

– **The Abib -**
Presently called the Vernal Equinox.
Entrance to the Father's symbolic celestial story.

Kenneth W. Lent April 2014
Faith of the Covenant Fellowship
website: <http://ezra98.yolasite.com/>

“In my Father's house are many mansions:
if it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.”
(John 14:2)

Our kinsman Savior and King, Jesus Christ, has reached out to us in many ways so that we may know the reconciliation that He has accomplished on the cross between us sinners and God the Father. Christ has not only secured everlasting life for us by forgiveness of sins, He has made us sons and daughters of God the Father. A judge may find a person not guilty but he never takes that person home to have dinner with the family. Yet by the shed blood of Christ, not only have our sins been wiped clean with the Judge not imputing them to us, but He is taking us home with Him to be sons, daughters, and family members of the Everliving God Almighty. This would be unheard of in the courts of man, but not with God. And to give us His assurance that these things are true, Jesus has spoken the promise of them before they were done. And how He has spoken of His unsurpassed love for His family! Christ Yahvahshua's promise of “mansions” for His chosen has a much greater meaning than we may have realized.

Contrary to the opinion that John 14:2 means that we shall eternally abide in a remote part of the universe, or that we will be transported to another dimension altogether, the true Scriptural story of our “heavenly mansions” is a joyful account of the **Passover story** and the divine promise of redemption and salvation which Yahweh God has gifted to us by the sacrifice of The Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. It is herein that we “abide” forever, and it is a story pre-told by God (His-story) which He wrote in both the stars of heaven and in His written Word. There is only one way into our “mansion” and that is the narrow way which is Christ Himself:

“If ye abide in me (Christ), and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” (John 15:7)

“Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:11,13,14)

To come to our Father, Christ wasn't telling us to find some a literal “straight gate”

somewhere and proceed down a literal “narrow way” to enter into it. He (Christ) Himself is that gate and He describes Himself as being the “door” to our relationship with the Father. (John 10:9) In the same way, Christ did not teach us that we will live in some ether world mansion which He is busily building for us at this moment. With all of life's trials and tribulations that follow us down through our years, it is ultimately God Almighty who is our real “dwelling place” and in whom we have our lives “saved/safe” and transformed into what we shall become in the resurrection – *“the manifestation of the sons of God”* (Rom.8:19) Spiritually speaking, God's chosen ones dwelt in Him. (The geographic national implications come secondarily) The Scriptures teach that our “spiritual home” is in God:

“There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in His excellency on the sky. 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.” (Deut. 33:26,27) [*“refuge” here is Hebrew “meh-o-naw” – den, habitation, dwelling place*]

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty” “Because thou hast made Yahweh, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation” (Psalm 91:1,9)

“In thee, O Yahweh, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.” “Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me, for thou art my rock and my fortress.” (Psalm 71:3)

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” (I John 5:20)

God's Gospel testimony about “us in Him” is written in “heaven” (the stars above).

When understanding the “signs” of “heaven” we need to keep in mind that there is a great difference between astronomy and astrology. Astronomy takes note of the stars, their positions, their names, and their celestial paths, in a factual manner. Astrology is a perversion of astronomy in that it ascribes mystical “powers” to stars imagining that these lights in the sky exert a magical influence upon people or events. Some tenets of astrology go so far as to deify stars and planets to form ungodly superstitious religions replete with priesthoods that have controlled multitudes of their followers for centuries.

Also the word “heaven/s” as used in Scripture can have several meanings. It can refer to the sky, to stars and planets, to civil jurisdiction of rulers, or even to the unknown realm of God's existence. “Heaven” is rooted in the Hebrew word “shaw-meh” Strong's # 8064 meaning “lofty”; and the Greek word “Oo-ran-os” Strong's #3772 from #3735 meaning “to rise or to

rear". In a general sense "heaven" means "above, higher" in several different applications of context. When applied to the stars above, the Scriptures tells us that the meaning of "the heavens" holds a message of Divine importance. It is never astrology that the Scriptures endorse, but astronomy, and *that* enhanced by a personal knowledge of the Creator's painting of the night sky with His personal story told in the original constellations.

We all realize that pictures speak in all languages since pictures are common to all folk. King David knew of the Gospel language of the stars as he composed a musical Psalm to testify of this wonder: *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world ---"* (Psalm 19:1-4. Firmament is another word for the expanse of the sky/heaven- Genesis 1:8)

Job tells us of the antiquity of the constellations and that they had specific names:

"By His (God's) Spirit He garnished the heavens; and His hand hath formed the crooked serpent." (Job 26:13) This is an obvious reference to the "serpent constellation Draconis". For those of you who have a Ferrar Fenton Bible it reads *"And His hand whirls the Serpent along."* Fenton's footnote reads "The constellation so named." No reference or research books on stars today actually pinpoint the ancient origin of the names of the stars or of the constellations, but the Bible tells us – it was God who personally named the stars: *"He telleth the number of the stars, He calleth them all by their names."* (Psalm 147:4)

Additionally, we read of the constellations Pleiades, Arcturus, and Orion in Job as well (Job 38:31; 9:9) with these names holding significant meaning in the distant past of our race. See Amos 5:8 too about Orion. The great prophet Isaiah was also aware of the constellations (Isaiah 13:10), but how little we presently know of their importance or of the true stories "told" by them.

God Himself demanded of Job, *"Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth (the twelve signs/constellations of the Zodiac) in his season?"* (Job 38:32) God (and Job too) knew that no man can make the constellations move through the seasons, as that is the sole power of the Creator. But what God *has* allowed man to do is read and comprehend the story of the night stars, the redemption story of the Gospel told by the original constellation names. Churches today know nothing of this amazing witness to the Christian faith, yet over 1500 years after Job the apostle Paul was still announcing the faith language of the "star Gospel" written in the sky by Yahweh Almighty. In Romans 10:14-18 Paul, in teaching the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, to Saxon Israel (v.1) makes the oft quoted statement *"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (v.17). Yet no one ever quotes or understands the next verse comment made by Paul. He quotes Psalm 19's glorious song that David wrote of the stars! *"But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went out into all the Earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."* (v.18). Paul knew that wherever Saxon Israel was, or no matter what

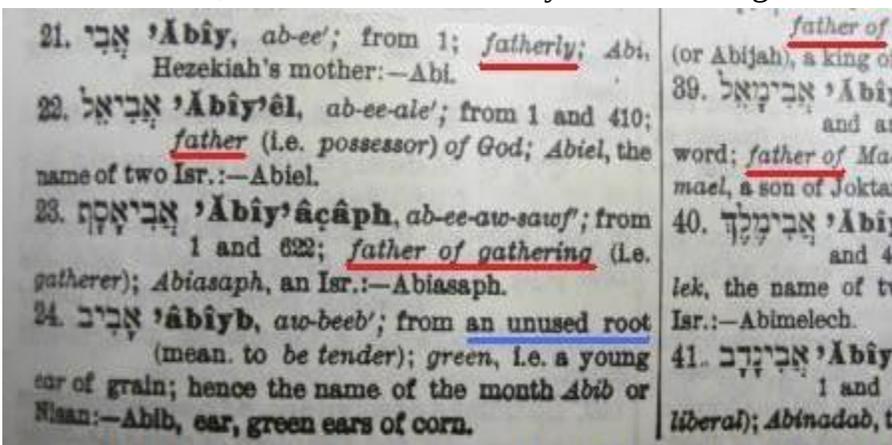
language they were speaking, the story of Christ was in “heaven”, the stars. Yet Saxon Israel's teachers have forsaken the folk, not caring about Father's story in the sky they teach the people to either pay homage to the stars (Sun-day, Moon-day, Saturn's day, Christmass/solstice season day, etc) , or to “get ready to go live on one of them, or beyond them, when you die” – aka “go to a spirit place called Heaven”.

Jesus Christ reaffirmed the truth of the “double witness” required to establish a matter. “*It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.*” (John 8:17; Deu.17:6;19:15) Paul quotes the law as well, “*This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.*” (II Cor. 13:1)

The three witnesses provided by God to man that tell the story of the Gospel (good news) of our redemption from sin by the Lamb of God, Christ, are 1)The Written Word 2)The stars 3)The Feast Day memorials. With this basic family story foundation of our kin we are able to proceed in understanding what Christ was witnessing about when He declared to us The Father's House and the mansions which we all have within it.

ABIB – did it always mean “green” or is it a derivative word of “The Father” (Ab)?

We are normally told that the first month of the Hebrew calendar is named “Abib” and that this means “green” or “green ears” due to the fact that this month coincides with our Spring months of March and April. Thus plants start to sprout green and any winter grain is “in the ear” and also green. There is partial truth to this reasoning, but the fact is that originally the Hebrews did not name their months. The months were simply numbered 1 – 12. It wasn't until the Babylonian captivity that Judah began to name the months, but the names were of Babylonian origin such as the first month being named Nisan (and not Abib). Couple this with the Hebrew language certainty that “Ab” means “Father,” and we begin to correctly suspect that something is indeed strange with attaching “green” to Ab-ib as its original or primary definition. Below is an out-take from Strong's Concordance where Abib and surrounding words with the prefix AB- are shown. These words all find their root in “Father” but when it comes to Abib, we then see it curiously switched to “green ears”.



