

What's Ahead in 2019!

Jesus told Nicodemus "*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" (John 3:3)

The word "see" here means **to perceive with any of the senses!**

Being born again means being born into a **new family & governmental system.**

It's a **brand-new system of government on earth** with a new **Ruler** and a totally new set of laws that govern its citizens.

❖ **A kingdom is the rule and realm of a king!**

The rule is the principles that govern conduct, the realm is the extent of the rule.

The Kingdom of God is with in us (**Luke 17:21**); for example, The rule or principles of The Kingdom may be practiced in your home, but when you walk out the door you enter the kingdoms of this world.

The word **king** is mentioned over 2000 times in the Bible, it comes from the word "*kin*" meaning of or related to the people. So, a **king** is the ruler from/of the people.

Therefore, The Son of God had to be born of a woman and enter this earth, Jesus often referred to Himself as the son of man!

ESV Deuteronomy 17:14 "When you come to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,'

15 you may indeed set a king over you whom the LORD your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

❖ **One of the most basic and fundamental changes is in times and seasons!**

Kings change **times and seasons** to suit **their rule and their realm!**

ESV Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

From the beginning in The Book of Genesis we see God creating specific things at specific times on specific days!

First were **days**, then came the first **sacred day**, the **seventh**, followed by the first **sacred week!** **After each day of creation God said everything was good!**

After **weeks** cycles of **sacred time** are divided into **months**, the bible makes **over 250** references to months or "**new moons**" starting with Moses giving Israel the **sacred feasts.**

- The word **Month** comes from the word **moon** because it calculated the **lunar phases**.

ESV Genesis 1:14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,

Vs 16 And God made the two great lights-- the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night..!

ESV Psalm 81:3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day

The **new moon** the beginning of the month was a time of celebration for Israel!

One of the **first things** God has Moses do is have the people **reestablish honoring God through worship in the wilderness**. (Ex 5:1)

As Israel's **new King God** began to reset the clock in the people's lives, changing **times & seasons to suit His rule and His realm**.

This is one of the big things The Anti-Christ will seek to do...**Dan 7:25!**

The phrase **times and seasons** is referenced **6 times** in the Bible, **4** in the OT and **2** in the NT.

Times refers to the length and **quantity** of events that impact the world. While **seasons** refers to a time when **major events** affect the **quality** of life in the world.

Being in Christ by faith places us in The Kingdom of God under His rule and His realm!

Julius Caesar changed the calendar (**times and seasons**) because The Romans were superstitious of **even** numbers their months were 29 or 31 days long.

Because **Julius Caesar** was an idolater, he changed the beginning of the year to **January**, naming it after **janus** the god of all beginnings, the gate keeper.

The **Julian Calendar** was based upon the rule and realm of the gods of Rome.

The problem was it produced **leap years every four years putting holidays and harvest times out of synch with reality**.

Taking people away from the **rule and realm** of Honoring God's king & Kingdom. **The Gregorian Calendar (which is used today) was introduced in 1582** by Pope Gregory The 13th to fix the problem with the **Julian calendar**.

- However, the **times and seasons** are still not in total synch with God's timing!

As **globalism and secularism** gains strength in the world a **new time designation** has entered the world, **C.E. and B.C.E.!**

C.E. means **Common Era** and B.C.E. means **Before the Common Era!**

This is done to try and erase the **impact and influence Jesus Christ** has on history when **B.C. and A.D.** were used to designate time **before Christ** and the history changing events *Anno Domini* which in Latin is short for:

"Anno Domini nostri Jesu Christi", which translates **"In the year of our Lord Jesus Christ"**. **Haven't you notice Christ is removed from the mainstream!**

Jesus Christ so impacted the world that His birth, life and death changed **times and seasons**. **A NEW ERA began when Jesus came into the world!**

Whoever controls TIMES AND SEASONS controls activities and destinies!

- **Daniel was taken into Babylonian slavery where times and seasons were based on their religion and system of government.**

GWN Daniel 9:2 In the first year of his reign, **I, Daniel, learned from the Scriptures** the number of years that Jerusalem would remain in ruins. The LORD had told the prophet Jeremiah that Jerusalem would remain in ruins for 70 years.

3 So I turned to the Lord God and looked to him for help. I prayed, pleaded, and fasted in sackcloth and ashes.

Daniel refused to allow the culture around him to dictate his diet, his thinking, his way of life and the rule and realm of God's Kingdom!

KJV 1 Chronicles 12:32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do;

When we understand what time it is from the scriptures, we know how to accurately pray, worship and obey!

ESV Matthew 16:1 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

2 He answered them, **"When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.'**

3 **And in the morning you say that there will be a storm today because the sky is red and overcast. You can forecast the weather by judging the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.**

The Gregorian calendar begins with the birth of Christ and the year 2019, but the Hebrew calendar begins with the birth of the earth and says it's the year 5779!

Again, remember TIME is measured by important events, it's the year 2019 meaning this is the 19th year of the 21st century.

Or the 19th year of the third millennium since Christ walked the earth!

❖ Now let's take a look at the year 5779 from a Hebraic perspective!

The first two numbers have **no significant meaning in Hebrew, only the last two.**

- **Each Hebrew letter has a numerical equivalent and each letter in Hebrew has its own meaning.**

The number 7 is equivalent to the Hebrew letter “zayin” pronounced zion!

It has the shape of a sword, and means “to see, and victory”!

The last two numbers 79 are the focus, the 7 meaning *sword* says those who have fought the good fight of faith (and didn't faint) will see great victories this year.

➤ The number 9 is equivalent to the Hebrew letter “tet”!

It looks like and symbolizes a basket or a womb!

The 9 being last and the letter “Tet” puts both numbers in perspective.

- Baskets are used for carrying important things like fruit and bread!

ESV Deuteronomy 28:1 "And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Tet is the 9th letter in the Hebrew alphabet and 9 is the number of months a woman is pregnant before she gives birth.

The letter “**Tet**” begins the Hebrew word **Tov** (tove) which means **good**, it **appears first** in the Bible in the verse: “*And God saw all that He made and behold it was very GOOD!*” (Gen 1:31)

Ancient Jewish wisdom says the first time a letter is used in a word gives us insight to its meaning!

The letter “**Tet**” is used first in the word **good**, so the letter “**Tet**” is a symbol for the **goodness of God!**

KJV Psalm 145:9 (notice it's the 9th verse) says The LORD is good to all...!

9 this year will be a **Year of Birthing Good Things**: children, businesses, dreams, ideas, inventions and many things hidden in the womb of our spirits.

Things people have been pregnant with for years will come forth this year!

In order to conceive you have to believe! **Matt 9:29**... *according to your faith be it unto you!*

KJV Psalm 27:13 I had fainted, unless *I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.* **David believed he would see it!**

See (zayin) is the **seventh letter** and **goodness** (tet) is the **ninth letter!**

My brother and sisters this year **5779** is the year of “**SEEING THE GOOD!**”

KJV Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

Since **goodness** and mercy are following us, they have to catch up at some point!

If somebody would just stop running away from God, they might see the good!

KJV Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

God has been making every situation partner with His purpose for our lives, and that purpose is GOOD!

As we **Worship, Pray and Obey** we **HONOR** The Father and He in turn will share His glory and **honor** with His children and we will see **THE GOOD** in the land of the living!

“This year we have to want what God says more than the devil wants to take it!”