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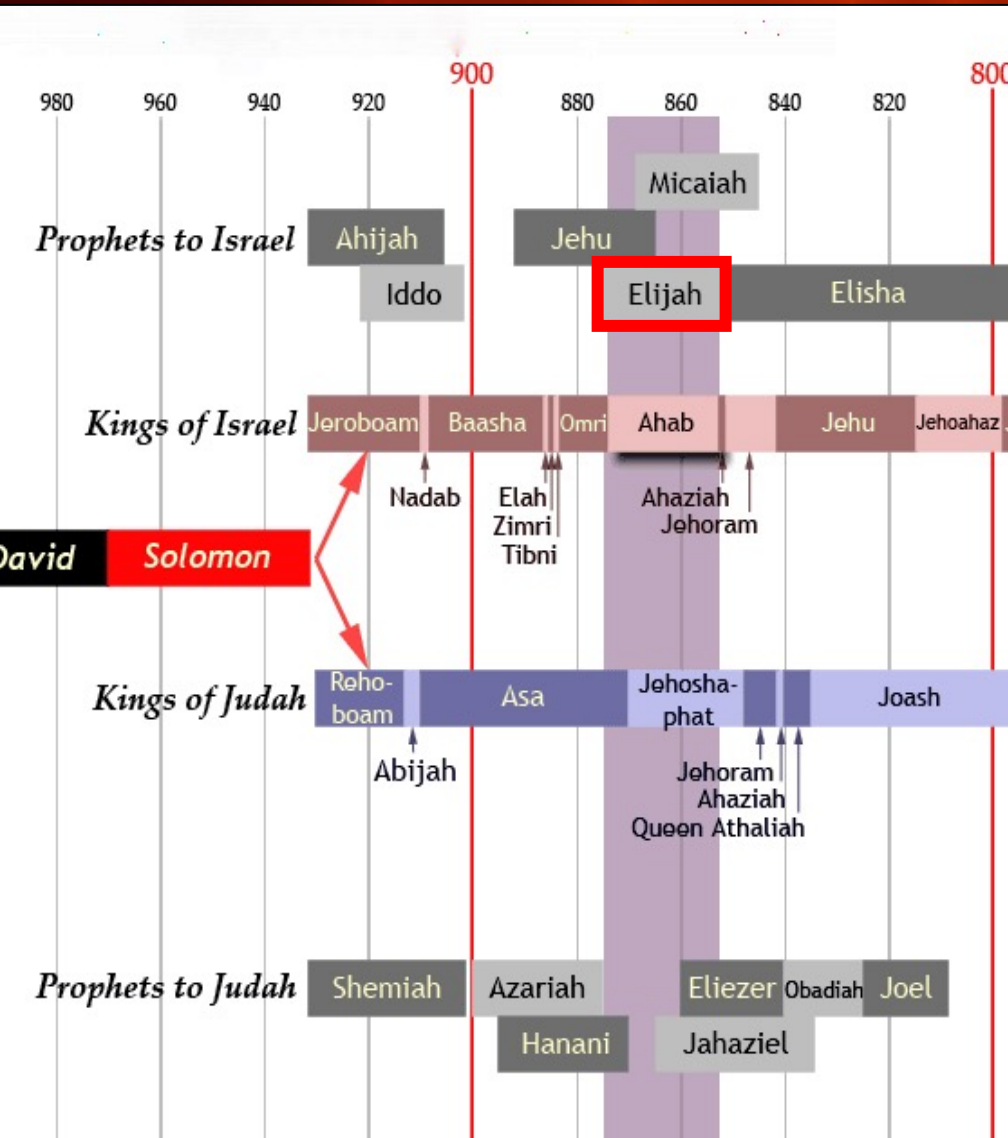
# The Return of the King

## Part 4: Voice in the Wilderness



Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

# Elijahs Time



Luke 11:49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, **I will send them prophets and apostles**, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

Luke 11:50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

Mark 1:2 As it is written in the prophets, **Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.**



# John the Baptist a fulfilment of The Ministry Of Elijah



- Matthew 17:10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?
- 11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.
- 12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.
- 13 Then the disciples understood **that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.**



# John the Baptist a model of the Church



Before his first coming, God sent a messenger to prepare the way for his coming. Today God has appointed the church to be his messenger to prepare the way for his second coming!



