

WHAT IS A BIBLICAL “NEW MOON?”

The exact words “new moon(s),” translated from the Hebrew word “khodesh” (Strong’s H2320), occur twenty times in The First Testament. According to Gesenius’ Hebrew Lexicon, via Blue Letter Bible online, “khodesh” means:

- 1) The new moon, and the day of the new moon, the calends of a lunar month which was a festival of the ancient Hebrews.
- 2) A lunar month, beginning at the new moon.

חֹדֶשׁ m. [suff. חֹדְשֵׁי, plur. חֳדָשִׁים] *the new moon, the day of the new moon, the calends of a lunar month which was a festival of the ancient Hebrews, Num. 29:6; 1 Sam. 20:5; 18:24; Ex. 19:1, בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁלִישִׁי* “on the third calends” (the third new moon), i. e. the first of the third lunar month. Hos. 5:7, **חֹדֶשׁ יֹאכְלֵם** “now shall a new moon devour them,” i. e. they shall be destroyed at the time of the new moon.

(2) a lunar *month*, beginning at the new moon. Gen. 8:5; Ex. 13:5, etc. **יָמֵי חֹדֶשׁ** the period of a month (see **יָמִים**). Gen. 29:14; Nu. 11:20, 21.

(3) [*Hodesh*], pr. n. f., 1 Ch. 8:9.

There has been much confusion about what a “new moon” is. Some say it is the invisible “conjunction” when you cannot see the moon in the sky. Others say it is the little black circle on the Roman-Catholic calendar, which we have already shown is a “tabular moon” – a date created by man – and has nothing to do with the astronomical new moon [See "[History of Calendars](#)."]]

When we look at the root word “khawdæsh” (H2318), from which “khodesh” comes, all our darkness becomes enlightened. It means,

- To be new,
- To be recent,
- To produce something new.

Now that is very interesting. Every month we should be PRODUCING something new, some New Fruit, and sharing it with the congregation. In words and/or in deeds we share what we have produced.

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Something new and recent is certainly something “visible,” and a new product is also something we can see, not something invisible.

“Khawdæsh” also means,

-- To polish a sword.

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קָדַשׁ unused in Kal, TO BE NEW. Arab. حدث
to be new, recent. IV. to produce something new;
but Conj. III. IV. also to *polish* a sword. Etymolo-
gists have well observed that its primary sense is
that of cutting or polishing, see Dissertt. Lugd., p. 936.
It is of the same family as קָדַר, קָדַק, and the signifi-
cation of *newness* appears to proceed from that of a
sharp polished splendid sword; comp. 2 Sa. 21:16;
Aram. קָדַת.

PIEL to *renew*, 1 Sam. 11:14; Job 10:17; Psal.
51:12, especially to *repair* or *restore* buildings or
towns, Isa. 61:4; 2 Ch. 15:8; 24:4.

HITHPAEL, to *renew oneself*, Ps. 103:5. Hence—

Remember that Hebrew is a picturesque language. Root words and even letters are also pictures. If we study Hebrew forms right down to the root word, then we will arrive at the picture. Thus, Gesenius concludes in this first definition of “khawdæsh” that, “The signification of newness appears to proceed from that of a sharp polished splendid sword.”



A sword is certainly VISIBLE!

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And so, too, is the New Moon!

Indeed, the first appearing of the New Moon in the sky, the bright, shining, white, silvery sliver, DOES resemble a curved, sharp, polished, splendid scimitar – a curved sword! That is definitive proof of what the New Moon is. Let all the confusion be dispelled! The New Moon is not the invisible conjunction, nor is it the little black circle on the calendar. The New Moon is the splendid, silver sliver of light which cuts the sky like a bright, shining, polished Sword of The Lord!

In fact, it also resembles the moment the stone was rolled back from Christ’s tomb, revealing The Glorious Light of His Resurrection.



The other forms of “khawdæsh” are also instructive. They teach us to rebuild our local kingdom during each month, and to renew our own bodies.

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When “khawdæsh” is used in its Piel (intensive action) form, it means not only “to renew,” but “especially to repair or restore buildings or towns!” AWESOME! From new month to new month, we should be rebuilding, repairing, and renewing the waste places.

And [they that shall be] of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called. The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. – Isaiah 58:12

Every month we should be taking possession of and rebuilding the houses and commercial buildings in our cities, without loans, and with the evidence of owning the title deeds, and thereby, one property at a time, replenishing the whole earth! THAT fulfills our first and great commission given to Adam (Genesis 1:28) and renewed with Noah (Genesis 9:1) --

to be fruitful, and multiply, and REPLENISH the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every thing that moveth upon the earth!
[My emphasis.]

