

## **Festival of - YHWH, Sukkoth, Ingathering**

Lev 23:34-36, 39-44, Deut 16:13-16, Exodus 23:16, John 7:37-39, Lev 23:36

### *How do we know what the fall Festival of seven days and the eighth day represent?*

There isn't any one scripture that explicitly says what these days represent. Although, Colossians 2:16-17 does explicitly say that the festivals and Sabbaths foreshadow events that will come. With this unambiguous understanding, the scriptures are full of clues and sign posts that reveal the meaning of the fall festival and the eighth day. 2-Tim 2:15 admonishes us to study the scriptures and rightly divide the word of truth. The truth on any one subject is spread about in scripture. (Ref: Isaiah 28:9-10) Therefore, I will divide the clues and sign posts into four main categories.

#### **THE NAMES AND COMMANDMENTS THEMSELVES**

The fall festival is primarily a harvest celebration. Deut 16:13 instructed the Israelites to perform the festival of booths for seven days *after* they gather-in the grain from the threshing floor and the wine from the wine-press. Additionally, Exodus 23:16 and 34:22 labels the fall festival as: "*The Festival of Ingathering*."

The fall-festival was given several names in scripture. And each name reveals an aspect about the festival itself along with the future event/s that the festival foreshadows. (I will discuss the "*booth*" aspect in the next section.)

There are additional clues within the commandments themselves. For example, Deuteronomy 16:15 commands only rejoicing during the seven day period. Therefore, the first seven days are a time of great joy.

Thus far, we've seen that the festival of seven days is a harvest festival of great joy.

#### **BIBLICAL DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE COMMANDMENT**

In Nehemiah 8:18, the books of the teaching (the law) were read to all the people for eight days. Nehemiah 8:15-16 says that the people made themselves booths, and the booths were everywhere. Some were on roof-tops of houses, some in their own courtyards, others were in the courtyard of the House of Elohim, and in the open space of the temple gates.

Tie the temporary booth thought together with the prophetic passage in Isaiah 4:2-6. Paraphrased: Christ, our King will stand on earth in His magnificent esteem. There are few men left on earth after His bloody wrath and judgement. An ethnic Israel remnant is cleansed and set-apart. YHWH shall create above every dwelling place of Mt. Zion a cloud and smoke by day and a flaming fire by night. (This is likened to the Israelites in the desert when they came-out of Egypt.) And, the people will have BOOTHs to cover themselves during the day from the heat, and for a refuge shelter from storms and rain.

In my view, the BOOTH ritual reveals the time after Christ's return when nothing is left standing. People will create easy-to-make booths for their shelter and temporary dwelling.

This end-time event is connected with the following category.

## **BIBLICAL LANGUAGE REGARDING PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS**

All serious bible students ought to be aware of the agricultural language throughout the bible, especially in the NT. If you are aware of the language, and are aware of the agricultural crops that ancient Israel grew, its easier to connect the dots so-to-speak. For example: the two main grain harvests within the springtime were the barley and wheat, respectively. (Ref: Ruth 1:22, 2:23, 2-Sam 21:9).

Consequently, we can tie scriptures together like Exodus 23:16 and 34:22 with Matthew 3:12. To understand this, Exodus 23:16 calls the *festival of weeks* by another name. It says, “festival of the harvest”. Exodus 34:22 indicates that the “wheat” is the harvest focus for this particular harvest festival - the day which we now know to be the day of Pentecost. And, this said festival requires that the firstfruits of wheat are brought into the House of YHWH (Ref: Ex 34:26). Now, consider Matthew 3:12. Christ - during His first coming, had a winnowing fork in His hand. He intended to cleanse His threshing-floor, gather His wheat into the storage-house, and burn the chaff. Is the author Matthew really talking about actual wheat? No, ofcourse not. The saints are the wheat. (Ref: James 1:18, Rom 8:23, 16:5, 1-Cor 15:20, Matt 13:25-30) The chaff are the people who are disguised as wheat. They might not even know that they are really the chaff since Satan (the deceiver) is the one who planted them.

The fall-festival is similar to the spring-festival. Although; the fall festival includes a fall-wheat harvest, it also includes grapes, olives, nuts and other types of produce. This harvest is eclectic. And, it represents all of the people who are left who were not in the first spring-harvest group of people.

