

Signs in the Heavens

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**Goal:** See if past [signs](signs.html) in the [heavens](heaven.html), for historical [events](feasts.html) that affected Israel, can give [insight](insights.html) into the meaning of [future](future.html) [signs](signs.html).

**Assumptions: 1)** A [sign](signs.html) has to be visible to be a [sign](signs.html). If it can’t be seen then it has no value as a [sign](signs.html). Therefore, all [signs](signs.html) are viewed at night when they are above the horizon.

 **2)** [HaShem’s](hashem.html) perspective is that [Jerusalem](city.html) is the center of the [world](worlds.html). Therefore all [signs](signs.html) are viewed from the location of [Jerusalem](city.html).

 **3)** [HaShem](hashem.html)’s day always began at sunset. Therefore all [signs](signs.html) are visible from sunset on the day before the dates listed, till dawn on the date listed.

 **4)**  The Chamah ([Sun](hachama.html)), the Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)), and [stars](mazaroth.html) are God’s [signs](signs.html) according to Genesis 1:14: *Then God said, “Let there be* [*lights*](lights.html) *in the expanse of the* [*heavens*](heaven.html) *to separate the day from the night, and let them be for* [***signs***](signs.html)*, and for seasons, and for days and years.”*

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|  | **Planet Names[[1]](#footnote-1)** |  |
| **Greek** |  | **Transliteration** |
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| *Saturn* |  | Shabbtai |
| Jupiter |  | Zedek |
| Mars |  | Madim |
| [Sun](hachama.html) |  | Chamah |
| Venus |  | Nogah |
| Mercury |  | Kokah |
| [Moon](chodesh.html) |  | Lavanah |

Constellation order, [birth](birth.html) order, numerical order, and alephbet order:

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| Month | -4k Years | [Tribe](tribes.html) | -4K Years | [Letter](letters.html) | Value |
|  | Greek |  | [Hebrew](hebrew.html) |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| [Nisan](feasts.html) | Taurus | Reuben | Shaur | Hay | 5 |
| [Iyar](feasts.html) | Gemini | Simeon | Teomaim | Vav | 6 |
| [Sivan](feasts.html) | Cancer | Levi | Sartan | Zayin | 7 |
| [Tammuz](feasts.html) | Leo | Judah | Arieh | Het | 8 |
| [Av](feasts.html) | Virgo | Zebulon | Bethulah | Tet | 9 |
| [Elul](elul.html) | Libra | Issachar | Meoznaim | Yod | 10 |
| Tishrei | Scorpio | Dan | Aqurav | Lamed | 30 |
| Cheshvan | Sagitarius | Gad | Qashot | Nun | 50 |
| [Kislev](feasts.html) | Capricorn | Asher | Ghedi | Samnkh | 60 |
| Tevet | Aquarius | Napthali | Deli | Ayin | 70 |
| [Shevat](feasts.html) | Pisces | [Joseph](joseph.html) | Dagim | Tzadi | 90 |
| [Adar](feasts.html) | Aries | [Benjamin](benyamin.html) | Toleh | Koph | 100 |

[**Events**](feasts.html)

**The infant** [**Jesus**](yeshua.html) **is born at** [**Bethlehem**](bethlehem.html) **near** [**Jerusalem**](city.html)**.** Year of the nativity, September 8, 7 BC, determined by modern astronomers on the basis of a conjunction of the planets Shabbtai (Saturn) and Zedek (Jupiter) within the constellation Dagim (Pisces), a conjunction that gives the appearance of a great [new](new.html) [star](mazaroth.html) and the fulfillment of a prophecy by [Jewish](gen-jew.html) astrologers at Sippar in [Babylon](bavel.html), who have predicted the arrival of a long-awaited [Messiah](mashiach.html) at some [time](time.html) when the [two](two.html) planets would meet. (Author's note: I do not yet have a firm opinion on this date.)

**-** Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) with Zedek (Jupiter) and Shabbtai (Saturn) in very close conjunction in Dagim (Pisces).

[**Yeshua**](yeshua.html) **is crucified:**  probably April 3, 33 AD

- Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo), 66% lunar eclipse.

[**Jerusalem**](city.html) **falls:** September 7, 70 AD

- Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn).

