a **false** Feast of Trumpets Resurrection at the **end** of a shortened 3½ year **Tribulation, which** allows no time for **God's merciful, commanded broadcast** from Jerusalem **during the first 5 Seals**, which Jesus Christ calls "**The tribulation of those days**," in Matthew 24:29, as opposed to "the Great Tribulation," which follows, and is much more severe.

This shortening from 7 years to 3½ years results in us currently failing to prepare to obey our God-given commission **to broadcast the (*whole hope-providing*) gospel from Jerusalem during the first 5 Seals**. That gospel *includes* Israel's future rescue and gathering by Christ and His Bride, of the End-time Israelite captives around the world on His final return, and victory, and their establishment in the Kingdom of God, in Israel, **Jeremiah 31:6-8**:

'For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim [Great Britain and her ex-dominions] shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. **For thus saith the LORD**; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and **shout among the chief of the nations**: [US, UK, Australia, Canada, New Zealand] publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, **save thy people, the remnant** of Israel.

Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and **Ephraim** is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.'

This **commanded** Church broadcast from Jerusalem is yet *not even acknowledged*, much less **prepared**, to be broadcast during the first half of the 7 year Tribulation. It obviously requires a great deal of advance planning and complex preparation, but God tells us that the **Church of God is asleep**, Isaiah 52:1-7, or lacking the courage to accept this *sacrificial* work, (Daniel 11:35) by those whom God names His *Temple*, **1Peter 2:5**.

Or are they just so **deeply mired in Babylon** according to the deceiver's plan to **delay the inevitable**, that they cannot see or contemplate leaving its intoxicating but disgraceful defilements, behind? Revelation 18:4.

God says "Waken up" my brethren; you are being side-tracked into a completely **false** End-Time delusion and resurrection, from which most will repent only *after watching* that resurrection take place, and so become part of those mentioned in Revelation 7, not 6: **"These are they which came out of great tribulation...."** Verse 14, who, in their blindness, fail to obey God's **"Thus saith the Lord"** command in Jeremiah 31 and, disobedient, (Acts 5:32) **miss** the Firstfruit Resurrection at the 6th Seal, after which the Beast makes war with the **remnant**, Revelation 12:17, ensuring their martyrdom.

In the final analysis, it all went so wrong because we did not lift up our heads to fight for God's Holy Words, in favour of a calendar from Babylon commanded nowhere in the Bible. That is what happens when we reject God's holy words!

Those ministers who **are** in a place to influence Church policy, have, for whatever reason, so far failed to proclaim God's word, but His words assure us that some will yet listen to this message, **prove** faithful, and *risk their lives* to carry out that *daily sacrifice*, cf. Daniel 9:27, Daniel 11:33, 35.

It is that **selfless, faithful** conduct that defines those who will receive the love of the truth, and fully **repent**, whom God will claim (Revelation 12:16-17) to take part in the Firstfruit Resurrection, Zechariah 9:16, 'And the LORD their **God shall save them** [as they flee from Jerusalem] **in that day** as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, **lifted up** as an emblem upon his land.'

Satan's reaction? He is: 'wroth with **the woman**, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments of God** and have the testimony of **Jesus Christ**.' Revelation 12:17. This is the majority of God's deceived people.

We have seen that most of them will repent *during* the Great Tribulation, but Christ is today searching for the faithful **few** who **will honour His words in obedience**, while the door to God's Kingdom remains open, Matthew 25:1-10. The last chance to be prepared for our role in Jerusalem, as well as the first sign of the 7 year Tribulation, is Revelation 14:6-7. There will be no mistaking that miraculous world-wide warning from God, just before the "Peace, peace, when there is no peace" period, Jeremiah

8:11, 'For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.'

That 'peace', is part of the First Seal, immediately followed by worldwide wars at the Second Seal, Revelation 6:4, which will make any chance to travel to Jerusalem to obey Jeremiah 31:6-7, virtually impossible! Luke 12:32, Isaiah 40:9 Bow before God's words, brothers and sisters, and help proclaim that message of hope to save countless lives, on **your** way into God's Kingdom!

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Which calendar at the time of Christ?

From the web:

"The Role of the Historical Sanhedrin"

"Observational Authority: During the Second Temple period, the Sanhedrin held the supreme authority to "sanctify" the new month. This was based on the sighting of the new moon by reliable witnesses rather than a fixed calendar.

Intercalation (Leap Years): To ensure festivals like Passover remained in the spring, the Sanhedrin would decide to add a 13th month (Adar II) based on physical evidence such as barley ripeness (Aviv), the state of fruit trees, and weather conditions.

Judicial Oversight: The council met in the Hall of Hewn Stones to interpret religious law and manage these calendrical functions, which were central to national and spiritual life.

The Shift to "Calculated" Bias

Hillel II's Reform (358 AD): As Roman persecution intensified and the Sanhedrin's ability to meet was threatened, Hillel II (the last Nasi or President of the Sanhedrin) established a fixed mathematical calendar. This allowed Jewish communities to maintain unity without needing a central observational authority.

Accumulated Error: Critics of this "bias" argue that the Hillel II calendar has drifted over 1,600 years. This has led to debates where modern festivals may occur a full month "early" compared to the original Biblical rhythms defined by agricultural signs.

Theological Conflict: Some scholars suggest this shift reflects a "human-made" tradition that prioritises mathematical averages over the "ordained signs" (sun and moon) mentioned in Genesis and the Torah.

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Is the temple of 2 Thessalonians 2:4 a physical temple or a spiritual temple?

The only reason for the Anti-Christ to attack this 'temple' is to stop its 3½ year life-saving broadcast that his defeat by Christ is imminent at His return, along with its warning not to worship **the image of the Beast**, which the Beast introduces, not into the *Jewish* Temple, which he has no reason to hate, but into God's Holy Church. *'And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. Revelation 13:15.*

Matthew 24:15. Notice it is "When you *therefore* shall see the abomination of desolation..... 3752 hotan "when" and 302 "/an" whenever a specified condition is fulfilled, ie., whenever that occurs (Theyer). That condition links verse 15 to verse 14, God's message **to all the world!** See Jeremiah 31:6-7.

This 'temple' provides a prophetic basis for a place of worship in Jerusalem in which the Anti-Christ can eventually appear.

In the New Testament the Apostle Paul almost exclusively uses the word 'naos' (temple) **to refer to the Church** or the body of believers (eg., 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 6:16, Ephesians 2:21)

The implication: Under this view, the "Man of lawlessness" attempts to usurp authority within a professing Christian Church in Jerusalem as a leader or god-like figure over the people of God, claiming to be God, 2 Thessalonians 2:4, after which God's people flee into the mountains, Matthew 24:16, to escape from this abomination of desolation at the very start of the Great Tribulation

Remember, it is not man's words that define Truth, but only God's, along with the evidence of history!