# The Fulfilment



Luke 1:5 ¶There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Zachariah = "Jehovah remembers"

Elisabeth = "Promise of God"

John from Johanan =  
"Jehovah gives grace"



# God's Spirit showed David how he was to divide the Priests

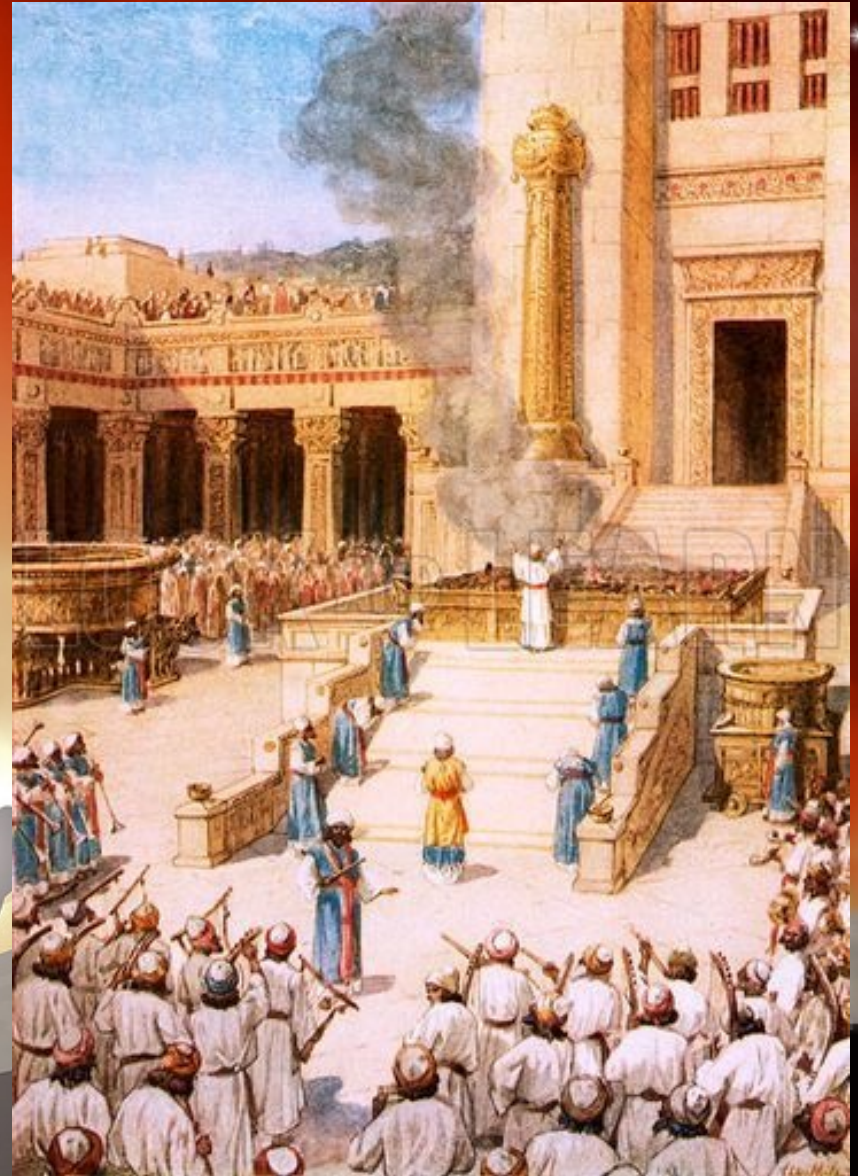


- 1 Chronicles 24:1 ¶Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.
- 2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office.
- 3 And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service.