We can see that the 1st two letters of these words are each the same, “aleph” and “beth”(AB) Hebrew reads right to left.

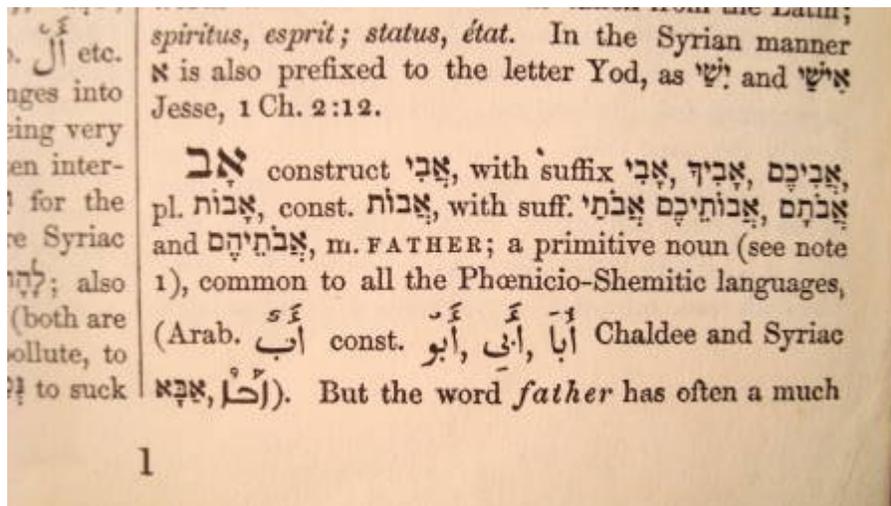
Also “Abib” is only used as “green “ in Lev.2:14 & Ex.9:31, but six times “TheAbib” is used as a celestial season sign (Ge.1:14) of Yahweh's to start the first month. Ex.13:4; 23:15; 34:18 twice; &Deut.16:1 twice. A celestial sign can't be “green”.

My note: #24 This meaning was "unused", yet "Father" is replaced with "green" ?

The color green in Hebrew has nothing to do with “Ab” (Father) but its natural use is found in two other words “**Yeh-rek**” (Strong's #3418) as in Genesis 9:3 “*even as the green herb*”; and “**rah-an-awn**” (Strong's # 7488) as in Deuteronomy 12:2 “*under every green tree*”. Therefore we can see that any association of “ab”, “abe”, “awb” to “green” in Strong's Concordance (1890) was a result of Dr. James Strong trusting present-era Jewish sources of information several thousand years removed from original Hebrew.

Furthermore, for those familiar with Strong's, the vowels points of these words are those added by the Jewish Masoretes. The “block letters” themselves pre-date the Masoretic Text and are not “Jewish” as some claim. They are Assyrian Assurith Hebrew (white race) which replaced the Paleo-Hebrew some time after the Babylonian Captivity. It had no vowels points. The Masoretes later added the vowel points to assume pronunciations for incantations of magic. Thus the “ab” pronunciation difference between the word Abib (Aw-beeb) or for instance Abyel (Ab-ee-ale) is insignificant as listed in Strong's. They both have their root in AB, Father, the block letters minus the added vowels points.

Gesenius' Hebrew Lexicon (1857 English) shows “AB” (Aleph Beth) to mean Father



אבִּיב **ABIB = AB – Y – B** , “**Father's House**” (Hebrew at far left is read “right to left”)

The word “Abib” is written with the Hebrew letters Aleph Beth Yod Beth, equivalent in English to ABYB. In fact Gesenius' Lexicon above shows the first usage in Hebrew grammar of Father (Ab) is with the addition of the Y (Yod), that is ABY or Abi, only one letter short of Abib itself. Every Hebrew word or name in the Scriptures that begin with “AB-y” has it's root meaning related to “Father” in some manner, except the dictionaries exclude only AbyB from this consistent meaning. Why? What entrenched religions benefit by not beginning the year when we are supposed to? (The understanding of “Ab-y-B” plays a key role in the year's start)

In ancient Hebrew the letters A (Aleph), Y (Yod), H (Hay) and W/v (Wau) were used as

vowels and not only consonants. The Greek letter and name for the Hebrew Y (Yod ך) is IOTA and it is a vowel (ee – sound). With a double “BB” in Hebrew (ABB) the Y is inserted as a vowel (ABYB) for clarity of pronunciation and separation, read as Abib in both English and Greek.

The realization that ABIB means something much more than “green” becomes apparent when we remember what the prophets and the apostle Paul stated about the “star Gospel”. Below we have Psalm 68:4,5 from the KJV.

Looking at the stars > we see: Father AB > Habitation (House) B>	<p>let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. 32:11; 64:10</p> <p>4 <u>Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.</u></p> <p>5 <u>A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.</u> [10:14; 146:9]</p> <p>6 God setteth the solitary in fami-</p>	in; ye ever. 17 thous the L in the 18 thou hast the r
---	--	--

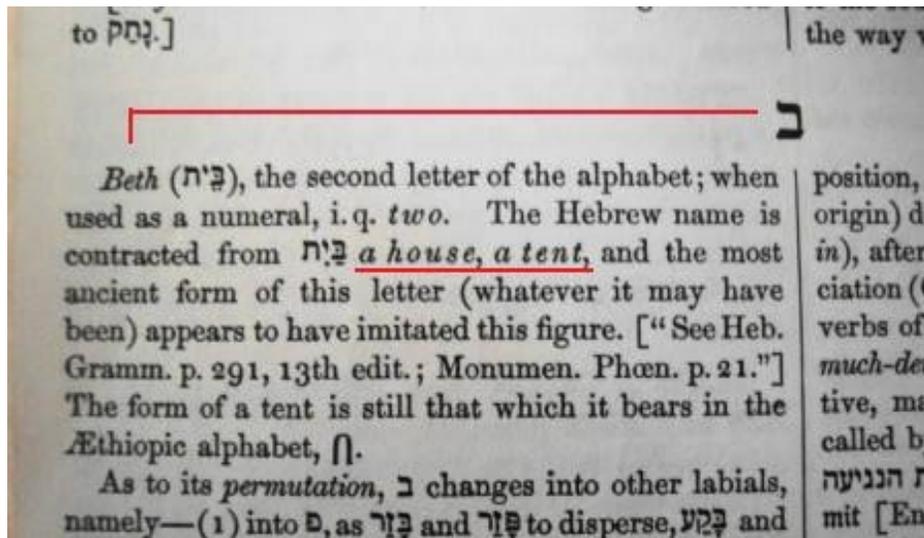
Yahweh (Jah) as supreme authority, the Father, is God, He travels through the heavens (stars), and it is His House (habitation). Of course this account is symbolic because the Father is telling us His story in the constellations of His creation of which David sang praises, “*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.*” (Ps.19:1-3). Remember too that this happens to be David's “heavenly” song which Paul quoted concerning the Gospel of Jesus in that it is “heard” by all (Rom. 10:18). We can sense the words of Jesus, “*In my Father's house (habitation) are many mansions*”, coming alive when we start to grasp that He was discussing the same thing as were David, Job, Isaiah, and Paul – **a story** declared in the night sky! More amazing, we shall see that Jesus was talking about His own story, being sent by the Father to be the Passover Lamb, and that it had not one thing to do with our going on a trip to some other home beyond the material universe after we die. Those who already have studied and celebrate the Feast Days (starting with Passover) will probably grasp this context somewhat quickly.

[Hopefully this does not digress, but it may be helpful to point out just a few of the many other abbreviated contractions of names and words in the Scriptures that are found in the Hebrew poetic license of writings. These were regularly used as “brevity” in certain instances without any loss of meaning to the Scriptural message. Likewise it is with Abib. To wit: *In Psalm 76:2 Jerusalem is abbreviated as “Salem”*; *BethBaalMeon was an Amorite city meaning 'Baal of habitation' in Joshua 13:17 and as written on the Moabite Stone, but is contracted to BaalMeon in Numbers 32:8 and even to just “Beon” in verse 3*; *Page 547 of the Westminster Bible Dictionary notes that Assyrian King 'Shalmaneser' II Kings 17:3 is a Hebrew contraction for the Assyrian 'ShulmanuAsharidu' meaning 'god Shulman is Chief'*;

Perezuzza was the shortened name of a place given by David to denote “the place that Uzza was struck dead for touching the Ark”; space does not permit other examples but these will suffice to make clear the literary concept of abbreviations in Hebrew.]

