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Psalm 136:9
The moon and stars to rule by night??

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Psalm 136:8,9 reads: “*The sun to rule by day: for His mercy endureth for ever. The moon and stars to rule by night: for His mercy endureth for ever.*”

We have seen thus far, by the many Scripture verses examined in our studies, that the true Israelite calendar was solar. Do we have a rare isolated contradiction in Psalm 136:9 which appears to imply that the moon has something to do with Israel’s ancient calendar? Most certainly we do not. The Word of God sets forth the primary reckoning for appointed times to be the “two great lights” of Genesis 1:16 which the Hebrew text reveals to be 1) the sun by day; and 2) the stars by night. [\[Please click these links if you have skipped that Bible study. Gen.1:16 has no reference to the Moon. >study 1 >study2 \]](#)

Psalm 136 is a song of David declaring a comparison of opposites. The entire Psalm must be read in order to grasp the clear intent. That is, in this Psalm the sun/stars (solar) is given to Israel as their guiding light, while the moon (lunar) is given to Egypt for their (mis)guiding light. In this revelation Israel is given stability in God’s wisdom, while Egypt is given chaos as God’s enemy. Although Egypt venerated the sun and the Nile as the source of life, they regarded the moon as the instrument for the reckoning of times:

“In the Egyptian religion primitive conceptions of various ages and places were retained --- The moon, as the measurer of time, the god of reckoning, of letters, and of wisdom, was worshiped at Hermopolis.” (Westminster Bible Dictionary, 1944, pg. 152)

What we have in this Psalm is that, yes, Yahweh did make the moon to rule by night – but for Egypt, not Israel. For Israel, the stars rule by night as first taught in Genesis 1:14-18. The moon and stars could never both rule by night for Israel as that would be confusion and non Scriptural, trusting what our King Jesus said about having two masters: “No man can serve two masters” (Mat.6:24 This decree alone should be enough to settle this matter, but we’ll continue) Only the starlight rules exclusively in Israel’s night sky because the constellations tell the story of our redemption by the Messiah.

Note how this Psalm compares the opposites: “*The moon and stars to rule by night --- to Him that smote Egypt --- and brought Israel out from among them.*” **Moon/Egypt; stars/Israel.** (verses 9,10,11 color coded for highlighting the opposites)

Likewise – “*To Him which divided the Red sea into parts --- and made Israel to pass through the midst of it.*” (vs 13,14)

“*But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea --- To Him which led His people through the wilderness.*” (vs 15,16) This Psalm is a song set to ancient Israelite poetry!

The moon serves its purpose well in being given as a ruler for the heathen (in this case Egypt) in order to keep them in chaos at the very foundation of their society, that is, a disoriented time keeping method. In fact the Scriptures point out that God Almighty wanted Egypt to be burdened with a curse of confusion that would cause Egyptians to worship in error:

“ --- the princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph* are deceived -- Yahweh hath mingled a perverse spirit (disposition) in the midst thereof; and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.”* Is. 19:11-13 [* 2 Egyptian cities]

Furthermore, here in Isaiah 19 verse 16 we read:

“In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of Yahweh of hosts, which He shaketh over it.”

Do Israel men want to follow after the moon (a feminine goddess figure) and receive the curse for doing so? With all that’s happening in America do we really need God shaking His fist in our faces too? The moon is consistently a feminine noun in both the Old and New Testament writings.

“As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the ways of thy paths” (Isaiah 3:12)

“--- the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.” (Isaiah 13:10)

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light.” (Ma.24:29) Clearly, the Moon is feminine.

Wonderful and faithful Israelite women have a great calling to be the “help meet” for their men as was Eve for Adam (Gen.2:18), but the commission to govern was given to men by Yahweh God. This is not meant to downplay women’s needed part in the Faith, but rather to set forth a natural chain of command that makes for a strong and peaceful society. Today the radical feminazi female agenda in America is wrecking the family institution, and contributes to a draconian totalitarian nation en route to obliterating what is left of a civilized society. The feminine moon could never be a ruler in Yahweh’s faithful household of believers. Only the occult factions of Babylon, Egypt, Judaism, and disobedient deceived men of Saxon Israel would be mesmerized by the maiden moon to reckon Sabbaths and Feasts.

“I am Yahweh your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am Yahweh your God.” (Ezek. 20:19,20) *“For Yahweh our God is a sun and shield”* (Ps.84:11)

We are encouraged to honor Yahweh our God and His sabbaths. The sabbaths are not lunar.