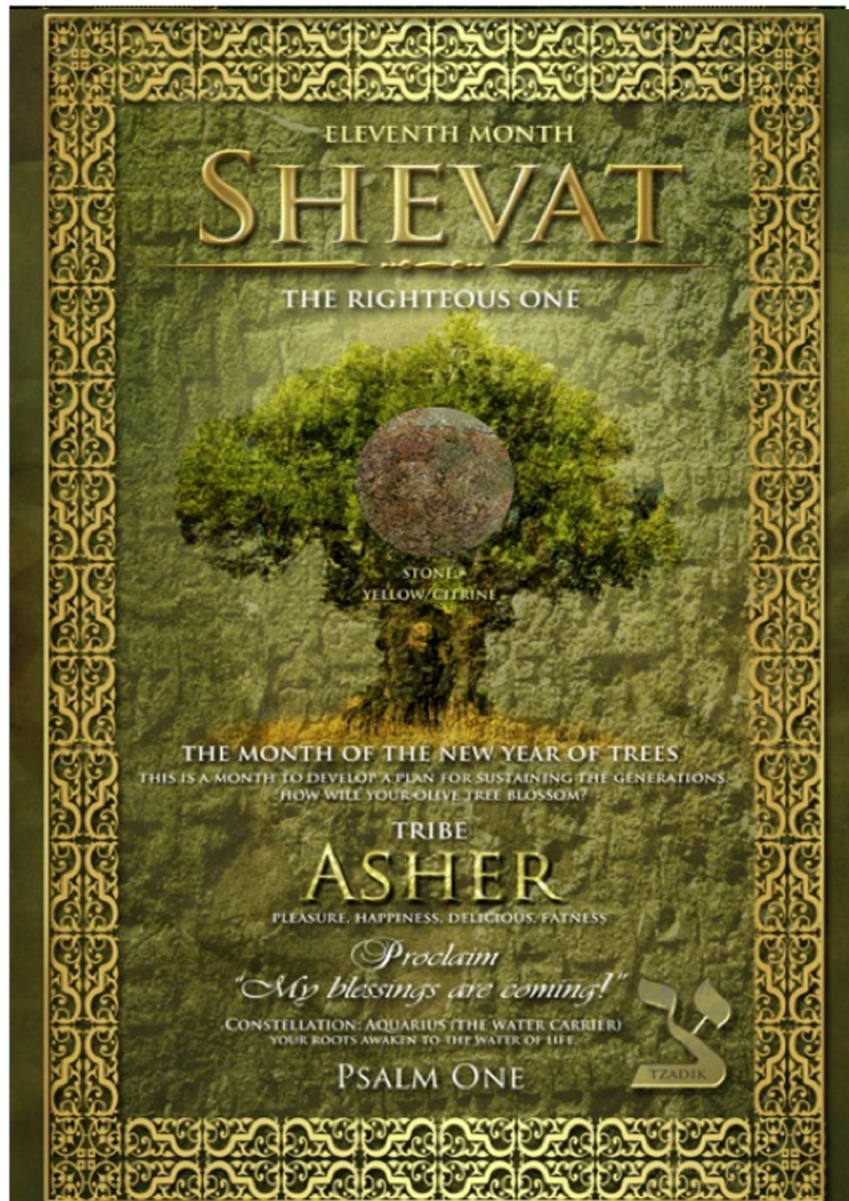


11th Month of Israel



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11th Month of God's Calendar Shevat (Jan/Feb)

Shevat Is The Winter Month Associated With Asher

Shevat Is The Month About Becoming Fruitful In The Month Of Trees

Shevat is the month associated with the Hebrew letter TSADIK which means the 'righteous one'. In Shevat righteousness becomes your foundation.