The contracted suffix word ending of “B” in Abi-b (Ab-y-b) “Father’s House”

Both “B” and “Beth” written alone in Hebrew mean “House”. “B” is merely the ancient Paleo-Hebrew method of writing “House” and it is a simplified form of “Beth”. Below we see the letter “B” (that is, called a “Beth”) in Hebrew as listed in Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon. A variant pronunciation is “bet”. Note that “B” alone originally was a “house” as it was shaped like a simple hut and shares a connection with the Ethiopic “B”.



The original writing of Abib in Scripture would be of the ancient Hebrew era being that of the Mosaic texts. The second “B” of Abib is a house. It is the symbolic “habitation” of the Father who “rideth upon the heavens”. “God --that rideth upon the heavens --a Father --in His habitation” (Psalm 68:4,5) AB--Father B--House (habitation)

Abib originally meant the start of the Spring season (a heavenly sign by the March Equinox)

Do we have reliable evidence that Abib actually refers to Spring or the start of Spring? Yes there is plenty, but it is kept under the “theological rug” as this meaning of Abib opens a whole can of worms concerning “things” taught by the institutional churches. Different calendar systems than accepted ones mean that a radical change to holidays and Sabbaths will result. With that change also enters matters of faith doctrines that could potentially dissolve entire denominations if the congregations leave. These are issues that can not be taken lightly, and ecumenical councils fully understand the implications. Non biased sources along with many literal definition lexicons will hold the truth. Standard church booklets or Bible book store material will not. “Corporate Church material” is not meant to educate, but to pacify.

Some of the related languages of the middle east, such as Arabic, Syriac, Coptic, or Caucasian Ethiopic, can tell us a lot since the entrenched Judeo/Christian theologians were distanced somewhat from injecting their interpretations into those language manuscripts.

Below is a Turkish language definition from an English/Turkish translation web site: english.turkcebilgi.com. Their definition of the word ABIB is eye opening. It informs us that one definition is literal, and the other historical. The “b” is pronounced “v” by some Hebrew dialects (“the variant אב, pronounced like "v" in "veil", after a vowel--" www.laits.utexas.edu/ **hebrew**/ Univ. of Texas)

abib

(Hebrew: אבִיב) has a few meanings in Hebrew: Aviv literally means spring; it is one of the four seasons. Thus the major modern Israeli city of Tel Aviv means "Spring Hill". Historically, "Aviv" meant the stage in the growth of grain when the seeds have reached full size and are filling with starch, but have not dried yet. During the plague of hail (Exodus 9:31), the barley was aviv and the flax was giv`ol.

Another language reference site, ancient-hebrew.org, has this definition of Abib buried among several thousands of Hebrew dictionary word entries: (spring=abib at #3774)

3774, האבִיב, Haaviyv, of **spring, Abib**. 3775, האבִיד, Haaviyd, to destroy. 2 kings 10:19. 3776, האבִידו, Haaviydo, he will destroy. 3777, האבִיון, Haevyon ...
www.ancient-hebrew.org/docs/39_dictionary.xls -

Surprisingly I found this in a literal Jerusalem Jewish source. It is a translation of Deuteronomy 16:1 where the King James Version begins the verse “Observe the month of Abib --- etc.” Take notice of how this attempt at a more literal rendering defines Abib/Aviv with the definition 'Springtime' in its Bible text:

Orthodox Jewish Bible (OJB) Devarim 16: “Be shomer of the month of Aviv [springtime, *i.e.*, *Nisan*], and perform the Pesach offering unto Hashem Eloheicha; for in the month of Aviv Hashem Eloheicha brought thee forth out of Mitzrayim by lailah. שְׁמוֹר אֶת־חֹדֶשׁ הָאָבִיב : וְעָשִׂיתָ פֶּסַח לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כִּי בְחֹדֶשׁ הָאָבִיב הוֹצִיאֲךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִמִּצְרַיִם לַיְלָה :

This is highly important because there is a subtle but significant difference between “Spring” and “Spring-Time”, the time of Spring! The true Hebrew word (the)ABIB implies “the time we mark Spring”. We will get into this more thoroughly in the next section as the original text **was precise** about this.

We may consider the above OJB text to be likened to Jewish encyclopedias that admit that the Jews are Edomites and Khazars (instead of Israelites) while all the time Christians are kept in the dark. The Rabbis know a lot of what is really in our Bibles but they aren't about to let the cat out of the bag.

The great consensus of research books that dig far back into the original meaning of Abib uniformly show that this word is rooted in a connection with the start of the Spring season, and that “green” or “green ears” is a later development of definition. The start of Spring-Time, as we know is marked by the passage of the Sun across the Earth's equator which celestial event we today call The Vernal Equinox.

More specifically it is THE Abib, and not just “Abib” << Important

The question arises from time to time “If the Israelite calendar system was really solar where does the term VERNAL EQUINOX appear in the Bible?” Good question and a legitimate one. The answer is: “Vernal Equinox” does not appear in any Scripture verse. Why? Because the term is Latin and the Scriptures were written in Hebrew and Greek. What we today call The Vernal (Spring) Equinox is written in the Hebrew Scriptures as HA-ABIB, that is The Abib. ***That term is*** in the Scriptures.

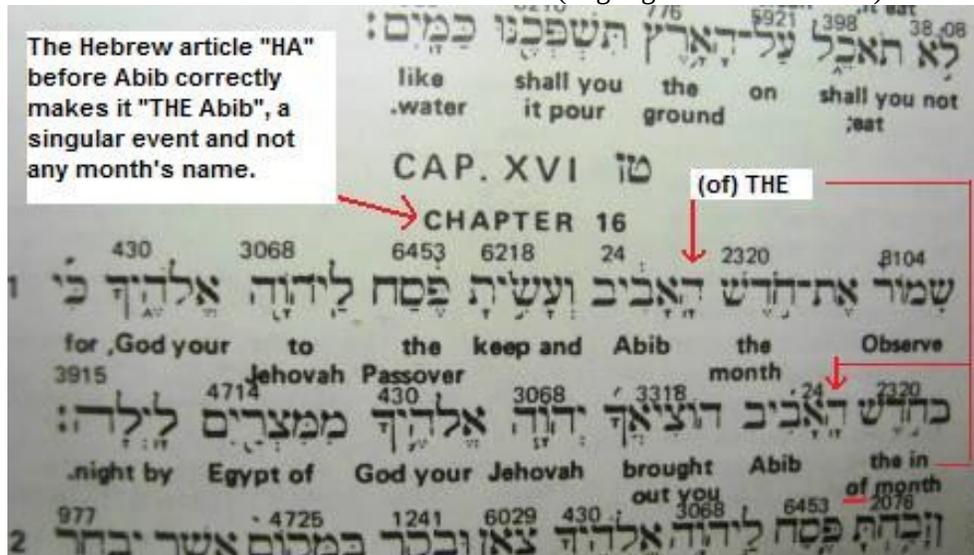
This term, The Abib, is not the name of a month. It is a specific event. The long held claim that month one of the Israel year is named Abib is an incorrect statement. The Israelites did not name the months, but numbered them 1-12.

Let's take a look at three related passages. Exodus 13:4 states, “*This day came ye out, in the month Abib.*” Exodus 23:15 states, “*Thou shalt keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it thou camest out from Egypt; and none shall appear before Me empty.*” And Deuteronomy 16:1-2 states, “*Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to Yahweh your God, for in the month of Abib Yahweh your God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night*”.

The phrases, “in the month Abib,” and, “Observe the month of Abib,” imply that there was a month named Abib in the original Hebrew (Israelite) calendar. This is far from accurate. *Nelson's New Bible Dictionary* under the heading “Calendar” and the subheading “Calendar Systems: In the Old Testament” states the following: “*Normally the months were designated numerically: first (Ex. 12:2), second (Ex. 16:1), third (Ex. 19:1), fourth (2 Kin. 25:3), fifth (Jer. 28:1), sixth (1 Chr. 27:9), seventh (Gen. 8:4), eighth (Zech. 1:1), ninth (Ezra 10:9), tenth (Gen. 8:5), eleventh (Deut. 1:3) and twelfth (Esth. 3:7)*” (cf. Lev. 23; Num. 28). *It was not until their sojourn in Babylon that the Israelites adopted pagan names for the months. The Talmud candidly admits, “The names of the months came up with them from Babylonia” (Jerusalem Talmud, Rosh Hashanah 1:2 56d).*”

Singularly, “Abib” is used in a few verses to refer to early green Spring flora because, obviously, plants begin to “turn green” weeks after the Vernal Equinox Ha- Abib (The Abib). But “Abib” is not the same thing as “The Abib”. The Hebrew article “The” or “Ha” is never used to name a month. Nor is it in English. We don't say “next month is The December”. Although some Hebrew nouns may carry an *implied* “the” along with it, when “HA” is penned

a use of “The” is emphatic. The use of the article “THE” means that this is not a proper name of a month but an event related to the month. In Hebrew “Abib” is written, from right to left, אֲבִיב. Below is Deuteronomy 16:2 from The Hendrickson Interlinear Bible. The ה “Ha” before “Abib” makes it “The Abib” yet the English sublinear only reads “Abib”. This is an incorrect subliner translation and misleads the Bible student. (Highlights and note added)



Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon, pg 211 states "ה - the definite article, THE - similar laws are followed in Hebrew as in Greek and in modern languages."