[**First**](one.html) **Crusade**: November 6, 1095 Council of Claremont: Pope Urban II summoned Christians to retake the Holy Land from the Moslems, alleging that they destroyed Christian holy places. A combination of religious, economic and social motives resulted in the overwhelming response that became [known](daat.html) as the [First](one.html) Crusade. The Pope formed an army headed by special knights (i.e. Raymond, Godfrey, etc.). A "people's" army also joined, encouraged by Peter the Hermit and other local clerics. There would eventually be a total of [eight](eight.html) Crusades, but only the [first](one.html) [four](four.html) were of any real significance.

[**Jerusalem**](city.html) **falls to the Crusaders:** July 15, 1099 after a siege of just over [one](one.html) month. The streets of the [city](city.html) run with [blood](body.html) as the Crusaders slaughter 40,000 and set [fire](fire.html) to mosques and [synagogues](file:///D%3A%5CBackup%20data%5CWord%5CStars%5Csynagog.html), and the [First](one.html) Crusade comes to an end.

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Toleh (Aries).

**The sultan Saladin, crushes a united Christian army:**  July 4, 1187 in the Battle of Hittin, lays siege to [Jerusalem](city.html) September 20, 1187, and takes the [city](city.html) **October 2, 1187** without sacking it.

- Old Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in close conjunction with Kokah (Mercury), in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Frederick II** [**signs**](signs.html) **a treaty:** February 18, 1229 with the Egyptian sultan Malik-al-Kamil, nephew of the late Saladin, who surrenders [Bethlehem](bethlehem.html), Nazareth, and [Jerusalem](city.html) plus a corridor to the port of Acre for use by Christian pilgrims.

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aqurav (Scorpio).

**Frederick II crowns himself king:** March 18, 1229 in the [Church](church.html) of the Holy Sepulcher, assuming the monarchy by right of his [marriage](mashal.html) in November 1225 to the late Iolande (Isabella), daughter of [Jerusalem](city.html)’s titular king John, count of Brienne.

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Qashot (Sagittarius).

The [seventh](seven.html), and last, of the Christian Crusades was brought to an end by a treaty concluded by King Louis IX of France and the Berbers of North Africa on October 18, 1270. ([Heshvan](feasts.html) 1, )

**English Expulsion**: On July 18,1290, Edward I (England), pressured by his barons, the [Church](church.html), and possibly his mother, announced the expulsion of all the [Jews](gen-jew.html). By November approximately 4000 had fled. The [Jews](gen-jew.html) had to pay their own passage, mostly to France. They were allowed to take movables (i.e. clothing). A [number](nchart.html) of [Jews](gen-jew.html) were robbed and cast overboard during the voyage by the ship captains. The [Jews](gen-jew.html) did not return to England until 1659. This was the [first](one.html) national expulsion of the [Jews](gen-jew.html). England was [one](one.html) of the only centralized and national monarchies of that [time](time.html).

On September 17 1394, Charles VI, using the pretense that a [Jewish](gen-jew.html) [convert](aliens.html) in Paris, Denis Machuit, returned to Judaism, he once again expelled the [Jews](gen-jew.html). The order, signed on [Yom Kippur](kippur.html), was enforced on November 3. [Jews](gen-jew.html) continued to live in Lyons and papal possessions such as Pugnon.

**Hungarian Expulsion**: November 9 1526: Hungary: The [Jews](gen-jew.html) were expelled after being falsely accused of aiding the Turks against Hungary.

**The** [**first**](one.html) **settlers arrived at Pitah Tikvah** to prepare ground for a [new](new.html) colony, on November 3, 1878. ([Heshvan](feasts.html) 7, 5639)

- [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn). Zedek (Jupiter) is also in Ghedi (Capricorn).

**Eliezer Ben-Yehuda and his friends agreed to use** [**Hebrew**](hebrew.html) **exclusively** in their daily conversations and transactions. This marked the modest beginning of the revival of [Hebrew](hebrew.html) as a living [tongue](spirit.html), on October 13, 1881. ([Tishri](feasts.html) 20, 5642)

- [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Teomain (Gemini) in close conjunction with Madim (Mars).

**The Balfour Declaration:** issued November 2, 1917 ([Heshvan](feasts.html) 17, 5678) by Foreign Secretary Arthur J. Balfour, says the British government favors “the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the [Jewish](gen-jew.html) people and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of that object

- Waning full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (Taurus). Zedek (Jupiter) is also in Shaur (Taurus).