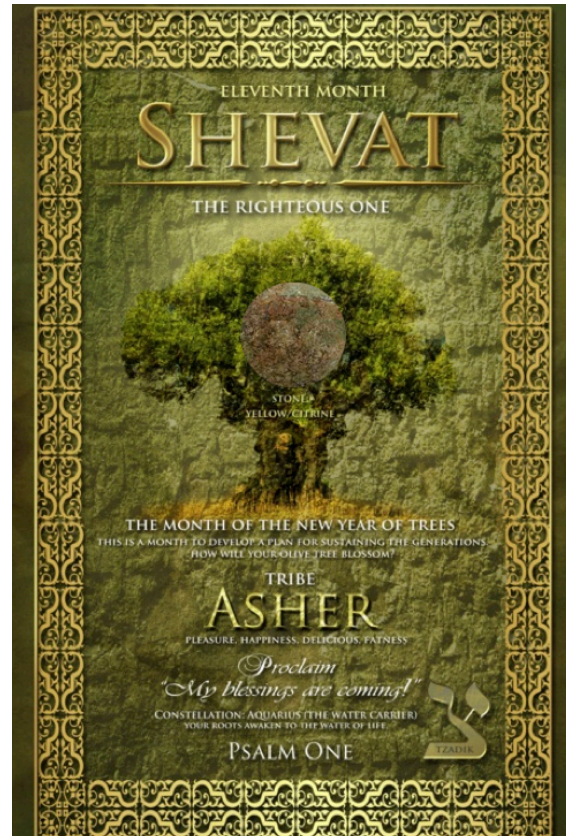
Shevat is the month to develop the plan of sustaining the generations. How will our olive tree blossom? Where is the legacy developing?

Shevat is the month of the river. A month for your roots to awaken to the water of life. A month for the river of healing to flow. Be healed this month.

As the river rises, you can cross over and flourish. Look for those who are bringing water to you. What well are you drinking from?

Shevat is the month of pleasure, happiness and eating what is delicious. It's a month to taste and see that the Lord is good.

Shevat is the month when what you are tasting and meditating on produces the life or nourishment for your future.



**A month to declare your life experiences
to be filled with tranquility and peace.**

This is a month to shout, "My blessings are on the way.."

Shevat is the month to enter into a new level of trust and rest.

WINTER SEASON

The three months of the winter season – **Tevet Dec/Jan, Shevat Jan/Feb, Adar Feb Mar**– correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Dan – **Dan, Asher and Naphtali** – who were situated to the north of the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

- **In the Tenth Month, Tevet (Dan)** This is ending of Chanukah: in the midst of destruction, there is mercy. This is a month to judge, grow up and mature. His position is "to rule, to judge, or to execute judgment."
- **In The Eleventh Month, Shevat (Asher)**, God wants righteousness to become your foundation. A time to develop the plan of sustaining the generations.

- **In the Twelfth Month, Adar (Naphtali)**, God then wants this to be a time of celebration so that any curse is overturned and things become sweet. Naphtali which means “sweetness is to me.”
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Shevat Is The 10th Month In God’s Calendar (Jan/Feb)

Asher is the tribe associated with Shevat. This is the month to be blessed with the potential for every earthly blessing – abundant food and resources, children, the favor of God and security from enemies.

The tribe of Asher was the last group (Dan, Asher, and Naphtali tribes) who moved out when the tribes of Israel moved out to the promised land. They had a great ability to war and cover the rear guard of Israel. Pray for new artistic and creative expressions in worship this month and ask God how to form a rear guard over the past season.

Shevat Is A Month To Experience God’s Blessings

This month your righteousness must become your foundation. Jehovah Tzidkenu (The Lord our Righteousness) is one expression of this month.

Shevat is the month, where Jesus turned the water into wine in Cana of Galilee. It was also when Jesus revealed Himself as the Bread of Life. So Shevat is the month to ask for the bread of His word and the water to be turned into wine in our lives. Ask for new wineskins to hold all that He has for you.

Shevat Is The Month Of Trees

A time when the almond trees begin to blossom. So the 15th of Shevat is marked by a special holiday – Tu B’shevat. Called the New Year for trees.

It’s an extra Firstfruits celebration, because according to Torah, you couldn’t eat the fruit of a tree until the tree turned four years old and Tu B’shevat is counted as the birthday of trees. So on Tu B’Shevat, Firstfruits offerings to God were brought for the trees turning four years old that year.

But Why, Would The Hebrew Calendar Have A Special Month For Trees?

Psalms 1: Because God wants to use trees to teach us some important things. Psalms 1 uses a tree to give a picture of a believer feeding on God’s Word.

The person who meditates on God’s Word *“is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.”*

If you want to prosper this year, be like that tree by the rivers of water. Send your roots deep into God’s Word.

