

Is adding a thirteenth month to a Scriptural Year (SCRIPTURAL)?

Let's start with the book in Scripture that deals more extensively with the Scriptural Calendar than any other book of Scripture.

The Book of Hanok (Enoch)

CHAPTER 72

2. And this is the **first law of the luminaries (lights)**: the luminary the Sun has its rising in the eastern portals of the heaven, and its setting in the western portals of the heaven.

3. And I saw six portals in which the sun rises, and six portals in which the sun sets (thus **12 portals in total, (NOT 13)** and the moon rises and sets in these portals, and the leaders of the stars and those whom they lead: six in the east and six in the west, and all following each other in accurately corresponding order: also many windows to the right and left of these portals.

7. And in that fourth portal from which the sun rises in the FIRST MONTH are twelve (12) (NOT 13) window openings . . .

In Chapter 73 verse 11, we read about the FOUR LEADERS who divide the FOUR PARTS (seasons) of the year. We read about the TWELVE LEADERS (NOT 13) who divide the MONTHS. We read about the THREE HUNDRED and SIXTY (360), who are heads over thousands who divide the DAYS; and we read of the leaders of the FOUR INTERCALARY DAYS which divide the FOUR PARTS of the year.

CHAPTER 74

17. And the year is accurately completed in conformity with their world-stations and the stations of the sun, which rise from the portals through which it (the sun) rises and goes down thirty (30) days (and ONLY 12 months as already determined in Chapter 72).

CHAPTER 75

6. As for the twelve portals (NOT 13) in the heaven, at the ends of the earth, out of which go forth the sun, moon, and stars, and all the works of heaven in the east and in the west.

The Twelve Windows and their Portals (NOT 13).

CHAPTER 76

1. And at the ends of the earth I saw twelve portals (NOT 13) open to all the quarters (of the heaven), from which the winds go forth and blow over the earth.

2. **Three** of them are open on the face (i.e. the **east**) of the heavens, and **three** in the **west**, and **three** on the right (i.e. the **south**) of the heaven, and **three** on the left (i.e. the **north**).

14. And the twelve portals (NOT 13) of the four quarters of the heaven are completed, and all their laws and all their plagues and all their goodness have I shown to thee, my son Methuselah.

CHAPTER 82

11. Their **four leaders** who divide the **four parts of the year** enter first; and after them the twelve leaders (NOT 13) of the orders who divide the months; and for the three hundred and sixty (days) there are heads over thousands who divide the days; and for the four intercalary days there are the leaders which divide the four parts of the year.

Elohim's Word affirms His Deity and His Character – thus, we should always **TEST whether something aligns to WHO He is and WHAT He teaches** through Scripture. Let's look at the prophetic and symbolic significance of the numbers (12) and (13) from Scripture to **CONFIRM** whether the doctrine of the lunar year (where they add a thirteenth month to Scripture every approximately third year to **ALIGN** the luminaries) confirms the deity, character and attributes of The Almighty!

Twelve (12) (yod-bet)

Governmental Perfection/Authority (The Luminaries reflect the Governmental Perfection and Authority of the Almighty over His [own] creation) . . .

To write twelve in Hebrew, we write yod-bet.

These signify the hand (outworking) of the household in harmony, **under divine authority**.

Twelve is the number of **governmental perfection** and **divine authority**. It follows 11, which is the disorder preceding this perfection.