The Concordant Version of the OT, 1978, pg. 21 states "ה - The definite article – proper names of persons or cities are always without the article (the)" The same is true of months.

All Hebrew manuscript texts show that Deuteronomy 16:1 correctly reads “*Observe the month of The Abib, and keep the Passover unto Yahweh thy God: for in the month of The Abib Yahweh thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.*” The other Scripture verses cited (pg.9) which contain HA-ABIB also read “month of The Abib”. The Abib therefore is not a name.

With these verifiable facts brought to the surface it can be concluded that, as originally intended at the time of the Mosaic writings, the word Abib referred to Spring, it also literally meant Father's House (symbolic of the heavens' constellations that start at Spring), while The Abib meant the event of The Spring-Time, which we shall see is precisely designated The Vernal Equinox.

All of the Biblical patriarchs of our Saxon Israel race, the prophets, Jesus, and the apostles were very much aware of the celestial story of our redemption written by God as “told” by the stars above, while we today know virtually nothing of that astonishing wonder. This lack of awareness on our part makes a difference in how we have perceived some of the things that Jesus said, especially in reference to the mansions of the Father's House (the symbolic celestial story of our complete salvation). Christ literally said in the Greek text *John 14:2* “--- in the Home of the Father of me ---”. – Concordant Greek Text, Concordant Publishing Concern, 1975, pg.329

The Abib – The Vernal (Spring) Equinox – first point to the House

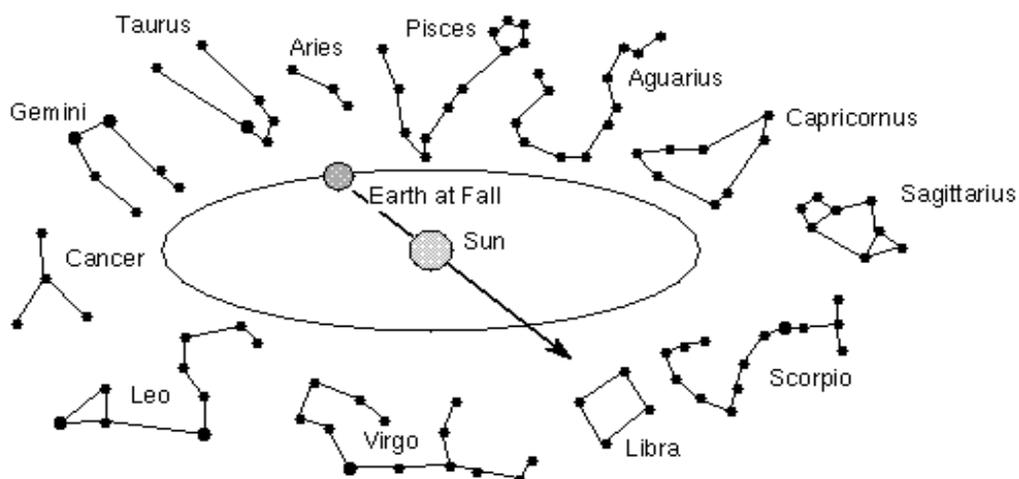
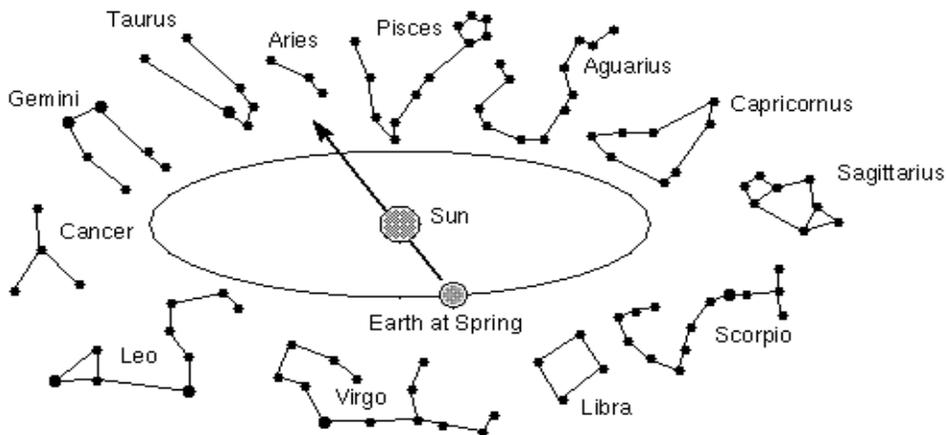
Yahweh God puts this question to Job: “*Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth (the twelve signs/constellations of the Zodiac) in his season? (Job 38:32)*

David writes in the Psalms: “*Sing unto God, sing praises to His name: extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His name JAH, and rejoice before Him. A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in His Holy Habitation.” (Psalm 68:4,5)*

“*Thus saith Yahweh, The heaven is my throne, and the Earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest?” (Isaiah 66:1)*

“*It is He (God) - - that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: - - lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number; He calleth them all by their names by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power, not one faileth.” (Isaiah 40:22,26)*

God's symbolic celestial house is His redemption and salvation story in the heavens contained in the names of the 12 constellations. The many lesser constellations are also contained in the story. Pagans have corrupted this purpose into astrology and star worship. Christians have forgotten it altogether.



In the two diagrams of the Constellations on the preceding page it is shown how the Sun appears to travel through the 12 Constellations (as viewed from Earth) during the seasons due to the Earth's rotation around the Sun. There is a recent Internet rumor school of thought claiming that the Earth is the center of our solar system and that the Sun rotates around the Earth. Scriptures are misunderstood as presented in that argument and the science is conjecture. In my opinion the theory is faulty, though some have accepted it in haste. In both the Tabernacle and Temple of Israel, God's shining glory was in the Holy of Holies which was the center of the camp and nation. All revolved around God's presence at the center of the nation and people. Our Sun depicts that arrangement being a likeness of God's life giving light. Here is not the place for debate on that subject. In any event, the Sun "travels" through the Constellations during our seasons as we view it standing on Earth.

The lights of the sky (the heavens) were, from the beginning, to be signs for fixing dates and times for God's events for His family in the Earth. They are given to determine appointed times, such as Sabbaths and Holy days; and also as a depiction of the redemption plan of God saving us from our sins.

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years." (Genesis 1:14)

The word "seasons" in Genesis 1:14 is the Hebrew word "mow-ed" (Strong's #4150 Heb) meaning "*appointed time, season, festival, congregation*". The Sun definitely divides the day from night, it also determines what a real year is. The stars move through the seasons as precise clockwork. At certain appointed times (moweds) the congregations are to meet. As we study the Scriptures we see that the Festivals (Feast Days) of God are to be held in their seasons, as these days are always in either the Spring or Fall of the year. [The Moon is not mentioned or included in Genesis 1:14 – 18 and cannot be used to tell time, set yearly feasts, or determine the Sabbath. The "lesser light" of v.16 is "starlight". See related study articles on our Calendar web page]

There is another word in the Hebrew we should be acquainted with in trying to catch up a bit to what our ancestors knew about God's signs in the sky. That is the word "**tek-oo-faw**".

Tek-oo-faw (Strong's #8622) means "revolution of the sun (of time), circuit, come about, end".

At the start of Spring the equinox occurs because of the movement of the sun as we perceive it from Earth. The Earth is tilted 23.5 degrees. When it circles the sun this creates our seasons (spring, summer, fall and winter). The equinox happens when the sun is seen to cross the equator and the Earth has equal lengths of day and night. The equinox occurs on a **tek-oo-faw**, but tek-oo-faw also refers to the solstices as well as the equinoxes of Spring and Fall. Thus we have four seasonal "tek-oo-faws" namely: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter. Holding to the primary law of Genesis 1:14 we know that the determining factor that sets and fixes these seasons are "the lights of heaven".

In the Scriptures tek-oo-faw is used four times and in three of those times it clearly refers to the solar calendar year. "And it came to pass at the **end** [tek-oo-faw] of the year, that the Syrians came up against him: ..." (2Chr. 24:23 – a Sun's full course). "And you shall observe the feast of weeks, even the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the years **end** [tek-oo-faw] (Ex. 34:22 ie: "a year's circuit, one full rotation, same solar day as last year"). "The Sun has there (in the the heavens) a Tent – and comes to seek his bride, to run his course, a happy youth, He starts from distant skies and whirls their **full extant** (tek-oo-faw, circuit), And nought can hide his heat." (Psalm 19:4,5 Ferrar Fenton Bible. This refers to the Sun's course through the equinoxes and solstices). "And it came to pass, when the time was **come about**[tek-oo-faw], that Hannah conceived, and bore a son; ..." (1Sam. 1:20 – most likely hints at one full solar year after the priest Eli announced Yahweh's blessing on Hannah)

A **tek-oo-faw**, then, is a point in time (an exact date) of precisely one solar year. Your birthday, for instance, is a tek-oo-faw. The start of each of Earth's seasons are tek-oo-faw.