Isaiah: Trees give a picture of joyful praise. Isaiah looked at trees being whipped by a strong wind and said “the trees of the field are clapping their hands in praise.

Menorah: A 7-branched lampstand was the symbol of the Holy Spirit. It was designed to look like a tree.

Galatians 3: Says that Jesus took the curse for us when He was hung on a tree.

Isaiah 61:3: God’s goal for all of us is that we gain the strength and stability of an oak tree.

Isaiah 61:3: ... that they might be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD, for the display of His splendor.

In this month of the trees, it is not a time to fall back on your old methods. It's a time to get clear direction from God. It's a month to wait for God's timing and respond quickly to His signals.

Jesus used the Fig tree to teach His followers about recognizing the signs of the end times.

Book of Romans uses an olive tree to picture Jews and Gentiles coming together as one new man..

The Tree Most Closely Associated With Shevat Is Almond Tree

Because in Shevat that the almond tree suddenly burst into blossoms. Through the long winter, it is getting ready to re-awaken. It's watching for spring. Looking for the new season. While all the other trees still seem to be sleeping, the almond tree is on guard.

Then in the month of Shevat, it knows the time has come to burst into blossoms. So before it has leaves on its tree, the almond tree is blossoming. And so the Hebrew word for the almond tree is SHAKAID. It comes from the root word that means 'to watch, to be watchful, to keep watch over, and to be on the alert.'

The Almond Tree Is The Tree That Watches

God used the almond tree to teach Jeremiah how to be a prophet. In Jeremiah 1, God gives Jeremiah a vision: "Jeremiah, what do you see?" Jeremiah says, "I see a branch of the almond tree...(the watchful tree)." You are right said the Lord, "for I am on watch to carry out my Word."

Just as the almond tree is watching and waiting for the right time to burst into bloom, God is watching and waiting for someone to proclaim His words so He can bring them to fulfillment.

God had called Jeremiah to stand as a prophet to the nations. But Jeremiah was a little timid. He said, "but Lord, I am too young. What authority do I have?" Send somebody else. But God said, "You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

Jeremiah, you are being sent. That's important in any kind of ministry. God not only gave Jeremiah authority but in the next verse...Then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth."

God gave Jeremiah a promise: "I appoint you over nations to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." As you go out and declare what I have sent you to say, nations will change.

Jeremiah 1:9-11: Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. As you declare what God is saying:

As you declare what God is saying:

- Principalities will be uprooted

- Power structures will be torn down
- Institutions will be destroyed
- Human rulers will be overthrown
- God's kingdom will be built up

And the atmosphere changes.

What gives God's word power...It is because God is watching over His word to perform it. This is what Jeremiah learned from the almond tree.

In The Month Of Shevat, Learn From The Almond Tree

Set a guard on your mouth. Don't give voice to unbelief. Don't murmur and complain. Instead, be careful to declare what God has said. Claim His promises. Thank Him by faith that what He has said, He will do.

In The Month Of Trees, We Want To Look At The Tree Of Life

When God created mankind, he revealed His love by placing us in the Garden of Eden, a perfect environment where every need was met. But in the garden were two trees. Tree of Life. God want you to experience His Life. Life is full experience of God's blessings. God's life is like a refreshing waterfall, an outpouring of His goodness and love. God's life is an energizing flow of power. Ezekiel says it's fruit is for food and it's leaves are for healing. Choosing the tree of life is the choice to love God passionately and live under a waterfall of His blessing.

The other tree in the garden was the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God gave us a choice. He did not force you to love Him. That was Satan's temptation. "Eat this and You will be like God". Independent from God. To choose the tree of knowledge was to choose independence from God, and cutting yourself off from the flow of God's Life. When you are cut off from the blessing of God, then that leaves you under a curse.

Good News! Revelations says that it sees Jesus sitting on a throne and under His throne flows the river of life. And on each side of the river grows the Tree of Life.

He says, "And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

Jesus died to redeem us from the curse. When he hung on the tree of death, He opened the way to the tree of life. That's why the Menorah, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, was designed to look like a tree. Because the Holy Spirit is God's Tree of Life for us.

