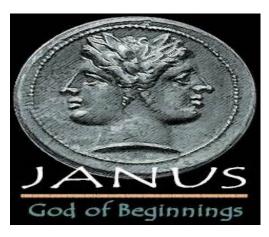




When you research where the name January comes from you will find Januarius, also known as January, named after Janus (Ianus) the Roman god of doors and gates, and beginning and endings. This god is also symbolically known as the god of change and transitions depicted with a face looking into the future and a face looking into the past. The bible has a different account of who this God is.

Revelation 1:8 "**I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."



Another figure is the Greek God Cronos (Khronos), where you get the term *chronograph*, Chrono relating to time, and graph dealing with measurement or calculation. Cronos became father time, and father time, became who you know as the grim reaper. Usually carrying a scythe also depicted as having an hour glass or clock, symbolic for the passing of life and time. And was first said to be cannibalistic and reap children. But everything has a time (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8), but the Most High is not affected by time and space.

Deuteronomy 33:27 "**The eternal God** is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them."



The Greek God Dionysus known as the god of drinks and wine. Usually depicted as a baby in a diaper or baby New Year's, who in reality is a grown man. One of the customs was to parade a baby around in a basket, symbolic for fertility of crops. But is it lawful to drink and if so how should one watch their intake? (Isaiah 5:11)

Ecclesiasticus 31:27-28 [27] Wine is as good as life to a man, if it be drunk moderately: what life is then to a man that is without wine? for it was made to make men glad. [28] Wine measurably drunk and in season bringeth gladness of the heart, and cheerfulness of the mind:



Tobit 4:15 "Do that to no man which thou hatest: **drink not wine to make thee drunken**: neither let drunkenness go with thee in thy journey."



Midnight is the time when people celebrate New Year's and the time set for a day to end and begin in modern day society. But what did the Most High say and ordain?

Ecclesiasticus 33:7 Why doth one day excel another, when as all the light of every day in the year is of the sun?



Leviticus 23:32 "It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, **from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath**."

From evening to evening, sundown to sundown is a day. When the sun sets, a day ends and

a new day begins, and this was not for the Sabbath day only, but every day.

Genesis 1:5 "And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day."

Night and midnight has long been associated with magic, chaos, death, and hell. Sorcery has always been thought best to be performed at midnight!



When does the year actually start? We have seasons, (Genesis 8:22) but what you may not have known, is that it is important to keep the feast days in their seasons (Leviticus 23:4). I am sure you have heard of the holyday Passover and the feast of unleavened bread. Let us examine when this feast occurs to better understand in what month the year begins.

Exodus 12:2, 18 [2] "**This month** is to be for you the first month, **the first month of your year**. [18] In the first month **you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day**."

Leviticus 23:5 "In the fourteenth day of the first month **at even** is the Lord's Passover."



Deuteronomy 16:1 "Observe **the month of Abib and keep the Passover** unto the Lord your God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night."

The first month is Abib, also known as Aviv

and Nisan. In this month starting with the 14th day of this month, at sundown (which would make it the 15th day of the month) you keep the Passover and the feast of unleavened bread. This feast is kept in the spring season. This is the start of the New Year, as spring is the season when nature is flourishing and budding forth. (Ecclesiasticus 50:8; Song of Solomon 2:11-12)



The Passover will occur around what we know today as March and April, reason being is that Abib begins sometime in what we know as March and ends sometime in April. Also keep in mind that the biblical/ Hebrew/ Lunar/ Canaanite calendar takes place at different times of the Gregorian calendar months that society follows today. Let us examine the word Abib using the Strong's Concordance:

24 אָבְיַב ^{*} 'ābֲîbֲ, n.m. GK: 26 [cf.8512]. (month of) Abib, the first month of the Canaanite calendar equal to Nisan (March/April); head (of grain), already ripe but still soft: - Abib [6], green ears of corn [1], in the ear [1]

As shown above the month Abib starts sometime in March and ends in April. It is also synonymous with Nisan, they are the same month. But let us get an account of Aviv meaning the same thing.

Aviv \a-<u>viv</u>\ as a boy's name is of <u>Hebrew</u> origin, and the **meaning of Aviv is <u>springtime</u>**. Aviv was the original name of **Nisan, the first <u>month</u> of** the <u>Hebrew calendar</u> which <u>corresponds</u> with March and April. It can also mean <u>voung grain</u>. Read more at http://www.thinkbabynames.com/meaning/1/Aviv# PZJPUMqcVwevrXfL.99

Now we have knowledge based on the sources above that Aviv, Abib and Nisan are synonymous and are the first month of the year which occurs in the spring time. In the winter however a different feast day is kept aside from the weekly Sabbath and New Moon.

"John 10:22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter."

I hope this was edifying and that you remember to do your due diligence and research these things for yourself.

2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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