# The Services of the priests

David on God's instructions (1 Chr 28:11-13) had divided the sons of Aaron into 24 groups (1 Chr 24:1-4), to setup a schedule by which the Temple of the Lord could be staffed with priests all year round in an orderly manner. After the 24 groups of priests were established, lots were drawn to determine the sequence in which each group would serve the Temple. (1 Chr 24: 7-19). That sequence is as follows:



# Courses of the Priests

1 Chr 24:7	1. Jehoiarib	2. Jedaiah
1 Chr 24:8	3. Harim	4. Seorim
1 Chr 24:9	5. Malchijah	6. Mijamin
1 Chr 24:10	7. Hakkoz	8. Abijah
1 Chr 24:11	9. Jeshuah	10. Shecaniah
1 Chr 24:12	11. Eliashib	12. Jakim
1 Chr 24:13	13. Huppah	14. Jeshebeab
1 Chr 24:14	15. Bilgah	16. Immer
1 Chr 24:15	17. Hezir	18. Aphses
1 Chr 24:16	19. Pethahiah	20. Jehezekel
1 Chr 24:17	21. Jachim	22. Gamul
1 Chr 24:18	23. Delaiah	24. Maaziah

Abia

Chronicles 24:19 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.



# Length of service

Chronicles 9:21 And Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

2 All these which were chosen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office.

3 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

4 In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.

5 And their brethren, which were in their villages, **were to come after even days from time to time with them.**

Chronicles 23:8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his **men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath:** for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.

## From Sabbath to Sabbath!



# There Duties

1 Chronicles 9:28 And certain of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale.

29 Some of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

30 And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans.

32 And other of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the shewbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

33 And these are the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, who remaining in the chambers were free: for they were employed in that work day and night.

# The Bread Of the Temple



- Matthew 12:2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.
- 3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;
- 4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?
- 5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?
- 6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.
- 7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.
- 8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath

# Now some maths !

24 courses times 1 week, equals 24 weeks that have been served by the twenty-four courses.

24 courses(weeks)

354 days

Deuteronomy 16:16 Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed:

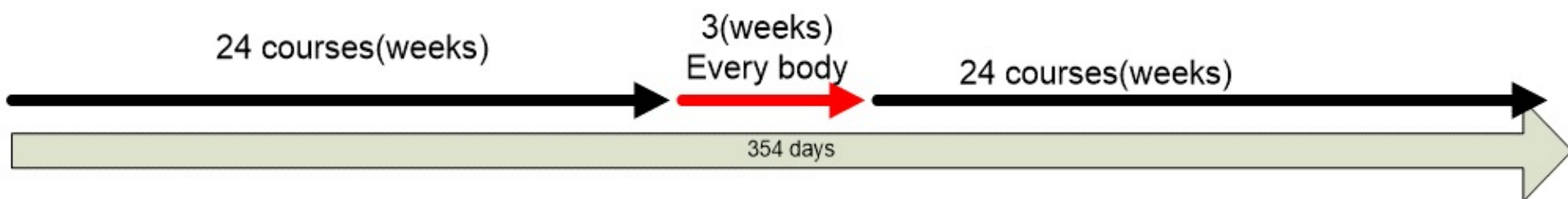


# Now some maths !

Then we add the three extra weeks when all 24 courses served.  
We now have covered 27 weeks.