The harvests - in reality, equate to resurrections and/or becoming reunited with our Creator. Christ was essentially the first to arise from the dead. The barley wave-sheaf was symbolic of Christ who was raised and waved at the onset of the yearly harvests. (Ref: Romans 4:24-25, Lev 23:11) Next, the spring-wheat will be gathered and

brought down to Jerusalem, into the House of Elohim. The wheat harvested in the spring represents the saints and the first resurrection. Last, but certainly not least in number, is the fall-festival. This festival represents everyone who ever lived. Although, these people are in two parts. They will either be the physical remnant of people who are left alive after YHWH's wrath, or they will remain dead until the second resurrection occurs. Both, the culmination of YHWH's wrath and the second resurrection occur in the fall time.

The first set of fall-festival people to be harvested begins as a bloody event, but it doesn't end that way. Revelation 14:15 reads, “*And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud. Thrust in your sickle and reap; for the time is come for you to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*” (Also ref: Rev 14:18-20) Isaiah the prophet also wrote about the first of the two end-time harvests. Isaiah 63:2-3 reads, “*Why is there red on Your raiment, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. I trod them down in My displeasure, and I trample them in My wrath. Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments. ...*”

### **Again, there are two future fall-festival events yet to occur.**

THE FIRST harvesting event begins during YHWH's wrath as scripture has shown us. The treading of grapes - *the actual harvest of people* - occurs before the fall-festival begins. Scripture has already informed us of this fact. The grapes already have to be trodden, and the grain already be threshed. (Again, ref: Deut 16:13) After the actual harvest of people, only a remnant of people will remain. The rest will be either burned or killed with the sword. (Ref: Is 10:20-22, 11:11-12,16, Jer 23:3-6, Jer 32:37, Isaiah 24:6, Rev 19:20-21.)

Christ will be on earth. He will establish His Kingdom after He gathers-in His harvest. (Ref: Zech 14:1-9) At this said time; as Deuteronomy 16:15 has shown, the fall-festival of seven days is a

time of rejoicing. All of the earth will be in complete subjection to Christ during the seven day festival which foreshadows the one-thousand year reign of Christ (Ref: Rev 20:4-7).

THE SECOND, but also the last fall-festival event yet to occur will be the second resurrection (Ref: Rev 20:5-15). This is pictured in the eighth day of the fall-festivals.

I hope that I don't confuse anyone here. There is something very important that needs to be understood in YHWH's plan for mankind - shown through His holy days. The holy days are both linear and cyclical. The linear holy days cover 8,000 years. The cyclical holy days occur every year. ([Ref: my "feast-presentation-graphic" for a visual image on page 8.](#)) The linear plan begins with Adam and Eve and ends when all is put into subjection under Christ and the Father. Therefore, when the second resurrection occurs, it does so on the linear 8th day. But, the event will also occur at the onset of the fall festivals during a cyclical year.

### **LAWS AND PROPHECY THAT CONTAIN EIGHT DAYS**

There isn't to many places in scripture that describe the eighth day fall festival. Although, there are OT laws that foreshadow the eighth day. And, there is also one important prophetic scripture concerning the "eighth day".

The following is the list:

1) CIRCUMCISION - on the eighth day, represents the covenant with YHWH. (Gen 17:11-14, Lev 12:3, Luke 1:59, Circumcise the flesh / Deut 10:16, Circumcise the foreskin of one's heart.)

2) LAW OF LEPROSY - seven days outside of the camp and then on the eighth day he is clean and presented (by the priest) before the Tent of Meeting, before YHWH. (Lev 14:1-10,23)

### **3) DAYS OF ORDINATION FOR THE PRIESTS -**

Aaron and sons were in the tent of meeting seven days for ordination, then on the eighth day Moses called them out. (Lev 8:33-36, 9:1)

4) CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE - Eight days to clean temple and set it a-part. (2-Chron 29:16-17)

5) FIRSTBORN PEOPLE AND ANIMALS GIVEN TO YHWH - On the eighth day, firstborn were given to YHWH (Ex 13:12-13, 22:30, Lev 22:27)