Genesis 1:14 establishes the divine law that "signs of seasons" are celestially appointed by the "lights in the firmament of the heaven", so we know that there are four seasons that are "**tek-oo-faw**", that is, based on a stable *complete circuit* of one (apparent) rotation of the Sun through the seasonal sky. These are:

- The tek-oo-faw of month one marking the sun at the Spring equinox.
- The second tek-oo-faw marking the Summer solstice.
- The third tek-oo-faw marking the Fall equinox.
- The fourth te-oo-faw marking the Winter solstice.

The tek-oo-faw of month one is THE Abib, Spring-Time, the Vernal Equinox. It is given the name "*The Father's House*" as a symbolic divine announcement of first entrance to the whole story of our redemption/salvation, which story is "*declared in the heavens*" (Psalm 19:1-3) as Paul connects it to the salvation in Christ (Romans 10:9,14). This may be likened to stepping onto a front porch step and seeing the whole house of which you are about to enter. In the first month of the Saxon Israelite solar calendar we have the first Feast Day, Passover, the story of the Lamb of God. Christians desire to make God our habitation and to "dwell" in the wholeness of salvation in every respect of that word, --- spiritually, temporally, and eternally. This is our ultimate place of rest and safety no matter where we are or in what time.

Of the four tek-oo-faws (Vernal Equinox, Summer solstice, Fall Equinox, Winter solstice) Yahweh commands us to note (observe) only **one** of them for yearly Feast and Sabbath reckoning – The Abib Spring Equinox. It begins and ends the true year. The Abib leads us into and is followed immediately by "The Family Story" of salvation: namely Passover, Feast of Unleavened, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles, Last Great Day, and the true Thanksgiving. These are Yahweh's *Holy Days* and they are held on fixed times (dates) each year after beginning at the Spring Abib Equinox. These are the appointed times (moweds) given to us by God Almighty to honor and "live within" the family story. The other three tek-oo-faws are hallowed by satanists, witches, pagans, and heathen in a multitude of superstitious "holy days" not found in God's Word. It should be understood that The Vernal

Equinox itself has been elevated by pagan religions to a deity status. Various ancient Sun worshiping cults honored The Vernal Equinox as *an entire day* when it is specifically a relatively small point in time, 15 minutes or so, when the Sun crosses the Earth's equator. The Vernal Equinox is not a "day". It is a singular sign of Genesis 1:14. Corruptions of God's solar calendar include concepts that hold Vernal Equinox Day as a 24 hour "Sign Day" or "Marker Day" and then base the remaining 364 subsequent days around this foundation day of that creed. These 364 are in turn divided up into 91 days (quarterly) with each 91st day as well honored as "holy". There are no such days commanded us by Yahweh's law to be observed. God lists His Holy Days clearly, unambiguously, and by definite counting from day one of the year as told in the Scriptures. History records that 91st Day sun-day calendars are "serpent" counterfeits of Yahweh's Sabbath and Feast Day Year. The child of God needs to avoid the counterfeits completely. These have been around for thousands of years competing with Yahweh's celestial Christ Story for the souls of people, and are not new revelation discoveries. Non-Saxon whitish heathen races built pyramid temples to the "Sun god". Some such pyramids had four sides each of 91 steps (the four quarter day/periods of the year) leading to the top terrace representing Vernal Equinox Day, the 365th. To appease the "Sun god", innocent victims were made to climb the 91 steps where they would reach the priests at the apex, only to be slaughtered in a murderous sacrificial rite. If weather or crops didn't cooperate to the social liking then more victims were offered until things went better for the priest run society. God forbid that Israelites would honor this sort of heathen culture. False Sun worship religions have plagued the Earth for millennium. Below: example of a 91st Day serpent pyramid of Mexicans.

91 steps on each side ramp >

God said, "And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone, for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it" "Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon" Ex.20:26. Contrary to a belief in Christian Identity circles, pyramid building and its religions were **not** of faithful Israel. It was of early Cainite occult origin and was malevolent. These were whitish people (much as today's 'jews') which has caused confusion in tracing down the architects of these stone serpent temples. A sign of today's Illuminati is the pyramid, disclosing that this religion has not subsided. The pyramid was not part of the official USA seal.



Quote: "The most famous pyramid in North America is the temple of the serpent deity Kukulcan in Mexico. The pyramid is four sided to represent the four (yearly) quarters. Each side contains 91 steps, so that $(4 \times 91) = 364$. Including the central viewing platform at the top, this totals 365, the number of days in the year. A unique feature of this structure is that at specific dates, the Pleiades align with the top of the pyramid. To the ancient Maya, this constellation represented the "rattle" of the sacred serpent Kukulcan, also known as Quetzalcoatl. Along the bottom of steps rests large stone serpent heads, and in this, the main celestial alignment lies. At the equinoxes, an amazing spectacle occurs. The pyramid has been constructed in such a way so that a play of light and shadow is activated, and the image of a giant serpent appears to be writhing down the side of the pyramid, as if climbing down from the sky. Many thousands flock to the site to witness this each year."--Beyond the Blue Horizon, Krupp, E., Oxford University Press, 1991) "The *Crotalus Durissus* rattlesnake, whose zig-zag pyramid pattern has heavily influenced Maya art and architecture, also has a marking close to its rattle, that is identical to the Maya Ahau glyph, which is associated with the Sun. The rattle itself, is called "tzab" in the Yucatec Maya language and this is also the word for the Pleiades constellation."--Beyond 2012-Catastrophe or Ecstasy by Geoff Stray, pg.3

This is an example of where we do not want to go in our celestial studies. We must take care.

Abib – Spring – Month One – The Passover

Recapping quickly:

Abib means Father's House and also denotes Spring , (later, rarely “green ears”).

The Abib translates from “Ha-Ab-y-b, The Father's House” (first step into it) and also denotes the Spring Equinox itself. It is not a proper name.

Month one is the month of The Abib and first month in Father's symbolic celestial house.

The Scriptures tell us that month one of the Israel solar calendar is the month of the Spring season. This is important to establish as the month of The Abib begins the year and the “counting of days”, as openly told by Yahweh Almighty to Moses, to determine the Sabbaths and Feast Days. Not only does the Hebrew language show that Abib denotes Spring (as we have seen) but since budding of plants and the early barley harvest become ready in Spring, Abib (but never The Abib) developed the meaning of “green ears” also.

The middle east first barley harvest takes place in Spring. It is a small harvest compared to the fullness of grains harvested in the season of the Feast of Tabernacles which is Fall. The barley and flax were ready for harvest during the Exodus plagues upon Egypt (Ex.9:31,32). This was just before the Passover. Flax was laid out to dry on the roof and later the stalk fibers were woven like wool (Joshua 2:6). In reference to this verse (2:6) it was a time when Joshua had destroyed Jericho. We read in Joshua 3:15 that this particular first harvest season was when the river Jordan overflowed its banks, which was Spring.

“The fullness of the Jordan, with the overflow of its water over its banks, during the time of the harvest, March or April, is produced by the melting of the snow on Mount Hermon.”
-Westminster Bible Dictionary, 1943, pg. 328.

This is also mentioned in the days of King David: *“These are they that went over Jordan in the first month when it had overflowed all his banks ---”* (I Chron.12:15, Spring rainy season). Not only this, but since Abib actually does denote Spring these two meanings (primary Spring; and secondary green ears), reinforce each other. Therefore it is established that the first month takes place in the season of Spring.

The first new Hebrew Month of the year in accordance with God's Word is in Exodus 12:2. *“This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.”* This was the month of the Passover as we read in verses 3,12.

It is important to keep the Passover in its proper season.

“Thou shalt therefore keep this appointed time (Khome Strg.#2706) in his SEASON from year to year.” (Exodus 13:10 – Passover)

“Thou shalt sacrifice the Passover at even --- at the SEASON that thou camest forth out of Egypt.” (Deut.16:6) “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from night; and let them be for signs, and for SEASONS, and for days, and years.” (Genesis 1:14) The lights in the sky determine the start of seasons and it is the Sun which crosses the equator at Spring to begin that season and begin the first month (at The Abib equinox).

“Remember this day (Passover), in which ye came out from Egypt --- This day came ye out in the month of THE ABIB (Spring Equinox)” (Exodus 13:4)

“Observe the month of THE ABIB (Spring Equinox) and keep the Passover unto Yahweh thy God: for in the month of THE ABIB (Spring Equinox) Yahweh thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.” (Deut.16:1,2) This would be, then, the first month of the Spring season.