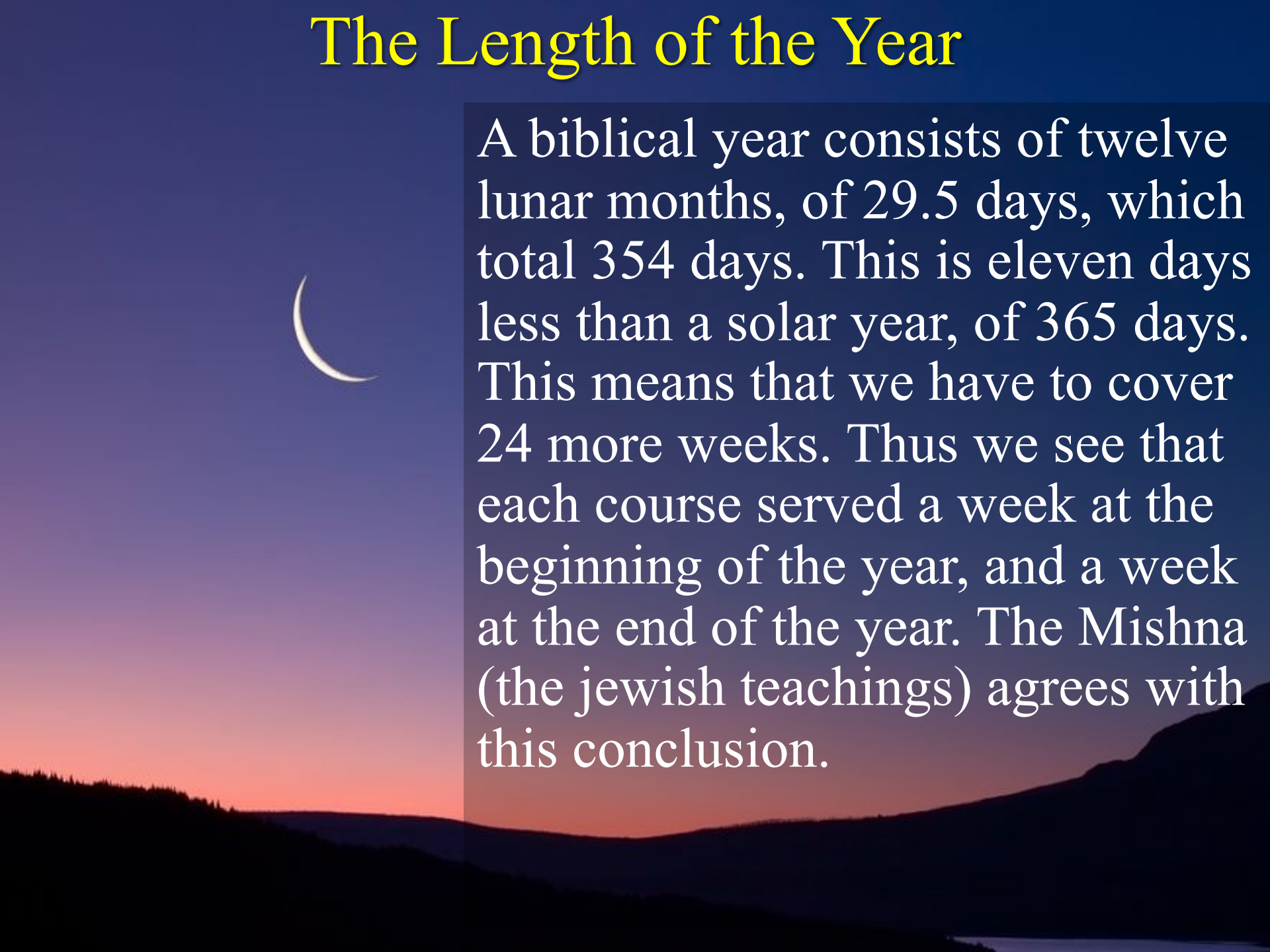


Each course, therefore, served for one week twice a year, and three weeks a year they all served. Each course, therefore, served a total of five weeks during the year.