So In The Month Of Trees, It's Time To Eat From The Tree Of Life

Seek out times with God. Read His Word. Worship Him. Let God bring you in to receive His Tree of Life this month.

The Tribe of Asher's Month Is Shevat

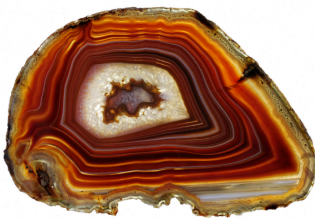
The Tribe of Asher's Symbol Is The Big, Fruitful Olive Tree



The symbol of the tribe of Asher is the big, fruitful olive tree. This is because Asher has to have a good supply to enable him to "dip his foot in oil." He doesn't get that oil from some outside source, he himself is the olive tree.

Asher has to have a good supply oil from the olive tree to enable him to 'dip his foot in this golden oil.' He doesn't get that oil from an outside source, he himself is the olive tree. Zechariah 4 speaks of the two olive trees, who are His anointed ones. From the olive trees there are two golden pipes that drain the oil from the trees into the bowl next to the tree. The tribe of Asher is called to be the source from which the God's Spirit can be poured out to bring light and blessing to many. He carries a constant supply of oil that keeps the lamps lit and shining in himself and the Tabernacle of God. God is calling you to become that source of anointing oil.

Asher's Gemstone - Agate/ Green/ Black/ Brown (CAMEO)



Light Olive Green and Yellow/Citrine Quartz or Peridot

The agate is one of the more humble gemstones in that it is more common and not costly or difficult to find.

"The most agates occur in eruptive rocks or ancient lavas, where they fill the cavities which were produced by the liberation of gas during the solidification of the molten rock. These agates have a banded structure, successive layers being approximately parallel to the sides of the cavity." (Encyclopedia Britannica)

The Hebrew Letter Associated With Shevat - TSADIK

Alphabet: **TSADIK** symbolizes the 'righteous one'. 18th letter in the alphabet with the numeric value of 90.



Meaning of its name came from the shape of a 'fishing hook' or perhaps a bird trap, speaking of 'to hunt, catch, capture.'

The letter is formed from a bent Nun and a Vav. The Nun represents a humble and faithful servant (the crowned Vav) that is bent in submission. Other words would be obedience and righteousness.

Mate Of Aleph (Groom) Is The Tsada (Bride)

God and His redeemed creation would be joined together in love, since Aleph represents the creator, and Tsade represents the reflection of His image - The Bride of Messiah.

Shevat Is A Month of Firstfruit's Harvest

The Israelites would bring a firstfruits offering of EVERY crop! There were firstfruits offerings all through the year. Our Heavenly Father is the tiller of the field and the agriculture it produces shows His great love to prosper us both physically and spiritually.

From the time of the Old Testament, God instituted the firstfruit's offering. Firstfruits appear in both the Old and New Testaments and are talked about in relation to both spiritual and physical offerings. Offering firstfruits when we receive an increase is a demonstration of our faith in God as the true source of our provision. James said that unless faith produces action it really isn't faith at all (James 2:17) The first fruits offering is one way to activate our faith in God as our provider.

This was a season of cold weather but no longer freezing. The cold will lessen, but the rain continues. Shevat is a month when the Almond tree blossoms before it has put its leaf out.

The Feast of Firstfruits is on Shevat 1.

When The Tribes Marched Through The Wilderness

Asher, the Rear Guard Warriors, were the fourth and last group to move out were the Rear Guard Warriors. God set these three tribes to lead the nation in physical as well as spiritual warriors, which are Asher, Dan, and Naphtali. It was their job to protect the army, the nation and the camp from any attacks that would be coming up from behind. These were the most creative of the tribes. They had wonderful abilities and anointing though not much battle skill. But they carried that ability to show the glory of God.

Asher is fearless. He just anoints his feet, puts on his brass boots and starts marching. The devil had better watch out, for somebody is coming that has military footwear to equal him. Surely the feet of Asher are shod with the message of the Gospel.