We should also consider these points while we are on the subject since some Messianic schools teach that barley determines the start of day one of the year and the Passover season:

1. During two growing seasons in a row (the Sabbath and Jubilee years), no grain would be sown for planting. Therefore, no “barley in the ear” was available to observe (Lev. 25:1-24). Barley at times may or may not sprout and grow on its own with no cultivation, but this would be unlikely in the second year. It was unlawful to reap “unauthorized” grain in the 50th year, so Israel seemingly just allowed their flocks to graze the fields. This was lawful (Lev. 25:7,11).

2. During the flood, Noah was able to determine the first day of the year without having any barley harvest to examine for observation.

3. During their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness desert Israel maintained an accurate record of the months and years - without having access to any barley harvest in Canaan.

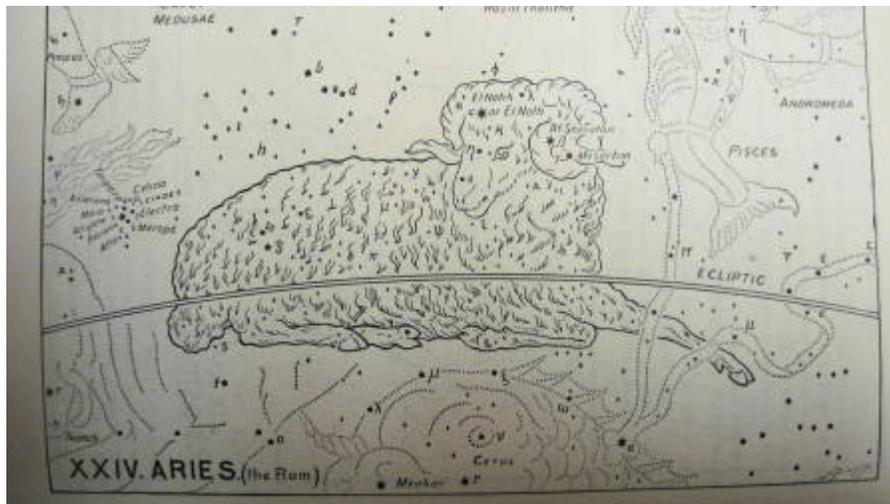
The divine rule in Genesis 1:14 -18 says that the lights of heaven establish our times, and there is no doubt that The Abib Spring Equinox of the Sun's circuit begins the year with the season that Israel came out of Egypt – The Spring Season. This begins the months and it is a FIXED standard and will never change from year to year. Barley crops cannot be used as a precise factor to establish a fixed start of a year annually for a repetitive calendar system. This is not meant to critique individuals for their honest beliefs as we are all trying to come to an understanding of the truth. Unless a Sabbath/holy day system is outright occult or pagan oriented we should all be opened for discussion. If the reader has questions please write. I continually learn “gems” from those who see things in a different light and want to share ideas.

Going into Ab-y-b --- Father's Gospel House --- First point of Aries --- The Lamb

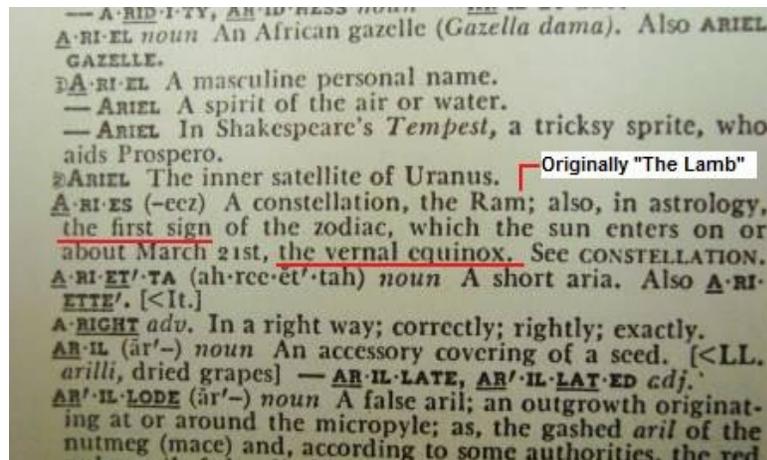
“Observe the month of THE ABIB (Spring Equinox) and keep the Passover unto Yahweh thy God: for in the month of THE ABIB (Spring Equinox) Yahweh thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.” (Deuteronomy.16:1,2)

“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels --- Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.” (Revelation 5:10,11)

In the remote records of antiquity the constellation Aries was a Lamb star group and not a Ram. E.W. Bullinger's *The Witness of the Stars*, 1893, Book II, chapter IV lists Aries as “a Ram or Lamb”. This constellation's ancient name, *Taleh* (early Hebrew, 'Lamb'), was changed to the Latin *Aries* by the Romans. Some of the figures of the many constellations, such as persons, animals, or objects, may be sketchy for eyes to discern, and some lost to astrology corruption. But the real story they were telling was not as much in the design of the figures as it was in the names of the many stars that make up the constellation. Again, many details may have vanished, but still plenty remain too so that we can clearly see that a true Scripture “connection” was the original purpose in the names of the numerous stars we see in the heavens. Both modern astronomy and astrology start the 12 constellations of the Zodiac with the constellation Aries (the Lamb/Ram). This is highly significant since we know that the month of The Abib is the first month of the Israelite solar calendar as commanded by God Himself, and it is in this first month that we find the Feast Day of Passover where the lamb was slain for the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. The month of the Lamb begins the Israel calendar, and the constellation of The Lamb begins the Zodiac. Below is a pictorial representation of the Aries star group. According to a reference study book on the stars in this cluster (*Documentary Studies*, Volume II, Howard B. Rand, LL.B, 1950, pg.415) the ancient names of some of the major stars are as follows: *The constellation's Hebrew name is Taleh, (an earlier Paleo rendering of) “The Lamb”. The constellation in ancient Akkadian is Baraziggai - “sacrifice of righteousness”. Principle stars' names are: Al Hamal, in Arabic “the sheep, gentle, merciful”; Amroo, in Syriac “lamb”; El Nath, “wounded, slain”; Al Sheratan, “the bruised, wounded”; Mesartim, “the bound”. The Ecliptic shows the Sun's path through Aries.*



The stars' names in Aries make it quite easy to know what the constellation is “telling” us. It is the story of the Lamb of God slain in the Spring season, Passover. The depiction of Aries as being a Spring constellation was 2000 years ago precisely timed to Christ's birth and ministry. Since that era Aries has moved (all constellations have moved) into part of the seasonal sky somewhat into Summer. However, in Christ's time the Sun crossed into the Spring equinox simultaneously with its entrance into the Aries constellation. Thus the Spring (vernal) equinox became known as “The First Point of Aries” and so named today. When we trace references to the Sun entering Aries at its first point, lo and behold, it is revealed that this is the same thing as The Abib, the Spring (vernal) equinox. Britannica Language Dictionary, 1946, pg.78 (highlights added)



Since 1946 the Vernal equinox has now moved into Pisces, but information on the definition of Aries at Answers.com has a pertinent comment: “The Ram, in astronomy --- Among the 12 zodiacal constellations, Aries was considered as the first, because about 2000 years ago when the zodiacal constellations were organized, the Sun was in Aries where it crossed the equator at the vernal equinox. Today, because of the precession of the equinoxes, this reference point has moved into the constellation Pisces. However, Aries remains the first sign of the Zodiac.”

Is it any wonder why the Scriptures call the first Israelite month, when the Passover Lamb is sacrificed, the month of The Abib (vernal equinox), and that the Hebrew for The Abyb is “the Father's House” (the first step into it) where His story of our redemption began thousands of years ago? And the Passover must be held in its season? (Ex.13:10) – Spring.

Our story is being told “in heaven”, as well as on Earth. “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.” (Rev. 22:16). “But unto you who fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings;” (Malachi 4:2) In Genesis chapter 37 we are told that Joseph dreamed of 12 stars (he and his 11 brothers), the Sun and Moon (his father, mother) and that these were the family of Israel - Jacob. History unfolded as symbolized by the star dream, with Joseph winding up in Egypt later helping his family. A greater story of The Abib – The Father's House – is told in the entire sky which is a volume, or encyclopedia of communication much larger and more in-depth than was Joseph's star dream, nevertheless they

both deal with their immediate family and the truth wherein we desire to dwell. Most of our kin have forgotten the story and we need to go home, that is, we need to dwell in the full truth of the Passover at Aries and also in the rest of our “house”, the other star chapters. Of course, this is all written in text too as Father gave us a book, The Holy Scriptures, that confirm what He has written in “the heavens”. He has also given us His Feast Days that likewise tell the same story, being the third witness so that we are without excuse in claiming ignorance come judgment day where we are to account for our life's actions. We have been told --- three times. Our house is in Him and the Lamb is the door. *The Abib* is likened to the front porch step.

Here is a very short list of a few of the other constellations and the names of only some of the major stars within them. These should “hit home” with the dedicated Christian who is well versed with the Scriptures. The star's names are either Hebrew, Chaldean, Arabic, Greek.

