

CHAPTER 5



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The following information on the ONCC organization is more in-depth research by Zen Garcia on calendar issues involving the importance of the sighting of the moon and following Torah instructions for Feasts.

Who is the One Nation Calendar Coalition (O.N.C.C.)?

The One Nation Calendar Coalition is an organization consisting of Israelite groups, communities and individuals interested and directly involved in the scholarship **to determine the accurate observance of the appointed seasons. The observance of the holy days must be based upon the instructions of Torah given by Yah.**

Over a period of several decades within the Israelite community there have been many persons who have investigated the so-called Jewish calendar and **have questioned whether or not rabbinic teachings and manipulation of their religious holidays comply with the Laws and instructions given in the Torah.**

In the last decade, **these concerns have grown stronger** and spread from North America to regions in Africa, Asia, South America, and the Caribbean. As a result, several groups, communities, and individuals have joined their efforts to research, investigate and examine this important issue.

Several noted scholars and **teachers in the Israelite Communities had long ago investigated the Jewish calendar**. They discovered information published by rabbinic teachers explaining how the Jewish calendar functions. This information is common knowledge today. Undoubtedly, **it is a clear fact that the Jewish calendar violates the instructions recorded in the Torah**. Postponements and two-day observances of some holy days are some examples of **unacceptable modifications**. The proclamations of the holy days given this year or any time in the past by Jewish authorities is and has been inaccurate and unacceptable to those who sincerely desire to obey and observe Yah's laws. **Within the Jewish communities itself there are those Jews who take and agree with this position**. The prophetic spirit, which cannot be altered, indicates that in this redemptive process of restoring the nation of Israel, the time would come where we would courageously stand up and seize our right to determine, express and define our culture.

We must put our entire trust in Almighty Yah, not man. In all humility, the One Nation Calendar Coalition embodies this spirit and has become the vanguard of this spiritual movement. **Our objective, guided by the spirit of Yah, is to return our people to the**

correct times to observe and keep the appointed holy days and seasons. As a people in exile, we must unceasingly be driven to press forward in the strongest manner in each and every endeavor to restore ourselves as a nation.

What is the One Nation Calendar Coalition's connection to Kairites?

The Kairites are **one of the sources used** to sight the appearance of the crescent moon and the first ripe barley (Abib) in the land of Israel. The Kairites' system of belief closely resembles that of the O.N.C.C. The Kairites accept the Torah as the sole source of religious Law and reject rabbinical interpretation.

Why do the One Nation Calendar Coalition and other Israelites sometimes observe Pesach (Passover) a month apart?

Before the O.N.C.C. can observe Pesach, **"the Abib"** (the sprouting / the green ears / the spring), an agricultural occurrence in the land of Israel **must take place**. Once the barley is observed **in the twelfth month**, the following new moon (crescent) is declared the beginning of our new year. If, however, the barley is not observed by the end of the twelfth month, an additional month is added to our year, giving us a 13th month (leap year). That following month (after the 13th month) would be declared "the Abib", as the climate would be warm enough to prompt the growth of the barley in the land of Israel, and we would keep the Pesach on the eve of the fourteenth day (in its

proper appointed time and season. Ex.12:1-2; Ex.13:3-4; Deut.16:1).

In contrast, however, those who follow the Jewish (Hillel II) calendar, observe Pesach according to a fixed/pre-calculated time that does not take into consideration whether “the Abib” has occurred. Although the Hillel calendar does have seven (7) leap years in a nineteen (19) year cycle, those leap years are fixed.

If the O.N.C.C. observes “the Abib” before the end of the twelfth month and the Jewish calendar has a pre-determined leap year (adding a thirteenth month) in that same year, the O.N.C.C. and other Israelites who follow the Jewish calendar will keep Pesach a month apart. Or, if the O.N.C.C. does not observe “the Abib” by the end of the twelfth month and a thirteen month (leap year) is added in the same year that the Jewish calendar has pre-determined a twelve month year, we will observe Pesach a month apart.

What is the significance of the Abib?

The Abib indicates a stage in the development of the barley crops. This is clear from Ex 9:31-32 which describes the devastation caused by the plague of hail:

"And the flax and the barley were smitten because the barley was in the ear [abib] and the flax was in bloom [giv'ol]. And the wheat and the spelt were not smitten because they were dark [afilot]."

The above passage relates that the barley crops were destroyed by the hail while the wheat and spelt were not damaged. To understand the reason for this we