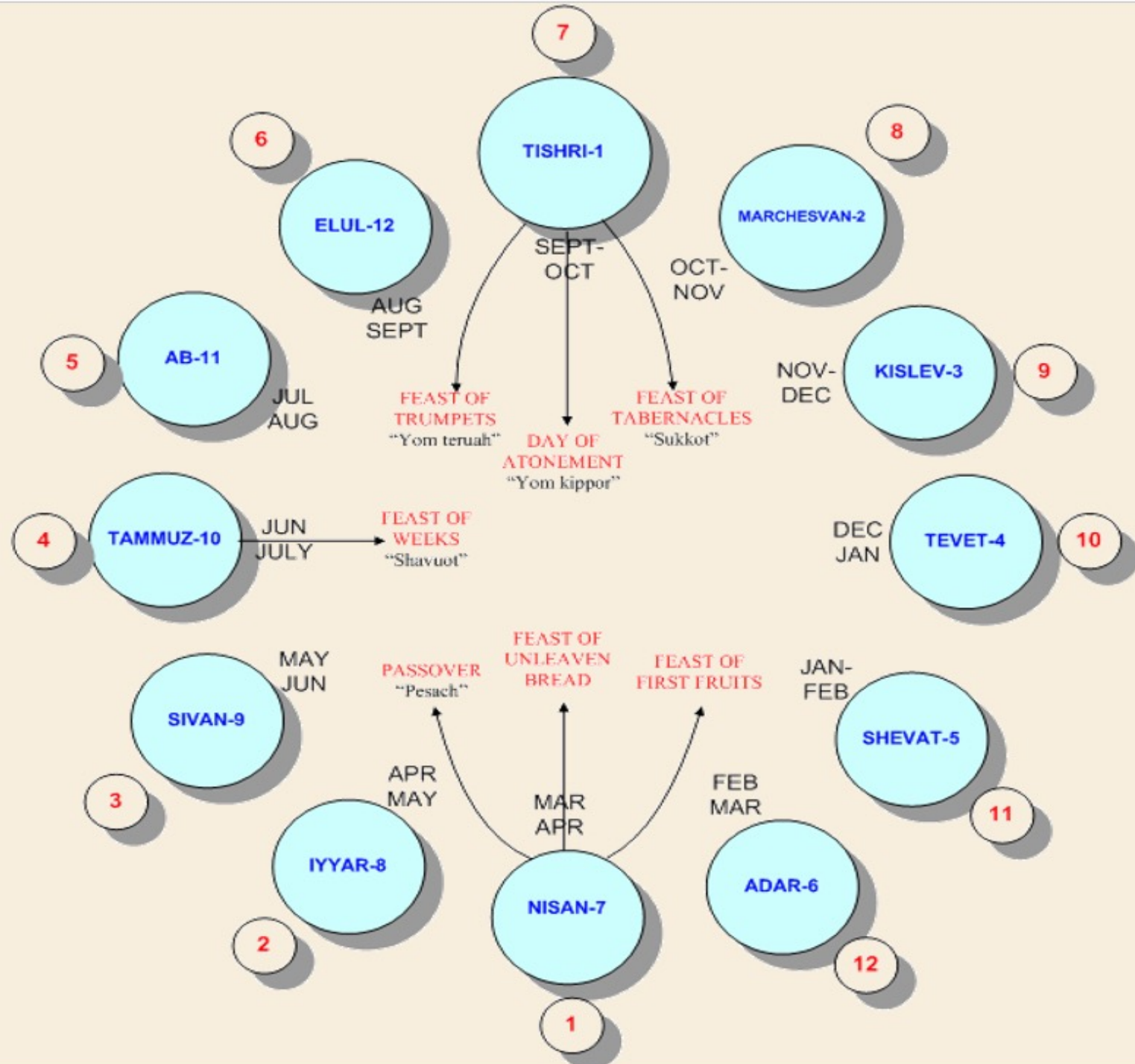
Months are numbered from Nisan, reflecting the injunction in Exodus 12:2, "This month shall be to you the beginning of months," and Nisan marks the new year for civil purposes. The day which is most often referred to as the "New Year" is observed on the first of Tishri, when the year number increases by 1 and the formal new year festival Rosh Hashana is celebrated. It also marks the new year for certain agricultural laws.

# The Length of the Year

A crescent moon is visible in the upper left portion of the image, set against a twilight sky with a gradient from deep blue at the top to a reddish-orange glow near the horizon. The foreground consists of dark, silhouetted hills or mountains.

A biblical year consists of twelve lunar months, of 29.5 days, which total 354 days. This is eleven days less than a solar year, of 365 days. This means that we have to cover 24 more weeks. Thus we see that each course served a week at the beginning of the year, and a week at the end of the year. The Mishna (the jewish teachings) agrees with this conclusion.





# The Courses of the Priests

Each course, therefore, served for one week twice a year, and three weeks a year they all served. Each course, therefore, served a total of five weeks during the year.

Between the first and the eighth week of the year, two of the three times when all twenty-four courses served, intervened.

The eighth course would, therefore, serve during the tenth week having allowed for the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Weeks, which both occur during the first eight weeks of the year. This is the second Sabbath of Sivan, and the week that follows (approximately Sivan 12-18).





# John(Gods Grace), a supernatural promise



- Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, **and thou shalt call his name John.**
- 14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his

birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and ***he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.***

# The Church, a supernatural Promise



Joel 2:28 ¶And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:  
29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.