Constellation Virgo (virgin, she holds a branch) – stars: Al Zimach “the branch” (Mat.1:23; Zech.3:8). Al Mureddin “who shall have dominion” (Psalm 72:8). Vindemiatrix “the son, branch, who cometh”.

Constellation Bootes (The Coming One) – stars: Arcturus “he cometh” (Job 9:9); Al Katurops “the branch treading under foot” (Isa.63:3,4). Bootes is depicted with a reaper's sickle made up of several stars (Rev.14:14-16).

Constellation Libra (The scales) – this constellation in Arabic is Al Zubena “purchase redemption”, and in Coptic it is Lambadia “station of propitiation”. Stars: Zuben El Genubi “the purchase”(Acts 20:28); Zuben El Shemali “the price which covers” (Rom. 4:7); Zuben Akrabi “price of the conflict”(I Cor.6:20).

Constellation Sagittarius (The Archer) – pictures a Centaur, a being with two natures, “full of grace” but “conquering and to conquer.” His bow is aimed at the heart of the Constellation Scorpio, the enemy. Stars: Naim “the gracious one”(John 1:14); Nehushta “the going, sending forth”(Psalm 19:6, Hosea 6:3)

Constellation Capricornus (Sea goat) – a goat with a fish tail. In the Caucasian Egyptian Zodiac it is Hu-Penius “place of sacrifice”. It pictures the eternal sacrifice who gave life to a cluster of fish (fishers of men, the ecclesia Mat.4:19). Stars: Al Gedi “the kid or goat”; Deneb Al Gedi “the sacrifice cometh” pictures death and resurrection. Christ “wounded for our transgressions (Isa.53:5,8) but “bringing forth much fruit” (John 12:24).

Constellation Aquarius (The Water Bearer) – pictures “living waters” poured out (Num.24:7) for the redeemed purchased ones. (Jn.4:14; Rev.7:17). Stars: Sa'ad Al melik “record of the pouring forth”; Sa'ad Al Sund “who goeth and returneth”.

Constellation Leo (The Lion) – triumph of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Christ. (Rev.5:5). The serpent constellation Hydra is beneath Leo's paws. Stars: Regulus “treading under feet” (Rom.16:20; Mal.4:3); Denebola “the judge cometh” (Rom.2:16); Zosma “shining forth”(Acts 26:13); Al Dafera “the enemy put down”(I Cor.15:26)

[There are numerous constellations of star groups telling yet more of the family Gospel story]

“In my Father's House are many mansions”

It seems that few have ever stopped to think that these words of Christ in John 14:2 may just mean something else other than what we were taught in Sunday school. Exactly how are we all going to live in mansions inside a house when a mansion is bigger than a house? Let alone several thousands or millions of these mansions fitting into a house. Since these words are contradictory, could it be that the original Greek or Hebrew wording of the Bible means something else concerning the truth of what Jesus was relaying to us? Indeed, such is the case. Furthermore, since we have covered some basics of the Scriptural definitions of Abib, Spring, Vernal Equinox, month one, our home “in God”, Passover, and the star message, it will now be a lot easier to follow along with our Savior in the dialog He shared with our brethren 2000 years ago.

John 14:2,3 in the King James Version Bible reads: *“In my Father's house are many mansions:if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”*

What the Scriptures will clearly bear out is that it was not some cosmic or spirit “place” of residence to which He was referring that His followers would be going, but that they would soon see the fulfillment of Christ going into the Lamb sacrifice of the month of *The Abib* “*The Father's House*” that was written in the stars eons before any of this began on Earth. He would be going to The Father's House, the celestial prophesied story, and He would be fulfilling that story as the Lamb of God --- the story of the Aries constellation. They, in turn, would be going into their safe dwelling “in God” from sin and the results of sin, and Christ would be the One taking them there. All of them (Christ and His followers) would be going into The Father's House (the family story of salvation) and they would be doing it through the Passover blood of Jesus Christ. Only a Roman Catholic interpretation (which most of us have held) would tell us we are going into “Spirit Heaven” and claim that the priests know “how to get you there”, usually by some ritual. Protestant ministers have not dropped this doctrine some 500 years after the Reformation.

John chapters 13 through 19 speak of the account of Christ and His disciples at the Passover time, when Christ was crucified. What Jesus told them in John chapter 14 was relevant to the Passover (in the month of The Abib, which it then was).

“Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.” (John 13:1) The “end” was His death – ch.19:30. Yes Christ would some how afterward depart “unto the Father”, which we will discuss briefly later. But before that, He would be going to *The Abib* – The Father's House preparing “mansions” for us. (14:2) But why the word “mansion”? Why not a more applicable term such as “lodging”, “living quarters”, or “family rooms”?

The word *mansions* is the Greek word “mon-ay” (Strong’s #3438) meaning “a staying” (from #3306 men-o, “stay, continue, remain, tarry”). This word is used only twice in the Scriptures, and with specific intent in its rare usage. John 14:2 and 14:23. The time of Passover and what Christ was truly conveying *prompted* the use of “mon-ay”, that is: a place of staying, remaining. In fact *The Concordant Greek Text* has it as “remains”. Jesus told His disciples that they would be going to “places of staying, remaining” and *that is in His Father's House* (Abib in Hebrew, though He was probably speaking in Greek with the same intent). This is a direct statement of proof that His followers are the racial family of Israelites who came under the protection of God in the month of The Abib at Passover, the sacrifice of The Lamb. In Egypt the Israelites were to put the blood of a slain lamb over their door lintels and the “death angel” of God would “Pass over” that house. They were divinely commanded to stay in their many abodes where they were “*to remain, stay*” all night --“mon-ay” repeating the account in Greek.

*“And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the (lamb's) blood that is in the bason; and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the (lamb's) blood that is in the bason; **and none of you shall go out at the door of this house until the morning.**” (Exodus 12:22)*

This being the time and season of Passover, and Himself being the Lamb, Christ told His disciples that “in the Abib (Father's House) there are many safe remaining abodes (mansions/mon-ay) for them”. Those “places-to-safely-stay” are none other than dwelling in God, and the Christ the Passover Lamb. Every single New Covenant Israelite has a “mansion”, a place of “safe remaining”, in the sacrificial blood of the Lamb of God. The second and only other time that “mon-ay” (mansions) is used is in verse 23 of this same chapter in John (14). There the word is translated as “abode”. Once again, it is *not* some place beyond the cosmos but is “in God” and “God in us”. (below verse)

“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him: and we will come unto him, and make our abode (mon-ay) with him.” (Jn.14:23)

“In thee, O Yahweh, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.” “Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort (remain): thou hast given commandment to save me, for thou art my rock and my fortress.” (Psalm 71:3)

“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.” (John 17:20,21)

Yes, this includes the faithful chosen believer of today. We are going into the Father as our habitation, where Christ is, and where the Psalmist is. Nobody is “going to heaven” if by that we mean a spiritist remote “zone” of residence off in the future.

These are things we need to remember and God says we remember them by three ways. The Written Word, the Declaration of the Stars, the Feast Days (as Passover memorial, and others).

Christ at the Father's right hand. --- Earth not abandoned to evil

Some may ask, “If Christ is sitting at the Father's right hand (I Peter 3:22) and we are going to be with Christ, then isn't He taking us “to heaven to be off of the earth?”

We have covered ample Scriptures to show that “the heavens” (sky/stars/expanse - above) is God's symbolic “house” since it is a great picture that presents His will, salvation, and victory over sin, death, and all enemies. As awesome as it is to behold, that “heaven” isn't the real dwelling of God's omnipresence. The true “being” of God the Father is so beyond our ability to grasp that He communicates with us by a manifestation we can only comprehend on our limited level. That manifestation is the Living Word, YHVH of the Old Testament, and The Son Christ of the New Testament. We are at a stage not unlike a child in the mother's womb. There is no way to explain to that pre-infant person that “Dad and Mom' are “outside” driving an automobile, talking on a cell phone, or taking the dog for a walk. Even if you directly spoke of it 3 inches from the mother's belly, that little person inside has no way of realizing what you are talking about.

At present we cannot fathom what it means that Christ somehow has returned to the Father where He is at the right hand and is also officiating as the high priest of our faith. If we would say that we knew at what level this is done we would be deceiving ourselves. Jesus Christ is the only individual in the universe who has a dual essence. He is both God and man. We are not. We still will not be in the resurrection. Even though we are sons and daughters of God, we have been adopted into the family. Christ always was in God's family as He is of God's eternal nature and eternally divine without a beginning or end. Christ is the ever-existing Word of God.

The Father is not an old robed fellow residing in a “place” with the Son at His literal right hand. “Right hand” is a Scripture term for a high position. In Psalm 118:16 it means “exalted”. Psalm 48:10 has it as “righteousness”. With Habakkuk 2:16 the term means “power”. Exodus 15:6 shows it to be “victory”. Acts 5:31 reveals it to be “A Prince and Savior to forgive sins”. Deuteronomy 33:2 depicts God's right hand as the source of His “fiery law”. Christ has achieved the status of these and more divine qualities. He is not “sitting” at a literal ghostly big right hand. The same with the concept that says that Christ is “someplace” we can conceive of, because we can't. In whatever manner that Christ is with the Father as sovereign over all, surpasses our intelligence. It is a condition most high – heavenly – beyond what we know or can imagine. We are never told that we are going to that “place” “status” or “commission” with God or we'd be usurping Christ's exclusive Savior position.