6) YHWH WILL FINALLY ACCEPT THE ISRAELITES AGAIN - On the eighth day, YHWH will accept the Israelites again after the second resurrection. (Ez 43:27)

Firstly, Leviticus 23:36 calls the eighth day "*a closing festival.*" In John 7:37, Christ stood and cried-out with a loud voice on the last great day, "*If anyone thirsts, let him come to me, and let him who believes in Me drink.*"

Some of the Messianics are now teaching that the day Christ stood-up in John 7:37 was actually the seventh day of the feast. I disagree with this doctrine. This said doctrine is based upon the Jewish Talmud and Jewish tradition - saying that the seventh day of the feast is the "great day." If this were the case, then why isn't there any mention of it in scripture? And, why is this day not a Sabbath like the eighth day? I personally cannot base my doctrinal beliefs on anything outside of scripture. Regardless, the message Christ spoke about... "*living water*" can be found in the prophetic writings in the OT and NT. These prophetic places in scripture all speak of a time when suffering will end. All tears will be wiped away. For examples: Isaiah 44:3, Jer 2:13, Zech 14:8, Rev 7:16-17.

Since this is the case, what's left? These prophetic scriptures in my view resemble "a closing festival" as like Leviticus 23:36 states.

Now, I'll return to the laws that contain eight days. Based upon the list on the previous page, these laws reveal aspects of the eighth day:

- 1) The eighth day closing festival contains the new covenant (ie. the covenant of peace - Ez 37:26).
- 2) Most of mankind will be "outside" of the camp (ie. in the grave) due to their spiritual uncleanness until the eighth day when they're allowed back-in.
- 3) The first-resurrection priests (Rev 1:6, 5:9-10) will fulfill days of ordination, then be called-out on the eighth day for the great resurrection of the dead, also known as the second resurrection and the resurrection of judgement. (Ref: Hebrews 9:27, Rev 20:11-12, Matt 11:22, 12:41-42, Rev 20:4 and more.)
- 4) The entire temple will eventually consist of every human being. (Ref: 2-Cor 6:16) Anyone who possessed the set-apart Spirit is a living temple. With this understanding, the set-apart Spirit will be given to everyone who desires it. (The rest will perish.) Therefore, the "temple of YHWH" won't be entirely cleansed until all is finished on the eighth day.
- 5) The entire nation of Israel were the firstborn. (Ref: Exodus 4:22-23) But; because of their great sins, the second born received the promises. (The second born being the saints. They became the firstfruits and will receive the promises.) This can be likened to Jacob and Esau or Ephraim and Manasseh. Nevertheless, the entire nation of Israel were the firstborn. This being so, on the eighth festival day in the future, the Israelites will be given to YHWH. This is the time of the second resurrection. (Ez 37:1-14)

6) Speaking concerning the time of the third temple, Ezekiel 43:26-27 reads, "*For seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and cleanse it, and ordain it. And when these days are completed, it shall be on the eighth day and thereafter, ... I will accept you. declares the Master YHWH.*"

From the perspective of the linear overall plan of YHWH; after YHWH's wrath and DURING the time of the 1,000 year reign, the ethnic Israel remnant will be the ones who begin operating in the third temple. (Ref: Ez 36:16-38) When the entire ethnic Israelite nation is resurrected (Ref: Ez 37:1-14) from of old (after the 1,000 years), these masses of people will enter a fully operational temple. And, it will be at this time when they will all (generally speaking) be finally accepted by the Master YHWH.

## Summary and Conclusion

Colossians 2:16-17 informs us that the festivals and Sabbaths foreshadow events that will come. To understand the meaning behind the festivals and Sabbaths which are the foreshadowed events; we need to place precept upon precept, line upon line, command upon command. The information is here a little and there a little throughout the entire bible. (Ref: Isaiah 28:9-10) Proverbs 25:2 reads, "*It is the glory of Elohim to conceal a matter; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.*" Because the saints are kings in the sight of YHWH, this scripture applies to the saints. (Ref: Rev 1:6) It is our duty to search out the meaning of the set-apart days, because they are all part of His salvational plan for mankind.