Every month, we should be gathering together and sharing our results, answering the questions:

- What did we produce that is new?
- Over what new territory did we take dominion?
- What buildings did we repair or restore?

And even we ourselves are God’s building.

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, [ye are] God’s building.
– 1 Corinthians 3:9

When “khawdæsh is used in its “Hithpael” (reflexive intensive action) form it means “to renew oneself.”

As such, from month to month, throughout all the months of the year, we should be cleaning ourselves up, making ourselves ready for Christ’s return, learning more about Him, speaking more of Him, doing more for Him, obeying Him more, and becoming increasingly holier. We should know and understand more than the world, we should continually accomplish more than the world, we should progressively obey The Word of God more than the world, we should dedicate ourselves to the people and things of God more than the world, and we should be increase in wealth, health, cleanliness, sacredness, and majesty more than the world.

You are royalty – kings and queens! You were created to take dominion. But a kingdom without a king is just dom (say that sentence aloud). We PROVE we are kings each month by taking dominion over SOME part of the kingdom, by taking dominion over SOME part of our own flesh and its carnal desires, and by sharing those results with the congregation at the New Months meetings.

Gathering together at the New Months is ESSENTIAL to taking, possessing, renewing, and occupying the Kingdom until Christ comes. WHEN we come together, month by month, throughout the twelve

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months of the year, to plan our strategies for the months ahead and to share our results from the months past, THEN we will finally begin to take back our land from the enemy.

The twenty (20) occurrences of “new moon(s),” instruct us well on how to observe the New Months meetings. This Midrawsh Level study reveals that --

1) The New Months meeting last for three days:

*And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow [is] the **New Moon**, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third [day] at even. – 1 Samuel 20:5*

We Messianic Hebrews sound the shofars/silver trumpets on the first day, calling out the 12 Tribes to Confess, to Accept responsibility for their sins, to Repent and ask Christ for forgiveness, and to Return of the Righteousness of obeying the entire Bible.

The second day we pray, warrior style, boldly taking our petitions before the throne of grace and submitting our plans to Yehoshua. Afterwards, we get to the business of planning, sharing results, and giving from our overflow.

The third day we feast.

2) Every leader has his/her place and provides for his/her people.

*Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow [is] the **New Moon**: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty. – 1 Samuel 20:18*

3) The “New Moon” is also called “The King’s Table.” We will sit at The King’s Table with Yehoshua in His Kingdom.

*So David hid himself in the field: and when the **New Moon** was come, the king sat him down to eat meat. – 1 Samuel 20:24*

4) The New Moon is not a Sabbath, unless one of the three happens to fall on The Sabbath Day. The New Moon is not a Feast of The Lord. The New Moon is not a Holy Convocation. It is a “mow'aid” (H4150) – an "appointed time" in which we do the business of The Kingdom.

*And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? [it is] neither **New Moon**, nor Sabbath. And she said, [It shall be] well. – 2 Kings 4:23*

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5) The New Moons are days of giving offerings and providing for those around us from our overflow.

*And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto The LORD in the Sabbaths, in the **New Moons**, and on the set Feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before The LORD: – 1 Chronicles 23:31*

6) The New Moons are appointed times to renew and renovate the Temple, Church, or place of Congregation which never have nor ever will pass away.

*Behold, I build an House to The Name of The LORD my God, to dedicate [it] to Him, [and] to burn before Him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, and on the **New Moons**, and on the solemn Feasts of the LORD our God. This [is an ordinance] for ever to Israel. – 2 Chronicles 2:4*

7) The New Moons are times for the leaders of the congregation to provide for the people.

*Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the Sabbaths, and on the **New Moons**, and on the solemn Feasts, three times in the year, [even] in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles.
– 2 Chronicles 8:13*

8) The New Moons are times for planning the meals and events for the Sabbath Days, New Moons Meetings, and the Seven Feasts of The Lord, and are part of the Torah (Messianic Hebrews know and understand that the 66 Books of The Bible are The Law).

*[He appointed] also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, [to wit], for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, and for the **New Moons**, and for the set Feasts, as [it is] written in The Law of The LORD. – 2 Chronicles 31:3*

9) The New Moons are times for all who are willing to offer all they want, including the overflow from their finances, crops, cattle, fruit trees, and their prepared products.