**Ottoman Rule Ended**: December 11, 1917 ([Kislev](feasts.html) 26, 5678) British General Allenby enters [Jerusalem](city.html), ending Ottoman rule.

January 3, 1919 ([Shevat](feasts.html) 2, 5679) Chaim Weizmann [signs](signs.html) an agreement with Arab leader Emir Faisal which included an agreement "to encourage and facilitate the immigration of [Jews](gen-jew.html) into Palestine on a large scale."

July 1, 1920 ([Tammuz](feasts.html) 15, 5680) Herbert Samuel is [appointed](settimes.html) High Commissioner of Palestine by the British. Samuel attempted to satisfy the [needs](needs.html) of [Jewish](gen-jew.html) immigrants and at the same [time](time.html) appease Arab requests.

[Hebrew](hebrew.html) would become [one](one.html) of the official languages in the courts of the land as announced by the British government of Palestine, on October 17, 1920. ([Heshvan](feasts.html) 5, 5681)

- [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aqurav (Scorpio) in conjunction with Madim (Mars).

June 22, 1922 ([Sivan](feasts.html) 26, 5682) Churchill issues the White Paper stating that the Balfour Declaration "did not contemplate that Palestine as a whole should be converted into a [Jewish](gen-jew.html) [Nation](nations.html) Home."

**League of** [**Nations**](nations.html)**:** Adopts the Balfour declaration. On July 24, 1922 (**July 24, 1922**: Monday, [**Tammuz**](feasts.html) **28, 5682**), the declaration was embodied in the League of [Nations](nations.html) mandate for Palestine.

- Old Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Teomaim (Gemini). Kokah (Mercury) is in conjunction in Teomaim (Gemini) too.

**The British mandate** in Palestine came into force on September 29, 1923. ([Tishri](feasts.html) 19, 5684).

- [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Toleh (Aries).

**The** [**first**](one.html) **organized** [**attack**](attacks.html) upon [Jews](gen-jew.html) by Nazi storm troopers, in Berlin, on September 12, 1931 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 1, 5692 )

- [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo)/Aryeh (Leo) with close conjunction of Nogah (Venus). Madim (Mars) is also in Bethulah (Virgo). Kokah (Mercury) is in conjunction in Aryeh (Leo).

**Arab extremists seize** [**Bethlehem**](bethlehem.html)**:** and the old section of [Jerusalem](city.html), which are retaken by British troops October 18, 1938.

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (Leo).

**The ghetto of Uman**, Russia, was liquidated by the Nazis on September 22, 1941 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 1, 5702).

- [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in conjunction with Kokah (Mercury), in Bethulah (Virgo). Nogah (Venus) is also in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Experimental executions, by gassing**, begin at Auschwitz on September 23, 1941 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 2, 5702).

- [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in conjunction with Nogah (Venus), in Bethulah (Virgo). Kokah (Mercury) is also in Bethulah (Virgo).

**State of Israel:**  the republic of Israel was proclaimed on May 15, 1948 (**May 15, 1948** corresponds to: Saturday, [**Iyar**](feasts.html) **6, 5708**).

- [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in conjunction with Regulus and Madim (Mars) and Shabbtai (Saturn) in Aryeh (Leo).

**IDF Formed**: On May 26 1948 ([Iyar](feasts.html) 17, 5708), the Provisional Government of Israel decided to transform the Haganah into the regular army of the State, to be called "Zeva Haganah Le-Yisrael" - The Israel Defense Forces.

**Large scale fighting was resumed** between Israel and Egypt on October 14, 1948 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 11, 5709).

- Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Deli (Aquarius).

**Beesheba,** [**Jacob**](israelja.html)**’s hometown, was occupied** by Israeli forces on October 21, 1948, his yahrzeit. ([Tishri](feasts.html) 18, 5709)

- [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (Taurus).

**Operation ”**[**Ten Plagues**](ten.html)**”** was opened by Israel against the Egyptian army, October 18, 1948. ([Tishri](feasts.html) 15, 5709)

- Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Toleh (Aries).

**The** [**first**](one.html) **census** taken by the government of Israel on November 8, 1948, listed 712,000 [Jews](gen-jew.html) and 68,000 Arabs. ([Heshvan](feasts.html) 6, 5709)

- [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn).