The scriptures are full of clues and sign posts that reveal the meaning of the fall seven day festival and the eighth day. I divided the clues and sign posts into four main categories based upon Isaiah 28:9-10.

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The fall festival days are an agricultural harvest celebration. In the case of the foreshadowment, YHWH is harvesting mankind.

Regarding the fall festivals, there are two harvest events that will occur in the future. Although, they will occur 1,000 years apart from each other.

The first fall harvest will begin to occur at the time of YHWH's wrath and judgement upon this earth. (Ref: Ez 34:12-15 and more.) [This crop harvest is *not* the saints who will arise in the clouds with Christ. They're a different crop. They're the spring harvest who will be gathered on the day of Pentecost in one of the cyclical Holy day years. But, on the linear Holy day plan, it will occur on the day of Trumpets.] Only the meek physical people who have done righteousness will be hidden in the day of wrath and harvested. (Ref: Zeph 2:3 and more.) The physical people that remain on earth will only be but a few. (Ref: Isaiah 25:5-6 and more.) After the evil and wicked people have been put to death, and Christ sets foot upon the earth, the people who remain alive will dwell in booths. Everyone will rejoice when they are free from Satan for a thousand years. Life will prosper.

During the thousand years; with the assistance of the remnant of physical people, Christ will build the Main Hall of YHWH. (Ref: Zech 6:12-15) The remaining *remnant* of ethnic Israelites will attend and begin the temple services again spoken about in Ezekiel. These people are the forerunners of the new peace-contract/covenant (Ref: Ez 34:22-25).

Also during the thousand years; the saints (the first spring harvest) will be wearing crowns as kings and possess the title: "Judge". (Ref: Rev 20:4, 1:6, 1-Cor 6:2) During this thousand year reign with Yahushua the Christ, they will learn what it is like to sit on the Supreme Court with Christ. They will be blameless, they will be given white robes to wear, not black. (Add Ref: Rev 14:1-5) It will be like in the days of Moses. Each judge will be appointed over a certain number of people to judge small matters. Although, major matters will be taken to Christ - the Supreme Head Judge. (Ref: Ex 18:13-27 and Luke 19:11-28)

When the one-thousand years have ended, Satan will be loosened for a short period of time. Additionally, the second resurrection will occur. On the linear holy day plan of salvation, these events will occur on the last great day. Although, on the cyclical yearly holy day plan, this great event begins with the day of Trumpets. A great assembly of people are called-up from their graves. Afterward, their sins must be atoned for. Following atonement, the ones who truly repent, and receive the Spirit, will be harvested. The rest will be burned-up. (Ref: Rev 21:8)

This resurrection (the second resurrection) consists of a crowd of people that can't be numbered. (Rev 20:7-15) YHWH will make His contract/covenant of peace with these newly resurrected ethnic Israelites also as like He did with the first remnant group. (Ref: Ez 37:1-**26-28**) The gentiles who arise from the grave also will see and know that YHWH was truly the Elohim of the Israelites. (Ref: Matt 12:41-42, Ez 39:21-29 and more.)

At the end, all things will be made anew. All tears will be gone and everlasting joy will reign. Death will no longer be possible. The physical people who arose from the grave as fleshly beings will live forever in the flesh. (...as like Adam and Eve were created to do until they sinned and death entered the equation.) They will be the servants for eternity who serve Christ and His bride. (Rev 21:1-8, 23-27, 22:1-5, Is 60:11-12, Rev 7:13-17)

# YHWH'S 8,000 Year Linear Appointments

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## Ingathering/Booth Festival

1,000 Years (Reign with Christ, Rev 20:4-7)

124.86 yrs	124.86 yrs	124.86 yrs	124.86 yrs	124.86 yrs	124.86 yrs	124.86 yrs	124.86 yrs?
1st Day	2nd Day	3rd Day	4th Day	5th Day	6th Day	7th Day	~ 8th Day ~ Great Day ~ Closing-Festival

Satan is loosened for a short season. Second resurrection occurs. This group of people stand before the throne of Judgement. The Books (the law and new contract of peace) will be read to them. And, they will be judged. The bride/saints will assist in the judgement process. Rev 20:7-15

## Addendum Notes

The 144,000 written about in Revelation 7 and the 144,000 written about in Revelation 14 are not the same group of people.