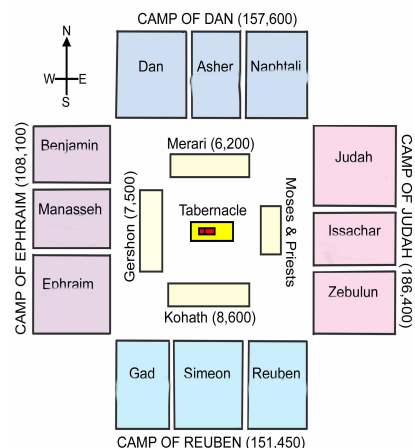
When Asher puts on his shoes they are armor for his feet. He can walk on thistles, stones, rocks and nothing will hurt him. When you wear that kind of shoes, the snakes cannot bite you, and you can march in dangerous places, because the old serpent cannot get his sting into your flesh, for you are protected by the shoes of iron.

When They Camped Around The Tabernacle

Asher was situated on the north side of the tabernacle beside Naphtali and Dan.

Asher is known for being happy tribe. His happiness is not the result of the blessing's which he has received, but the joy of the Lord which springs up from within. True happiness does not come from what we receive or possess, it comes from what we can give to others,

Asher's joy was a challenge to the other tribes. Many times people think that Asher has no troubles at all, but this is not true. Asher has the same share of problems and heartaches as any other tribe, but Asher has learned the great blessing of turning the troubles into "bread."

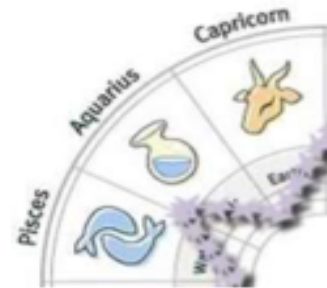


Arrangement of the Camp of Israel
Numbers 2:1-3:39

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11 Shevat
Tribe of Asher
30 Days
(January/February)



Note: The constellations were created by God as seen in Genesis. They were never designed for the Devils use. The Mazzaroth has nothing to do with today's fortune telling with Horoscopes or your birthday. They are pictures to in God's creation to see what He is saying to His tribes of Israel.

Mazzaroth: Constellations

11th Constellation: Aquarius (THE WATER CARRIER) – The 11th Month In The Calendar

Your roots awaken to the water of life.

It is possible that the first six constellations may be prophetically speaking of the 1st Coming of Messiah Jesus and the last 6 constellations are speaking of the 2nd Coming of Messiah Jesus.

Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? ...

Job 38:31: Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

*32: Can you bring forth **Mazzaroth** in his season? or can you guide Arcturus with his sons?*

Strong's 4216 mazzarah maz-zaw-raw' apparently from 5144 in the sense of distinction; some noted constellation (only in the plural), perhaps collectively, the zodiac:--Mazzaroth.

The word's precise meaning is uncertain but its context is that of astronomical constellations, and it is often interpreted as a term for the zodiac or the constellations thereof.

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'Mazzaroth' is the Hebrew word for 'constellation.'

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

God created the seasons into 12 months. He painted twelve signs in the night sky, standing out like jeweled hieroglyphics. Josephus said that the Ancient Persian and Arabian traditions credit the invention of astronomy to Adam, Seth and Enoch.

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My Sources and Challenge:

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In the early 2000's, I began attending moves of God all over the nation and into Canada to hear from God and what He was saying. From Brownsville revival in Florida to Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, on into the middle of the US and then onto Fresh Fire in Canada and down to California. All the time hearing pieces of revelation on God's Holy Days and Feasts. The Lord has been leading me continually, learning this precious truth of His people Israel and our prophetic link to them.

I believe that we have experienced the Feast of Passover and the Feast of Pentecost, but, oh but, not the Feast of Tabernacles. This feast as the first two are for all of Israel and I a gentile, have been grafted into the blood of Jesus, the nation of Israel.

I encourage you to seek the ancient paths and see what God wrote for us to walk in. The revelation of the tribes anchors our faith and releases us to His Calling in Christ Jesus.

***Jeremiah 18:15:** Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways **from the ancient paths**, to **walk in paths**, in a way not cast up;*

Jeremiah 6:16-17:** Thus said the LORD, Stand you in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, **We will not walk therein.** Also I set watchmen over you, saying, **Listen to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not listen.

Said of George Mueller, 1839

"This wide awake servant of God, watched the signs of the times, and while others slept, followed the Lords signal of advance."

Some of my resources:

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