**Operation “Magic Carpet” begins:**  November 8, 1949 ([Heshvan](feasts.html) 16, 5710) This date marks the beginning of Operation Magic Carpet which brought 40,000 [Jews](gen-jew.html) from Yemen to Israel.

**Operation “Magic Carpet” Ends:**  transfers the entire [Jewish](gen-jew.html) [community](community.html) of Yemen, to Israel on September 24, 1950. ([Tishri](feasts.html) 13, 5711)

- Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Deli (Aquarius) in close conjunction with Zedek (Jupiter).

[**Jordan**](stages.html)**’s King Abdullah is assassinated:** July 20, 1951 ([Tammuz](feasts.html) 16, 5711) at [Jerusalem](city.html).

- Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn).

 **Emir Talal is proclaimed king:** by the national assembly September 5

[**Jordan**](stages.html) **and Israel accept UN truce proposals**: January 24, 1956 ([Shevat](feasts.html) 11, 5716).

- Waxing full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (Taurus).

**Cease-**[**fire**](fire.html) **between Israel and** [**Jordan**](stages.html)**:** that takes effect April 29, 1956 ([Iyar](feasts.html) 18, 5716).

- Waning full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Qashot (Sagittarius).

**Cease-fires with Lebanon and Syria:** take effect May 1, 1956 ([Iyar](feasts.html) 20, 5716).

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn). Madim (Mars) is also in Ghedi (Capricorn).

**Suez Crisis:** The war began on October 29, 1956 ([Heshvan](feasts.html) 24, 5717).

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (Leo). Zedek (Jupiter) and Nogah (Venus) in conjunction in Bethulah (Virgo).

[**Six**](six.html)**-Day War:** Hostilities began on June 5, 1967 ([Iyar](feasts.html) 26, 5727).

- An old Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Toleh (Aries).

[**Jerusalem**](city.html) **captured by Israel**: On June 7, 1967 ([Iyar](feasts.html) 28, 5727), the Old [City](city.html) of [Jerusalem](city.html) was taken by a Paratroop unit in [hand](fourteen.html)-to-[hand](fourteen.html) fighting to avoid any damage to the holy places. By the evening, the whole of Judea and Samaria (West Bank) were in Israel's [hands](fourteen.html).

**Golan heights captured**: The Israeli Defense Forces attacked the Syrian army on June 9. By June 10, Israeli forces had captured the Golan heights and the danger of Syrian shelling had been removed from the Israel villages.

[**Six**](six.html)**-Day War:** By June 10, 1967 the fighting was halted.

- A [new](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) conjunction with Kokah (Mercury) in Teomaim (Gemini).

**Egypt’s President Nasser accepts a U.S. peace formula** for the Middle [East](east.html) July 24, 1970 ([Tammuz](feasts.html) 20, 5730). [Jordan](stages.html) announces her acceptance 2 days later, Syria makes a show of rejecting the formula, Israel announces her acceptance July 31, 1970

- Old Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Teomaim (Gemini).

[**Yom Kippur**](kippur.html) **War:** On October 6, 1973 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 10, 5734), Egypt and Syria, frustrated by Israel's refusal to give up Arab territory taken during the [Six](six.html)-Day War of 1967, joined to launch a surprise [attack](attacks.html) on Israeli occupation forces. A cease-[fire](fire.html) arranged by the United [Nations](nations.html) took effect on the Syrian front on October 22 and in Egypt [two](two.html) days later.

- [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in close conjunction with Zedek (Jupiter), in Ghedi (Capricorn).

[**Jordan**](stages.html) **enters the** [**Yom Kippur**](kippur.html) **war** on October 13, 1973. ([Tishri](feasts.html) 17, 5734).

- [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Toleh (Aries) in close conjunction with Madim (Mars).

**The crossing of Israeli forces to the western side of the Suez Canal** on October 16, 1973 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 20, 5734), marked a turning point in the [Yom Kippur](kippur.html) War.

- [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (Taurus).

**A cease-**[**fire**](fire.html) **resolution was passed by the UN to halt the** [**Yom Kippur**](kippur.html) **War**. Israel and Egypt accepted on October 22, 1973. ([Tishri](feasts.html) 26, 5734).

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (Leo).