- There were **12 sons of Ya'aqob** in the First Covenant
- Messiah chose **12 Taught Ones (Disciples)** in the Renewed Covenant
- There are **12 Tribes of Yisra'el**
- Solomon had **12 governors**, or deputies, ruling with responsibility in his household (**1 Kin 4:7**).
- We also read about the significance of the number twelve (12) in YAHUAH's **set-apart Dwelling Place** . . . **Num 7:84** This was the **dedication of the altar** from the leaders of Yisra'el, when it was anointed: **twelve** silver dishes, **twelve** silver bowls, **twelve** gold ladles. **Num 7:87** All the **cattle for the burnt offering** were **twelve** young bulls, the rams **twelve**, the male lambs a year old **twelve**, with their grain offering, and the male goats as a sin offering **twelve**.
- We read about the significance of the number 12 in the Tent of Meeting as well . . . **Num 17:2, 4** "Speak to the children of Yisra'el, and take from them a rod from each father's house, all their leaders according to their fathers' houses, **twelve** rods. Write each one's name on his rod". You shall then **place them in the Tent of Meeting** before the Witness, where I meet with you.
- Again we see the significance of 12 in Scripture when YAHUAH commanded the **children of Yisra'el to take vengeance on the Midyanites**. **Num 31:4-5** "Send a thousand from each tribe of all the tribes of Yisra'el for the campaign." So there were supplied from the tribes of Yisra'el one thousand from each tribe, **twelve** thousand armed ones for the campaign.
- 12 men were chosen to **spy-out the Promised Land** . . . **Deu 1:23** "And the matter was good in my eyes, so I took **twelve** of your men, **one man from each tribe**".
- We read about the significance of the **12 stones** in the Book of Yahusha (Joshua) . . . **Jos 4:7-8a** "Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Yarden were cut off before the ark of the covenant of YAHUAH. When it passed over the Yarden, the waters of the Yarden were cut off. And **these stones shall be for a remembrance to the children of Yisra'el forever**." And the children of Yisra'el did so, as Yahusha commanded, and took up **twelve stones** from the midst of the Yarden.
- We read about the end of the **12 months** (signifying one period of a year) in the prophetic Book of Dani'el, chapter 4 verse 29!
- In Eze 43, we read about the **measurements of the altar** in cubits! **Eze 43:16** "And the altar hearth is **twelve cubits long**, and **twelve wide**, square at its four corners".
- In Jer 52, we read about the significance of the number 12 in the **columns that were in the house of YAHUAH** . . . **Jer 52:20** The two columns, one Sea, the **twelve bronze bulls** which were under it, and the stands, which Sovereign Shelomoh had made for the House of YAHUAH. **Jer 52:21** As for the columns, the height of one column was eighteen cubits, and its circumference was **twelve cubits** . . .
- In Est 2, we read about the significance of the number 12 in **preparation of women** . . . **Est 2:12** Now when the turn of each young woman came to go in to Sovereign Ahashweroth after she had **completed twelve months** according to the **regulations** for the women – for the **days of their preparation were completed** as follows: **six months** with oil of myrrh, and **six months** with perfumes and with the preparations of women.
- There are **12 foundations in the New Yerushalayim (Rev 21:14)**. It also has **12 gates** and **12 messengers** at the gates (**Rev 21:12**). There are **12 pearls** at the gates (**Rev 21:21**). The wall is 144 cubits high (**Rev 21:17**), which is **12 x 12**. All of this is to portray the **concept of divine government and order**.
- Though all priests and kings were anointed, the First Covenant **specifically records 12 anointed men**. The first five are priests; the last seven are kings . . .
 1. Aharon (**Lev 8:12**)
 2. Nadab (**Lev 8:30; 10:1**)

3. Abihu ([Lev 8:30; 10:1](#))
 4. El'azar ([Lev 10:12](#))
 5. Ithamar ([Lev 10:12](#))
 6. Shemu'el ([1 Sam 10:1](#)); the sixth being **man's choice** ([1 Sam 8:18](#))
 7. Dawid ([1 Sam 16:13](#)); the **seventh** being **YHUH's choice** ([1 Sam 13:14](#))
 8. Abshalom ([2 Sam 19:10](#))
 9. Shelomoh ([1 Kin 1:39](#))
 10. Yehu ([2 Kin 9:6](#))
 11. Yoash ([2 Kin 11:12](#))
 12. Yehoahaz ([2 Kin 23:30](#))
- Yahusha Messiah spoke of **12 thrones** on which the **12 emissaries** would sit to judge the **12 tribes** of Yisrael ([Mat 19:28](#)).
 - Yahusha said that there were **12 hours** in the day ([Joh 11:9](#))!
 - Yahusha referred to the **twelve legions** of Messengers in [Mat 26:53](#)!
 - In [Mat 19:28](#), we read what Yahusha said to the ones following Him in the REBIRTH – they shall sit on **12 thrones**, judging the **12 tribes** of Yisra'el!
 - The **twelfth** time Yahusha is mentioned is in [Mat 4:10](#), where He establishes the truth of divine government: [Mat 4:10](#) Then Yahusha said to him, “Go, Satan! For it has been written, ‘You shall worship **אֱלֹהִים** your ELOhim, and Him alone you shall serve.’”

What is the significance of the [number Thirteen](#) (yod-gimel)?

Rebellion, Depravity

To write thirteen in Hebrew, we write yud-gimel.

These signify the hand (outworking) of **pride (lifting up in pride or rebuking the proud)**.

It can also mean lifting up a reward (in context of how the letter is used)!

The **number thirteen** speaks of **rebellion, pride and depravity**.

The **first occurrence** of the number 13 in Scripture is found in [Gen 14:4](#), where it **signifies a time of rebellion . . .**

[Gen 14:4](#) Twelve years they served Kedorla'omer, and in the **thirteenth year they rebelled**.

[Est 3:13](#) And the letters were sent by the runners into all the sovereign's provinces, to cut off, **to slay, and to destroy all the Yehudim, both young and old, little children and women**, in one day, on the **thirteenth day** of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.

[Jer 25:3](#) “**From the thirteenth year** of Yoshiyahu son of Amon, sovereign of Yehudah, even to this day, this is the twenty-third year in which the word of **אֱלֹהִים** has come to me. And I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, but **you have not listened (Rebellion)**”.

In love and with humility – after **studying** and **testing** all the evidence from Scripture in **this study** and **allowing the Qodesh Ruach** (Set-apart Spirit) of **אֱלֹהִים** Yahuah (YHUH) to **guide us**, can we honestly say [without doubt] that adding a 13th month to a Scriptural year is Scriptural? In suggesting this **might** imply that the luminaries ELOhim created are in rebellion to Him (if we consider the prophetic significance of the number 13)!

May Father's Ruach guide us in all truth!