

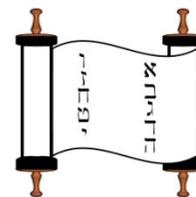


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YAHOSHUA'S LONG "DAY"

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YAHOSHUA 10:12 *“Then spoke Yahoshua to YHWH in the day when YHWH delivered up the Amorites before the children of Yisrael, and he said in the sight of Yisrael, Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and, Moon, in the Valley of Ayalon. ¹³And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed in place, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. **Is not this written in Sefer Yahshar?** So the sun stood still in the midst of the shamayim, and did not set for about a whole day.”*

How many times have we read these verses, and were amazed at how Great YHWH our Elohim is and how He has done such great things for His People. He listened to the Prayer of a man and stopped the sun and moon in their places for the first time since Beresheeth. But why did YHWH do this thing? Was it only to give them light to fight the battle against their enemies? Or is there something deeper that YHWH has Hidden with-in these verses.

Something that stands out here, which the Scriptures does not do very often, it refers us to another Scroll:

“... Is not this written in Sefer Yahshar?...”

Why? Does the Scroll of Yahshar give us more detail? Let's take a look:

YAHSHAR 88:63-64

*“⁶³And when they were smiting, **the day was declining toward evening**, and Yahoshua said in the sight of all the people, **Sun, stand still upon Gibeon, and moon in the Valley of Ayalon, until the nation shall have revenged itself upon its enemies.***

*⁶⁴And YHWH hearkened to the voice of Yahoshua, and **the sun stood still in the midst of the shamayim, and it stood still thirty-six moments, and the moon also stood still and hurried not to go down a whole day.***

LET'S BEGIN TO STUDY WHAT THESE VERSES ARE REALLY TELLING US.

“ISN’T THIS JUST A SOLAR ECLIPSE?”

Some people (mostly scientists & Scriptural skeptics) claim that this was actually just a record of a total solar eclipse. According to NASA, the theoretical maximum time a total solar eclipse can last is only seven minutes thirty seconds. Although an eclipse this long has never been recorded. http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/20jul_longestsolareclipse.htm

First off, (using this eclipse assumption) do you think that it is even possible that Yahoshua mistakenly thought this ‘eclipse’, which at max can only last 7 ½ minutes, was an entire day? Do you know anyone today that would think a 7 ½ minute eclipse is an entire day?

Secondly, one simple reason of proof: **“...Sun, stand still upon Giveon, and moon in the Valley of Ayalon...”** **If** this was an eclipse why is the sun and moon told to stand in different places? Also, **if** this was an eclipse, should not the **moon be in front of the sun**, and therefore they would be **seen over the same location**?

This is direct **Scriptural proof** that this event **cannot** be an eclipse of any kind.

These people did not have a calendar hanging on their wall to go and look at. They used the **sun and moon as their calendar!** They watched and studied the sun, moon, and stars. They saw eclipses all their lives, and probably even predicted them ahead of time. They would not ‘mistake’ an eclipse for such an event, anymore than we would today.

“WHY NOT USE HOURS?”

“...it stood still thirty-six moments...” What is being said here? Why 36 moments, why not just use hours? Yisrael used the sun to derive what time of day it was by the shadow of the sun dial, as seen in the days of Hizqiyahu in:

MELECHIM BET 20:9-10

“¹⁰And Hizqiyahu answered, It would be easy for the shadow to go down ten degrees: no, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.”

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If the sun stood still, **their sun dials didn’t move!** Since the sun dial was on ‘pause’, they could not use it to tell how much time has passed. **So they used ‘36 moments’.**

“DOESN’T THESE SCRIPTURES CONTRADICT EACH OTHER?”

Doesn’t the verse in Yahshar contradict the verse in Yahoshua?

YAHSHAR 88:64 states: “... *the sun stood still... 36 moments...*”

But **YAHOSHUA 10:12** states: “...*So the sun stood still in the midst of the shamayim, and did not set for about a whole day.*”

Yahoshua said it’s about a whole day, but Yahshar said its 36 moments. Can these two verses be speaking of the same amount of time?

To understand this, first we must know:

“HOW LONG IS 36 MOMENTS?”

Is Yahshar speaking of 36 hours? **If this is 36 hours**, then it begs the question:

“**Why did the sun ‘stay still’ 12 hours longer than the moon?**”

“... *the sun stood still... 36 moments...*” But the **moon** is only stated as “...*hurried not to go down a whole day.*”

Did the moon get a 12 hour ‘head start’ at the end of a 24 hour day, then the sun started moving after 36 hours? No, it couldn’t have. Why not you ask? Look at the end of verse 63

“...*until the nation shall have revenged itself upon its enemies.*” This means that **neither the sun nor the moon** was allowed to move until the battle was won.

We must also refer back to:

YAHOSHUA 10:12 “...*So the sun stood still in the midst of the shamayim, and did not set for about a whole day.*”

The word ‘**About**’ here, means **almost or nearly**. So the sun stood still and did not set for **nearly a day**. **But the Scripture in Yahshar must also agree with Yahoshua.**

YAHSHAR 88:64 “...*the sun stood still in the midst of the shamayim, and it stood still thirty-six moments ...*”

So how can the sun not set for **about or nearly** a day in **YAHOSHUA 10:12**, but yet also stand still for **36 moments in YAHSHAR? Here is a clue, stop thinking of hours for a moment.**

“So if it’s not hours, then what is 36 moments?” As is explained above, it cannot be hours, however it is **36 divisions of time**.

“WHAT OTHER DIVISION OF TIME IS SEEN IN THE SCRIPTURES?”