**Fighting resumed in the** [**Yom Kippur**](kippur.html) **War** on October 23, 1973. ([Tishri](feasts.html) 27, 5734).

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Israeli forces reached the** [**city**](city.html) **of Suez** on October 26, 1973 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 30, 5734), and trapped the Egyptian 3rd army on the [eastern](east.html) side of the Suez. ([Tishri](feasts.html) 30, 5734)

- Old Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Meoznaim (Libra). Kokah (Mercury) is also in Meoznaim (Libra).

**Israel Withdraws from the Suez canal:**  March 5, 1974 ([Adar](feasts.html) 11, 5734).

- Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Sartan (Cancer).

**Disengagement agreement:** Between Egypt and Israel. May 31, 1974 ([Sivan](feasts.html) 10, 5734).

- Waxing full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Israel signed the** [**Sinai**](stages.html) **disengagement pact with Egypt** on October 10, 1975 ([Heshvan](feasts.html) 5, 5736).

- [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aqurav (Scorpio).

**Israel** [**signs**](signs.html) **an accord with Egypt:** October 10, 1976 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 16, 5737). Agreeing to withdraw from 1,900 square miles of [Sinai](stages.html) territory.

- Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Toleh (Aries). Zedek (Jupiter) in Shaur (Taurus).

**Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty:**  signed on March 26, 1979 ([Adar](feasts.html) 27, 5739)

- Old Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) close to Nogah (Venus) (right and below) and Madim (Mars) (left and above) in Aquarius.

**Cease-**[**fire**](fire.html) **is negotiated:**  July 24, 1981 ([Tammuz](feasts.html) 22, 5741). Israeli and PLO forces clash through June and July with several weeks of heavy fighting, shellfire falls on Israeli settlements, and Israeli jets strike targets in Beirut and southern Lebanon.

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Toleh (Aries).

**Israel invades Lebanon:**  June 6, 1982 ([Sivan](feasts.html) 15, 5742). Israel launched a massive [attack](attacks.html) to destroy all military bases of the P.L.O. in Southern Lebanon and to free Israel northern towns and villages from constant [fire](fire.html).

- Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aqurav (Scorpio).

**Violence at the** [**Temple**](temple.html): October 8, 1990 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 19, 5751), around the al-Aqsa mosque on the [Temple](temple.html) Mount in [Jerusalem](city.html)

- Waning Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in conjunction with Madim (Mars), in the constellation Shaur (Taurus).

**Persian Gulf war:** January 17, 1991 ([Shevat](feasts.html) 2, 5751) with Scud missile [attacks](attacks.html) on Saudi Arabia and Israel.

- [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in conjunction with Nogah (Venus), in Ghedi (Capricorn). The Chamah ([Sun](hachama.html)) is in close conjunction with Zedek (Jupiter)

**Peace with PLO:** September 13, 1993 ([Elul](elul.html) 27, 5753), an agreement for limited Palestinian self-ruled in Gaza and in the West Bank, beginning with the [city](city.html) of [Jericho](stages.html).

- An old Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) forms a triangle with Nogah (Venus) on the top and Regulus, in Aryeh (Leo), on the left.

**Peace with** [**Jordan**](stages.html)**:**  September 14, 1993 ([Elul](elul.html) 28, 5753), Israel and [Jordan](stages.html) signed a framework accord intended to pave the way for a [future](future.html) peace treaty.

- Nogah (Venus) is directly over an old Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) and both are in conjunction with Regulus in the constellation of Aryeh (Leo).

[**Hebron**](city.html) **killings**: February 25, 1994 ([Adar](feasts.html) 14, 5754) -- [Jewish](gen-jew.html) settler Baruch Goldstein sprays gunfire on kneeling Arab worshippers in a mosque in [Hebron](city.html) in the West Bank, killing 29 before survivors beat him to death.

**Suicide bombs**: April 9, 1995 ([Nisan](feasts.html) 9, 5755) -- Palestinian suicide bombings kill [eight](eight.html) [Jews](gen-jew.html) in [two](two.html) [attacks](attacks.html) near [Jewish](gen-jew.html) settlements in Gaza Strip.

**Rabin Assassinated**: November 4, 1995 ([Heshvan](feasts.html) 11, 5756) -- Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin assassinated by an Israeli ultra nationalist gunman.

**Lebanese Strike**: April 11, 1996 ([Nisan](feasts.html) 22, 5756) -- Israel launches a 16-day air and artillery campaign against guerrillas in southern Lebanon. 165 people are killed, including 91 Lebanese refugees at a U.N. base hit by Israeli shells.