*And afterward [offered] the continual burnt offering, both of the **New Moons**, and of all the set Feasts of The LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto The LORD. – Ezra 3:5*

10) The New Moons ARE times of perfecting our obedience to the laws, statutes, and precepts, and for apportioning the work to be done in The House of The Lord.

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*For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the Sabbaths, of the **New Moons**, for the set Feasts, and for the holy [things], and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and [for] all the work of The House of our God.*

– Nehemiah 10:33

11) The New Moons are days of sounding the shofars.

*Blow up the trumpet in the **New Moon**, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.*

– Psalm 81:3

12) We must be careful on the New Moons to do Yehoshua’s will, His way; not our own will, our way, or else OUR New Moons will be an abomination to Him.

*Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto Me; the **New Moons** and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; [it is] iniquity, even the solemn meeting.*

– Isaiah 1:13

13) If we pollute the New Moons, and turn them into our pleasure meetings, pool parties, movie nights, celebrations for our women, etc., instead of meetings for His Spiritual Warfare, prayer, planning, giving, renewal, and personal & kingdom repentance, then OUR New Moons (they will NOT be His, anymore) will become a burden for Yehoshua to bear. They become to Him OUR New Moons and not His, because we will have chosen to do OUR own will in them and not His will.

*Your **New Moons** and your appointed Feasts My soul hateth: they are a trouble unto Me; I am weary to bear [them].* – Isaiah 1:14

14) Not only are we commanded to keep the New Moons now, but we will also keep them in Christ’s Millennial Kingdom in the future. They have not, will not, and cannot pass away.

*And it shall come to pass, [that] from one **New Moon** to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith The LORD.* – Isaiah 66:23

15) The LEADERS supply the provisions for the New Moons and the Feasts of The Lord, each leader and tribe in their own month throughout the 12 months of the year.

*And it shall be the prince's part [to give] burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the Feasts, and in the **New Moons**, and in the Sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of*

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Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel. – Ezekiel 45:17

16) Not only now, but also in The Millennial Kingdom, the New Moons meetings are official times of gathering together at The Sanctuary.

*Thus saith The Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on The Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the **New Moon** it shall be opened. – Ezekiel 46:1*

17) The New Moons are times of worship and praise!

*Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before The LORD in the Sabbaths and in the **New Moons**. – Ezekiel 46:3*

18) The New Moons are times to invite new friends who may have never kept The Seven Feasts of The Lord, to wit: one new rich young ruler, six new members of the congregation, one new leader in the marketplace or new Pastor. They all must have Confessed their sins, Accepted responsibility, Repented to Christ, and vowed to obey The Torah (the entire Bible).

*And in the day of the **New Moon** [it shall be] a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish. – Ezekiel 46:6*

19) If we lose discipline and descend into speaking and doing things we ought not on the New Moons, Yehoshua will not leave us unpunished. HE IS a Jealous God Whose very Name IS Jealous, and He IS a Man of War.

*I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her **New Moons**, and her Sabbaths, and all her solemn Feasts. – Hosea 2:11*

20) Even though the New Moons are not Sabbaths, we leave off our normal occupations and do the work of Kingdom Planning, Kingdom Renewal, Kingdom Business, Kingdom Giving and holding ourselves and our brothers/sisters accountable to The Torah (Bible) standard of Kingdom Integrity. Our attitude will never be thus:

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*Saying, When will the **New Moon** be gone, that we may sell corn? and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? – Amos 8:5*

"Twenty" (20) is the Biblical number of "Redemption." "Silver" is the money of "Redemption" (Ed F. Vallowe, *Biblical Mathematics*, pp. 134-135). The New Moon resembles a bright, shiny, curved, silver sword.

It is no coincidence that the word "redemption." like the words "new moon(s)," also occurs twenty (20) times in The Bible. The new moon itself is the sign of our coming "Redemption." (See Leviticus 25:24, 25:51, 25:52; Numbers 3:49; Psalms 49:6-8, 111:9, 130:7; Jeremiah 32:7, 32:8; Luke 2:38, Luke 21:25-28; Romans 3:23-24, 8:23; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:7, 1:12-14, 4:30; Colossians 1:14; and Hebrews 9:12, 9:15)

“Christ IS our Redemption!”

Therein is the mystery revelation of the New Moon. When we look for it, we should do so fully understanding that one day we WILL see The Son of Man coming in the sky, and we will be glad at His appearing. As Luke 21:28 says,

And when these things come to pass, then look up, and lift your heads, for your Redemption draweth nigh!

Think on Christ the next time you spot the first glorious appearing of the New Moon, and do not delay to come to The King’s Table.