# Waiting(Tarrying) on the promise



- Luke 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.
- 20 And, behold, *thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak*, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.
- 21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and  *marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.*

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# Waiting(Tarrying) on the promise



Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: *but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem*, until ye be endued with power from on high. 50 ¶ And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Isaiah 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.



# His coming heralded by Angels



- Luke 1:35 *And the angel* answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 *For with God nothing shall be impossible.*

*His coming again also heralded by angels!*

Acts 1:10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, *behold, two men stood* *them in white apparel;*

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.



# Filled with the holy ghost



Luke 1:39 ¶And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; 40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. 41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

***John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:***





Elizabeth conceived John the Baptist AFTER Zechariah had finished his Temple service. So, she would have become pregnant after the third Sabbath of Sivan (approximately Sivan 19-25):

Luke 1:23 When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion.

If you go forward forty weeks, for a normal pregnancy, we see that John the Baptist was born on Passover.

# The Sixth Month!

1	Nissan	March/April	
2	Iyar	April/May	
3	Sivan	May/June	3rd week John conceived
4	Tamuz	June/July	I
5	Ab	July/August	I
6	Elul	August/September	6 MONTHS
7	Tishrei	September/October	I
8	Marchesvan	October/November	v
9	Kislev	November/December	Mary conceives
10	Tevet	December/January	
11	Shebat	January/February	
12	Adar	February/March	

- Luke 1:36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and *this is the sixth month* with her, who was called barren.
- 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luke 1:56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.



# *Elijah that was to come !*



It is interesting that John the Baptist was born on Passover, because one of the rituals of the Passover is to set a special place setting, for Elijah, and to open the door to welcome Elijah. Messiah said that John the Baptist was the Elijah who was to come!





Six months after John the Baptist is born, Yeshua is born. Therefore, since John was born on the 15th day of the first month (Nisan), Yeshua (Jesus) would be born on the 15th day of the seventh month (Tishri)...six month later. The 15th day of the seventh month is known as Succoth, or **the Feast of Tabernacles**.

# Tongues Given At the Birth of John



- Luke 1:57 ¶Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. 59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. 60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. 61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. 62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. 63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. 64 *And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.*