[**New**](new.html) **Prime Minister**: May 31, 1996 ([Sivan](feasts.html) 13, 5756) -- [Benjamin](benyamin.html) Netanyahu is declared Israel's prime minister after a narrow victory over Shimon Peres, a staunch advocate of peace agreements with Palestinians and Israel's Arab neighbors.

**Hasmonean Tunnel opened**: September 24-27, 1996 ([Tishri](feasts.html) 11-12, 5757) -- Protests and clashes break out in the West Bank, Gaza and [Jerusalem](city.html) after Israel opens a tunnel near a Muslim holy site. More than 70 people are killed.

[**Hebron**](city.html) **given away**: January 14, 1997 [Shevat](feasts.html) 6, 5757 ([Shevat](feasts.html) 6, 5757) -- Israelis and Palestinians [sign](signs.html) an accord for Israeli troops to withdraw from the disputed [city](city.html) of [Hebron](city.html) and other parts of the West Bank. The long-delayed agreement comes after mediation by [Jordan](stages.html)'s King Hussein.

**School girls killed**: March 13, 1997 ([Adar](feasts.html) II 4, 5757) -- A Jordanian soldier opens [fire](fire.html) on Israeli school girls visiting a border observation post, killing [seven](seven.html). King Hussein later apologizes to the victims' families.

**Har Homa Building**: March 17, 1997 ([Adar](feasts.html) II 8, 5757) -- Israel begins construction of a [new](new.html) [Jewish](gen-jew.html) housing development in [East](east.html) [Jerusalem](city.html). Yasser Arafat condemns the project as an affront to peace.

**Suicide Bomber**: March 21, 1997 ([Adar](feasts.html) II 12, 5757) -- A suicide bomber blows himself up in a crowded Tel [Aviv](feasts.html) outdoor cafe, killing [three](three.html) Israeli women and wounding dozens during the [annual](annual.html) [Purim](Purim.html) celebration.

**Arabs freeze relations with Israel**: March 30, 1997 ([Adar](feasts.html) II 21, 5757)-- Arab League [nations](nations.html) approve a resolution to freeze relations with Israel, a move intended as a protest against the [Jewish](gen-jew.html) [nation](nations.html)'s settlement polices.

**Important People**

**Arafat, Yasir**: Born on August 24, 1929 (Sat, [Av](feasts.html) 18, 5689)

- Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Dagim (Pisces).

**Begin, Menachem**: Born on August 16, 1913 (Sat, [Av](feasts.html) 13, 5673)

- Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn).

**Ben-Gurion, David**: Born on October 16, 1886 (Sat, [Tishri](feasts.html) 17, 5647)

- Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (bull).

**Herzl, Theodor**: Born on May 2, 1860 (Wed, [Iyar](feasts.html) 10, 5620)

- Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Meir, Golda**: Born on May 3, 1898 (Tue, [Iyar](feasts.html) 11, 5658)

- Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in conjunction with Zedek (Jupiter), in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Peres, Shimon**: Born on 1923 (5683)

**Rabin, Yitzhak:** Born on March 1, 1922 (Wed, [Adar](feasts.html) 1, 5682)

- [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Pisces.

**Shamir, Yitzhak**: Born on 1914

**Sharon, Ariel**:

**Weizmann, Chaim:**  born on November 27, 1874

- [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Sartan (Cancer).

[**Festivals**](festivals.html)

[**Pesach**](passover.html) 5756 (April 4, 1996) - Total lunar eclipse of full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo). Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) is [blood](body.html) red. Shabbtai (Saturn), Madim (Mars), and Kokah (Mercury) are in a straight line with the Chamah ([Sun](hachama.html)) in Dagim (Pisces).

[**Pesach**](passover.html) **Sheini** 5756 (May 3, 1996) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Yom** [**Yerushalayim**](city.html) 5756 (May 17, 1996) - [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (Shaur (Taurus)) in a triangle with the Chamah ([Sun](hachama.html)) and Kokah (Mercury).

[**Shavuot**](shavuot.html) [first](one.html) day 5756 (May 24, 1996) - [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (Leo).

[**Shavuot**](shavuot.html) second day 5756 (May 25, 1996) - [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (Leo).