We will be dwelling perfectly “in God” at the perfect existence that He has chosen for us. It will be glorious indeed. But the Scriptures do not teach that Christ is “taking us to Heaven” somewhere, although we shall be living heavenly (divinely higher than we are now). Most of all we are not going to a “spirit mansion” outside of the universe. As Christ illustrated in John 14:2, our mansion is the safe remaining in the Lamb of God, which divine promise Christ

activated at the Passover. And that “place” of safety (from sin and death) is an existence by faith that surpasses any location place, any time frame, or any wishful journey of which we may attempt to embark upon. “For therein (the Gospel v.16) is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, *The just shall live by faith.*” (Romans 1:17)

But what about rewards? Aren't we going to heaven to receive rewards? No. We do have rewards “in heaven” (God's accounting), but Christ is coming to give them to us here:

“Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” (Matthew 5:12)

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” (Revelation 22:12)

The same is true of our great national reward, the manifestation of the New Jerusalem, God's jurisdictional government in the Earth. The New Jerusalem comes down from Heaven. We are not going to Heaven to be in it. The Scriptures tell us that man's reward is that God is coming to dwell with us in the person of the glorified Christ as King, not us going to a spiritist country off of the Earth. God's heavenly country is of a higher order than man's order of cruelty:

Rev.21

“1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.”

Some doctrines teach that God will destroy our entire planet then take us to a new place, “a new Heaven and a new Earth”. But instead, this is speaking jurisdictionally in that the evil rule of men that has persecuted God's people since the days of old will finally be abolished – right here on the Earth, see verses 3, 4 above. The apostle Paul makes an interesting comment about the term “Heaven and Earth” pertaining to the saints. It has puzzled folks, but it too is referring to God stopping our age long pains of being persecuted.

14 “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Master Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with.

might by his Spirit in the inner man;” (Eph. 3:15) The faithful in Yahweh have endured persecutions and death from “high” and “low” heathen authorities during the entirety of history. Christ says that this will end and all will “be made new”. Paul, speaking of our family found in “heaven and Earth” that needs “strengthened”, is giving an analogy about a Christian prophesy written by David in the Psalms concerning our family's persecutions:

Heathens likened to: “*enemy nation that flies as an eagle*” Deut.28:49 *China with USA technology?*
And to: “*beast kingdom devours whole Earth*” Daniel 7:23

Psalms 79:2 'The dead bodies of Thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth. Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem and there was none to bury them.

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture (Christians) will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.”

The family of saints who Paul mentions in “heaven” and “Earth” before the fullness of the New Jerusalem takes place, are those who suffer for Christ in this age and need “strengthened” to endure. Isaiah the prophet speaks of this as well and tells us what sort of “sea” will be eliminated when the New Jerusalem is fully manifested as Revelation says “*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*” (Rev.21:1). This happens as Christ wipes away our tears and comforts us. “The sea” means wicked persecutors. In Isaiah 57 God says:

18 “I have seen his ways (humble men v.15), and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off (likened to a “heaven's distance” Isa.13:5), and to him that is near (“Earth” – Isa.34:1), saith Yahweh; and I will heal him.

20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.”

Therefore the Scriptures, speaking in an allegory in several places, teach that the day is coming when God's faithful family persecuted in the Earth far and near (a “heaven & Earth” distance away) would be set free from the wicked and God will give lasting comfort. These events take place on a national level and take place on Earth after the resurrection day, after The Day of the Lord (Yahweh). We see at this time that the Feast of Tabernacles is still to be honored as shown in Zechariah chapter 14 with no mention of us going off of the Earth to a “heaven mansion”. Preterists some how reason that this chapter was all fulfilled in 70AD in

the old middle east Jerusalem, but it is clearly a statement of things yet to happen.

Verse one speaks of “The day of the Lord (Yahweh)” which we know is God's judgment of wrath upon the nations of the Earth. Judeo-church doctrine becomes confused here since it mentions Yahweh coming and “His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives”, thus they relate this to the old Jerusalem in the middle east. But in Bible prophecy the word “mount” refers to God's new Mt. Zion nation (Isaiah chapter 18:7) and “Olives” is used to describe Saxon Israel (Psalm 52:8; 128:3). The *Mount of Olives* in Bible prophecy is “The nation of Israel”, and it does not refer to Edomites (Jews) in Israelie claiming to be us, either back in the days of Christ, or in the present times. The officially regathered House of Israel is in North America according to a volume of proofs and promises made by God in the Scriptures, and Israel is the white Christian race. The other Saxon nations will come under God's righteous Kingdom government rule too. They are kin and have a great calling in their lands as well.

This is a time when the end result is that “*there will be no more Canaanite in the house of Yahweh (His national heritage) – Zech.14:21.* Looking at America we can hardly say that this has been fulfilled. The middle east Jerusalem is even demographically worse in this description, and certainly this promise was not fulfilled there in 70 AD. What we do see after this “Day” of judgment and cleansing of God's Kingdom (v.9) is “*It shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations which came up against (prophetic) Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of Hosts, and to keep The Feast of Tabernacles.*” (Zech. 14:16) This is yet to happen, and it occurs here on Earth precisely as God's Word declares.

The Scriptures do not teach that we shall abandon the Earth to the wicked, but rather that the wicked will be removed from Earth. “*The righteous shall never be removed, but the wicked shall not inhabit the Earth.*” (Proverbs 10:30) “*For evil doers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon Yahweh, they shall inherit the Earth.*” (Psalm 37:9) “*For such as be blessed of Him shall inherit the Earth; and they that be cursed of Him shall be cut off.*” (Psalm 37:22) Neither are the saints called to “convert the wicked” in the Earth, but to conquer the nations in the faith of our King. “*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.*” (Romans 8:37) “*And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith Yahweh of Hosts.*” (Malachi 4:3) “*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron ---*” (Rev.2:26,27) “*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True (Christ), and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.*” (Rev.19:11) The murders of Communism and the created wars of the credit/debt money masters will have come to an end.

These promises have not been fulfilled and have not happened yet. They are scheduled events still to take place and they include the time of the great resurrection of Saints. We will be participating in them because God has written in “the heavens” that we shall. Our mansion is in Him, and is promised within the star story of *The Abib* , the first view of The Father's House.

Summary and conclusion

God Almighty is a Father and loves His family. As a wonderful Father He loves to tell His children stories. His book is a lot bigger than our book, as His book is written in the expanse of the sky, the heavens.

The Abib is not a name and cannot be a proper name in the Hebrew language. It is an event. The closely related word “Abib” on its own originally meant “Spring”, but it secondarily can mean “green ears ” since plants begin to grow in Spring, and the small winter barley crop may be harvested.

Scriptures tell us that the first Hebrew month is the “month of The Abib”. We could try to apply the standard church meaning to that and say this is barley. But then we are stuck trying to tell a year and other synchronized times by barley, a crop. Impossible. It doesn't take much figuring to see that this can't be done. Especially since a year, in Scripture, is directly tied to the word “tek-oo-faw” “a complete circuit or course of the Sun” in the sky above.

The ancient Israelites had “places to stay” at Passover to be safe from the death that would come in the darkness. Jesus told His disciple that He too has “mansions” (mon-ay:*places to stay*) for them, that these places are “in Him and in the Father”, and He told them this at the Passover season, the month of The Abib “The Spring Equinox” – time of the Lamb/Ram, the Aries constellation. An educated Scriptural guess is that at some time in the future we will be traveling the universe since we will have resurrected bodies equipped to do so. But that is not what churches mean when they teach “you are going to Heaven when you die”, a *spiritist* (not spiritual) mystic doctrine. As soldiers of Christ we have the Earth to conquer and deal with first before any space journeys are undertaken. We are not abandoning the Earth to the wicked.

The Scriptures declare that our ultimate dwelling place is in God Himself. This is infinitely better than going to any single *place of whatever description*, since once we are fully in God we potentially dwell in all places at all times and can be “sent” (appear) anywhere or any time at the will of the Father. The institutional churches limit God. He has much more in mind for us than church doctrine.

We are promised that the reward of the redeemed sons and daughters of God is that 'God manifested' is coming to dwell with us and that He is bringing rewards with Him. After that we are told that their is much more to happen in our “family story” than we can realize at the moment.

Isaiah 40:26 reads “*Lift up yours eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things*”. The next time we gaze upward let us consider the awesome message that is contained in that unending expanse --The Father's House, our family story, which begins for us at “The Abib” the start of the year. “*Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.*” (*Psalms 84:4*) We are part of Father's story. God bless the remnant in Jesus Christ.