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

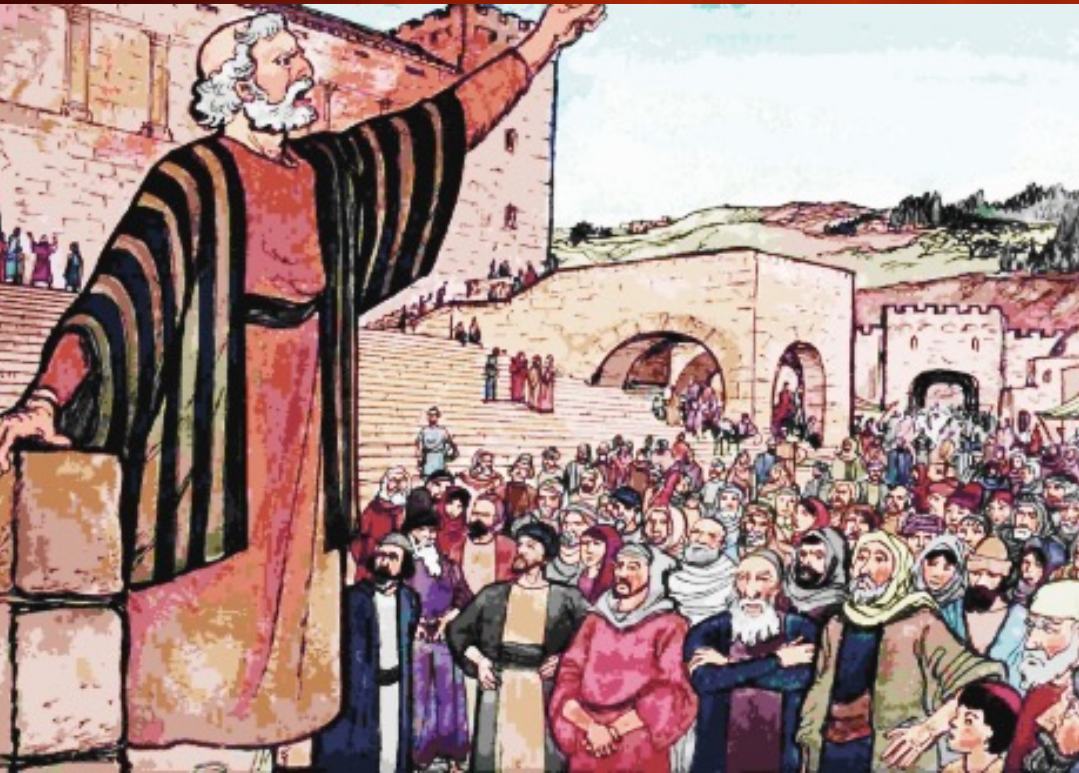


# Johns (Gods Grace) purpose!



- Luke 1:67 ¶And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,
- 76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
- 77 *To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,*

# The Church's Purpose

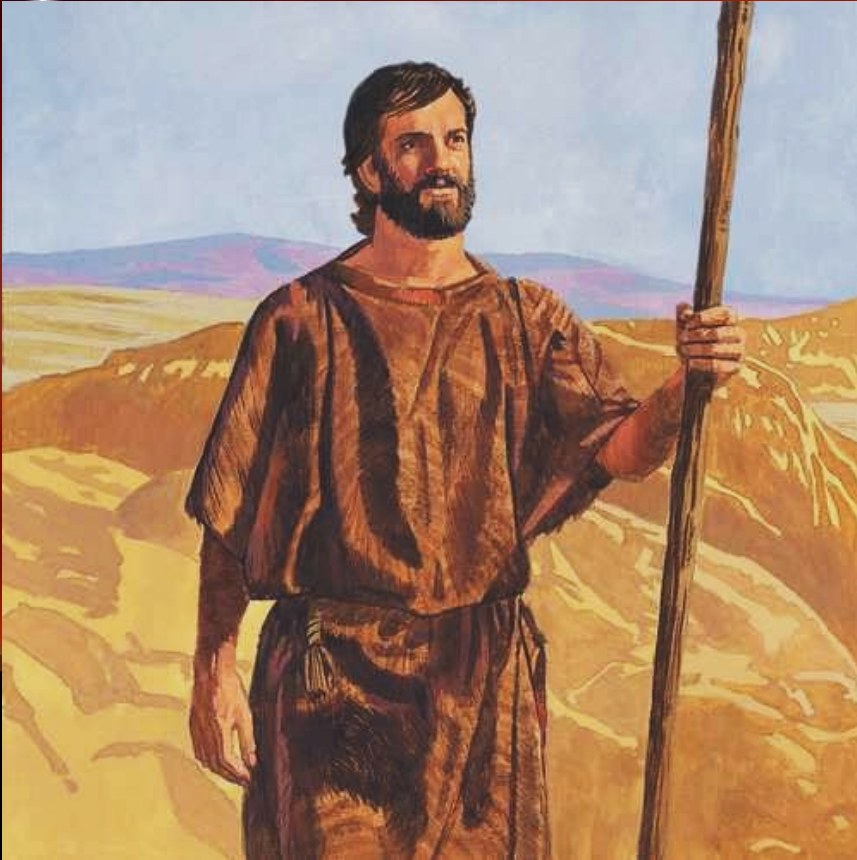


Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that *repentance and remission of sins* should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.



# Hidden In The Wilderness



Luke 1:80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his *shewing unto Israel.*

Luke 1:65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. 66 And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, *What manner of child shall this be!* And the hand of the Lord was with him.

# The Church In The Wilderness

The Bread of his presence:  
Standing on the right side of  
the altar



Acts 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. 38 This is he, that was in *the church in the wilderness* with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

1 Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,



# The Greatness of John



Luke 7:24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. 26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. 27 This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

# The Greatness Of His Church



- Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- 28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: **but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.**



# The Tribulation Church



- Mark 6:27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,
- Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: *and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

# Prepare The Way!



- Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- 20 Teaching them to **observe (OBEY)** all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Matthew 24:14** *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*