**Fast of** [**Tammuz**](tamuz17.html) **17,** 5756 (July 3, 1996) - The full [moon](chodesh.html) is in Ghedi. Hale-Bopp is close by.

**Tish B’**[**Av**](feasts.html) 5756 (July 24, 1996) - Waxing [moon](chodesh.html) at the [feet](heel.html) of Bethulah.

[**Yom Teruah**](teruah.html) [first](one.html) day 5757 (September 14, 1996) - [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo) in close conjunction with Kokah (Mercury).

[**Yom Teruah**](teruah.html) second day 5757 (September 15, 1996) - [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo) is “born”. It looks like Revelation 12:1. Kokah (Mercury) is also in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Fast of** [**Gedaliah**](gedaliah.html) 5757 (September 16, 1996) - [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo) is “born”.

**Yom HaKippurim** 5757 (September 23, 1996) - Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn). Autumnal equinox.

September 26/27: Total lunar eclipse with a possibility of a red [moon](chodesh.html). Eclipse begins at 10:19 PM. Maximum eclipse at 10:54 PM. Eclipse ends at 1:36 am.

**Hag HaSuccoth** 5757 (September 28, 1996) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Dagim (Pisces) in close (3 degrees south) conjunction with Shabbtai (Saturn). It will be a “harvest” Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)).

**Hoshanah Rabbah** 5757 (October 4, 1996) - [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (Taurus).

[**Shemini Atzeret**](shemini.html) 5757 (October 5, 1996) - [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah in Teomaim (Gemini).

[**Chanukah**](chanukah.html) 5757 (December 6, 1996) - [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Fast of** [**Tevet 10**](tevet10.html) 5757 (December 20, 1996) - Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Dagim (Pisces).

**Tu B’**[**Shevat**](tubshevt.html) 5757 (January 23, 1997) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Teomain (Gemini).

**Fast of** [**Esther**](esther.html) 5757 (March 20, 1997) - Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Sartan (Cancer).

[**Purim**](Purim.html) 5757 (March 23, 1997) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (Leo) in close conjunction with Madim (Mars). Comet Hale-Bopp will make it’s closest approach to Earth today.

**Shushan** [**Purim**](Purim.html) 5757 (March 24, 1997) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo) in close conjunction with Madim (Mars).

[**Pesach**](passover.html) 5757 (April 22, 1997) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

[**Pesach**](passover.html) **last day** 5757 (April 28, 1997) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

[**Pesach**](passover.html) **Sheini** 5757 (May 21, 1997) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Meoznaim (Libra).

**Yom** [**Yerushalayim**](city.html)5757 (June 4, 1997) - [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (Taurus) with the Chamah ([Sun](hachama.html)).

[**Shavuot**](shavuot.html) 5757 (June 11, 1997) - [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Sartan (Cancer).

**Fast of** [**Tammuz**](tamuz17.html) **17** 5757 (July 22, 1997) - [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn) in close conjunction with Zedek (Jupiter).

**Tish B’**[**Av**](feasts.html) 5757 (August 12, 1997) - [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Meoznaim (Libra).

[**Yom Teruah**](teruah.html) 5758 (October 2, 1997) - [New](new.html) [Moon](chodesh.html) in Bethulah (Virgo) in a straight line conjunction with the Chamah ([Sun](hachama.html)) and Kokah (Mercury).

**Fast of** [**Gedaliah**](gedaliah.html) 5758 (October 5, 1997) - [New](new.html) Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Meoznaim (Libra) in close conjunction with Nogah (Venus) and in conjunction with Madim (Mars).

**Yom HaKippurim** 5758 (October 11, 1997) - Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn) in close conjunction with Zedek (Jupiter).

**Hag HaSuccoth** 5758 (October 16, 1997) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Dagim (Pisces) in extremely close conjunction with Shabbtai (Saturn).

**Hoshannah Rabbah** 5758 (October 22, 1997) - [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Teomaim (Gemini).

[**Shemini Atzeret**](shemini.html) 5758 (October 23, 1997) - [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Teomaim (Gemini).

[**Chanukah**](chanukah.html) 5758 (December 24, 1997) - [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Fast of** [**Tevet 10**](tevet10.html) 5758 (January 8, 1998) - Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (Taurus).

**Tu B’**[**Shevat**](tubshevt.html)5758 (February 11, 1998) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Sartan (Cancer).