The first 144,000 group in Revelation 7 are the physical ethnic remnant of Israelites who will live through YHWH's wrath and into the millennium. This group will be the ones who are the forerunners of the peace-covenant. They will help build the third temple and serve in it. How do I know this? Read Rev 7:13-17. These are physical people based upon verse 17. At that time, they will be lead to the fountains of living waters. We've been told in John 4:13-15, 7:37-39 that *fountains of living water* is the Holy (Set-apart) Spirit. Additionally, Christ told the woman from Samaria - at the well, that if she would drink this water, she would never thirst again. Christ actually spoke metaphorically to her. Compare Christ's metaphoric statement, "...you will never thirst again..." with Rev 7:16. One more snippet: Consider verse 15. These people will SERVE Christ day and night. The physical remnant does the serving, not the saints. The saints will be sitting on thrones and they will judge the people. Conclusion: this set of people in Revelation 7 are physical people who don't yet possess the Holy (Set-apart) Spirit. It's offered to them after the wrath of YHWH. They wash their robes and made them white by repenting and humbling themselves. For this reason, they are allowed to live into the millennium.

The second 144,000 group in Revelation 14:1-5 are the saints, also known as the bride. #1) They are the firstfruits. Romans 8:23 says that the firstfruits already possess the Spirit. #2) This group follows the Lamb wherever He goes. This group does so because she is the bride. She is at His right hand side wearing a dress embroidered with gold. (Ref: Ps 45-7-17) Since she is married to Christ, the King, she is consequently the Queen. Queens are served. They don't do the serving as like it's said of the group in Rev 7. #3) This group

also possesses HIS Father's Name. This can be likened to when a woman marries a man. She takes on the name of her husband. Consequently, this group in Revelation 14:1-5 takes on His Father's Name. #4) Also, this group sings a new song that no-one else can learn. This "song" is the "NT." This aspect is important; although, unfortunately, it would take many more pages to explain in detail. Therefore, I will keep it brief.

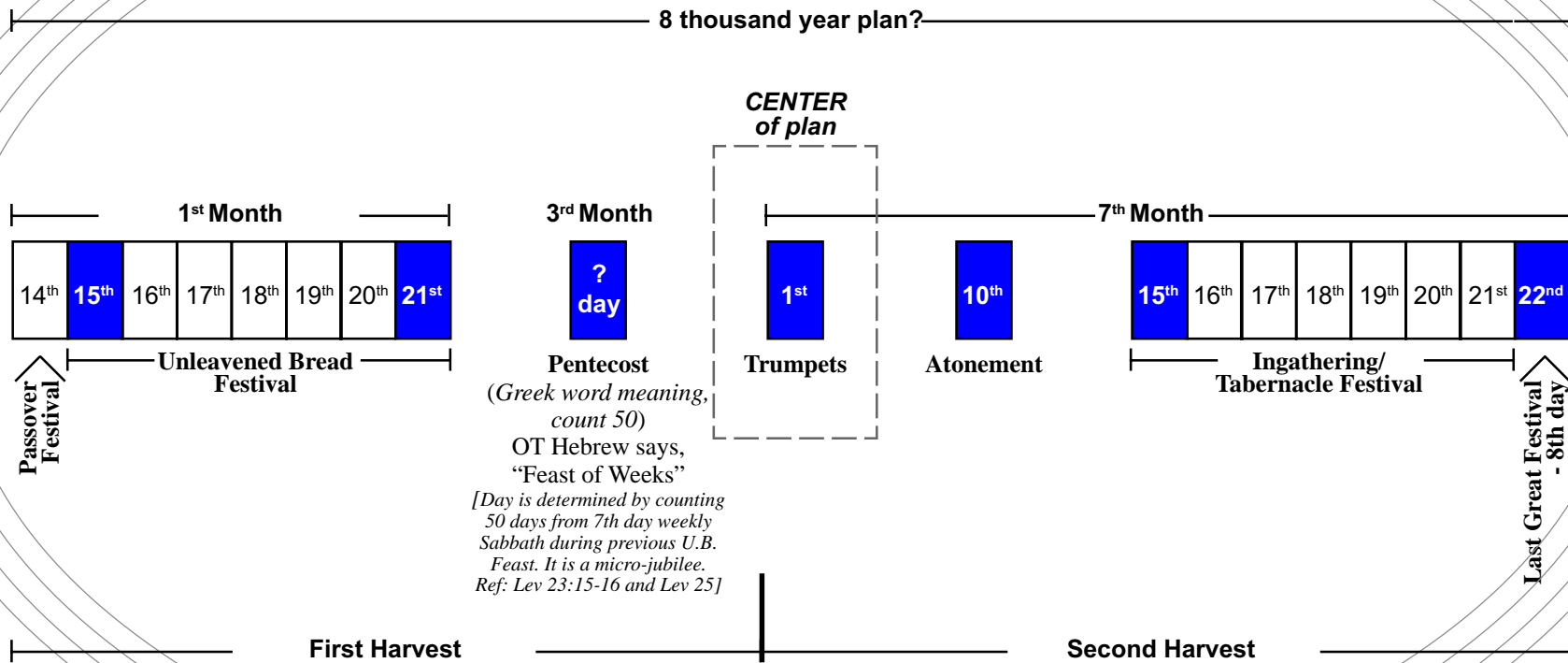
Ireneaus, the disciple of Polycarp, the disciple of John wrote in his books, "Against Heresies" that the New Song was actually the NT. Ireneaus claims to have received this information through John the apostle. John, the apostle, ought to know since he was the author of the Revelation book. Besides, I believe this to be true for many biblical reasons. Briefly: in ancient times, the scriptures were sung. People didn't have handy-dandy copies of the bible. You can find multiple examples in the OT where the Israelites sang the law and the covenant. Consequently, the NT is referred to as a new song.