**Fast of** [**Esther**](esther.html) 5758 (March 11, 1998) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Sartan (Cancer).

[**Purim**](Purim.html)5758 (March 12, 1998) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (Leo).

**Shushan** [**Purim**](Purim.html) 5758 (March 13, 1998) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (Leo).

[**Pesach**](passover.html) 5758 (April 11, 1998) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

[**Pesach**](passover.html) **last day** 5758 (April 17, 1998) - [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Aqurav (Scorpio)

[**Pesach**](passover.html) **Sheini** 5758 (May 10, 1998) - Full Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah (Virgo).

**Yom** [**Yerushalayim**](city.html) 5758 (May 24, 1998) - [Fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Dagim (Pisces) in close conjunction with Nogah (Venus) and Shabbtai (Saturn). Madim (Mars) and the Chamah ([Sun](hachama.html)) are also in close conjunction.

[**Shavuot**](shavuot.html) 5758 (May 31, 1998) - [First](one.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Sartan (Cancer).

**Fast of** [**Tammuz**](tamuz17.html) **17** 5758 (July 12, 1998) - [Third](three.html) quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (Capricorn)

**Tish B’**[**Av**](feasts.html) 5758 (August 2, 1998) - Second quarter Lavanah ([Moon](chodesh.html)) in Meoznaim (Libra).

**Interesting conjunctions:**

[Nisan](feasts.html) 1, 5760 (April 6, 2000) - Maadim (Mars), Zedek (Jupiter), Shabbtai (Saturn), and a [new](new.html) Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in close conjunction in Toleh (ram).

[Sivan](feasts.html) 26, 5760 (June 29, 2000) - Zedek (Jupiter), Shabbtai (Saturn), and old Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (bull).

[Sivan](feasts.html) 29, 5760 (July 2, 2000) - Nogah (Venus) and [new](new.html) Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Teomaim (twins) with Kokah (Mercury) and Maadim (Mars) with Chamah ([Sun](hachama.html)) just below the horizon.

[Tammuz](feasts.html) 23, 5760 (July 26, 2000) - Zedek (Jupiter), Shabbtai (Saturn), and [fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (bull).

[Tammuz](feasts.html) 29, 5760 (August 1, 2000) - Nogah (Venus) and [new](new.html) Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (lion).

[Av](feasts.html) 22, 5760 (August 23, 2000) - Zedek (Jupiter), Shabbtai (Saturn), and [fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (bull).

[Av](feasts.html) 27, 5760 (August 28, 2000) - Old [moon](chodesh.html) occludes Maadim (Mars) in Sartan.

[Av](feasts.html) 30, 5760 (August 31, 2000) - [New](new.html) Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) and Nogah (Venus) in Bethulah ([virgin](virgin.html)).

[Elul](elul.html) 19, 5760 (September 19, 2000) - Zedek (Jupiter), Shabbtai (Saturn), and second quarter Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (bull).

[Elul](elul.html) 25, 5760 (September 25, 2000) - Maadim (Mars) and [fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Aryeh (lion).

[Elul](elul.html) 29, 5760 (September 29, 2000) - Nogah (Venus), Kokah (Mercury), and [new](new.html) Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah ([virgin](virgin.html)).

[Tishri](feasts.html) 17, 5761 (October 16, 2000) - Zedek (Jupiter), Shabbtai (Saturn), and second quarter Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (bull).

[Heshvan](feasts.html) 14, 5761 (November 12, 2000) - Zedek (Jupiter), Shabbtai (Saturn), and second quarter Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (bull).

[Heshvan](feasts.html) 24, 5761 (November 22, 2000) - Maadim (Mars) and [fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah ([virgin](virgin.html)).

[Kislev](feasts.html) 3, 5761 (November 30, 2000) - Nogah (Venus) and [new](new.html) Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Qashot (bow).

[Kislev](feasts.html) 13, 5761 (December 10, 2000) - Zedek (Jupiter), Shabbtai (Saturn), and second quarter Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Shaur (bull).

[Kislev](feasts.html) 23, 5761 (December 20, 2000) - Maadim (Mars) and [fourth](four.html) quarter Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Bethulah ([virgin](virgin.html)).

Tevet 4, 5761 (December 30, 2000) - Nogah (Venus) and [new](new.html) Lavanah ([moon](chodesh.html)) in Ghedi (goat).

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