Based on the belief that the "new song" is actually the NT, no-one else is able to learn the song (the NT). (Ref: Rev 14:3) Why? Because the NT is a contract with a time limit. Once the first resurrection occurs, the NT contract will be fulfilled. Additionally, the NT is actually the marriage contract vows. (Ref: 2-Cor 11:2) For this reason, it's sung before the throne, before the living creatures, and the elders. The next contract and only contract available at the time AFTER the first resurrection will be the "covenant-of-peace."

Graphic primarily based on (but not exclusive to): Genesis 1:14, Lev 23, Deut 16 and Colossians 2:16-17.

# YHWH'S Linear and Cyclical Appointments

(The macrocosm and microcosm events)



## Graphic Key

- = Yearly cycles. (8,000 micro-cycles around 1 linear macro plan?)
  - = Appointed Holy days. (Seven total.)
  - = Appointed days, but not "Holy." (Twelve total.)
  - = Center of plan. There are three Holy days before, and three Holy days afterward. (Christ returns on Mt of Olives. He is center.)  
 Additionally: there are nine appointed days before, and nine appointed days afterward
  - = There are 19 Appointed total days which reveal the 19 year time cycle.
- ...and so on.

## **What is the significance of 19-year time cycles?**

The calendar most commonly used today is the Gregorian calendar, which has its roots in Rome. It uses, as its base, the solar year (365 days [to be exact: 365.2422 days] in length). Although the word “month” derives from “moon,” the Roman calendar’s months are not governed by the phases of the moon. They are based upon mathematical calculations.

A Lunar month may vary from 29.26 to 29.80 days. The average Lunar month is 29.530588 days or slightly more than 29.5 days. Twelve average Lunar months are equal to 354.3670 days while the solar year is 365.2422 days. There is a discrepancy of 10.8752 days.

A year in the Hebrew calendar is normally twelve months. An extra month is included seven of every nineteen years to maintain accuracy. Every 19-year cycle thus contains 235 months.

One of the basic principles of the Hebrew calendar is the observation that the sun, earth, and moon come back into the same relative position every 19 years—a fact of astronomy. In one lunar month, the moon rotates around the earth. In one solar year, the earth revolves around the sun. But only once in every 19 years do they come back into the same precise conjunction. Thus, every 19 years (the combination of 12 common years with 7 leap years [235 months exactly]), the lunar cycle comes back into precise conjunction with the solar cycle.

The 19-year time cycle is the standard by which the lunar and solar cycles are brought into harmony.