The time of the ‘watch’ Remember in verse 63, “...*the day was declining toward evening...*”

The **night watch** is seen though out the Scriptures:

MATTITYAHU 14:25

“*And in the **fourth watch** of the night Yahshua went to them, walking on the sea.*”

“If **one** of these **thirty six** ‘**moments**’ is equal to **one** ‘**watch**’. **How many ‘watches’ are in a night?**”

Well let’s go back to the Source:

LUKA 12:38

“*And if He shall come in the **second watch**, or come in the **third watch**, and find them watching, favored are those avadim.*” Here we see the 2nd and 3rd watches of the day. Obviously if the **second watch** has began then the **first watch** has already ended.

MATTITYAHU 14:25

“*And in the **fourth watch** of the night Yahshua went to them, walking on the sea.*” Here we see again, it speaks of the **4th watch**.

You will not find anything higher than the ‘**fourth watch**’ in Scripture. These were the four watches of the night that are seen in **DIVRE HAYAMIM ALEF 9:22 – 27**. They were Yisraelites specifically chosen to guard the Bayit of YHWH and the gates of Yahrushalayim. These ‘watches’ or ‘shift changes’ were so consistent, that all people began to use the ‘watch’ as a division of time, as is seen in Mattityahu 14:25.

“SO WHAT? 36 MOMENTS, 36 WATCHES, IT’S STILL NOT GIVING US A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF TIME.”

Actually it is very Specific. Since we now know that there are four watches in a night. We must take the **36 moments** and **times** them by the **four watches**, $36 \times 4 =$ you will get **144**. This is a number that again, is seen in Scripture, and is **Directly Associated with Yisrael**. In **GILYAHNA 14:1** Twelve Tribes, Twelve thousand from each tribe = **144,000**. Also in **GILYAHNA 21:9-27**, the great city Yahrushalayim that comes down from the Shamayim, which is **four square**, and the measurement of its wall was **one hundred forty four cubits**.

Ok now, let go back to thinking about hours. **144** is also the **number of hours** that are contained **within 6 days**. **6 days x 24 hours each = 144 hours**. Now we can begin to see how **36 moments is not 36 hours**, but **144 hours, or Six Days worth of time that the Sun and Moon Stood Still.**

“BUT WHY SIX DAYS?”

KEPHA BET 3:8

*“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day** is with Master YHWH **as a thousand years**, and a **thousand years as one day.**”*

Six Thousand Years or Six Days, the ‘Creation Week’ as it is often called, is man’s time to rule the Olam. During this 6 days or 6 thousand years, YHWH has judged and destroyed many nations of the Olam using war. All the enemies of YHWH & Yisrael will be destroyed during, and just before the end of this 6000 year / 6 day period. The 7th Day Shabbat, the Millennial Reign, is YHWHs and not mans.

YOCHANAN MOSHE 2:27 *“And He said to them, The Shabbat was made for man, and **not man for the Shabbat.**”*

I have to point out something very interesting here. There is another war that also lasted six days. The **‘Six Day War’** so appropriately named, which Yisrael fought from **June 5th – 10th of 1967**. As did Yahoshua in these verses of Scripture, this war was between Yisrael and the armies of its enemies, which were also neighboring kingdoms / countries. Who Yisrael, during these six days, dispelled from the land and took over the territories and land which YHWH had given them generations before. Just as Yahoshua did here in these verses we are now studying. I believe that this **2nd ‘Six Day War’ in 1967** was the beginning of the Final Day Restoration for Yisrael. But that is for another (*but closely related*) Subject.

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“WHY DID HE PRAY FOR THIS ANYWAY?”

Let’s stop for a moment and think. Why did Yahoshua want the **sun and moon** to stand still? Was he afraid to fight at night, so he didn’t want the sun to set? Then why did he command the moon to stop as well? Or why didn’t he ask for the Pillar of Fire which he was very familiar with, as it had lead them all though the wilderness just shortly before. Didn’t he believe that YHWH couldn’t (or wouldn’t) lead them through the darkness and deliver them from their enemies? Are you kidding! He Trusted in YHWH with all of his lev (heart), which is the exact reason that YHWH chose him to lead Yisrael.

REMEMBER: This is just shortly after they had come out of the wilderness and YHWH had taught them all His Commandments. Yahoshua served YHWH with all his lev (heart) and kept

All of YHWHs Commandments. He also knew and had seen, what the punishment was for breaking the Commandments of YHWH.

“WHICH COMMANDMENT?”

Since YHWHs Calendar is controlled by the Sun and the Moon:

BERESHEETH (GENESIS) 1:14

“And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the shamayim to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs (between YHWH & Yisrael), and for moadim (all of YHWHs Appointed Times), and for days, and years:”

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That day when they were at war, the day was declining. In other words, sun-set was not far away, which Yahoshua knew that sunset would begin the next day.

SO WE MUST ASK: What Torah Command is it that Yahoshua didn’t want to break? What Command would be broken if they killed anyone after sunset of that day?

To dig a little deeper, we must go to:

BAMIDBAR (NUMBERS) 31:19

“And abide outside the camp seven days: whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify both yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day.”

Yahoshua knew that they would be in a **Physical and Ceremonially Unclean state for 7 Days** after the last enemy was slain. “...until the nation shall have revenged itself upon its enemies...” So if they could finish the battle **before sunset of that day**, then the **1st day of the ‘7 days of purification’** would **begin at sunset**. If the battle continued after sunset, then the count could not begin until the next sunset.

Ok, so if they were unclean until the end of 7 days, again we ask: **Which of YHWHs Commandments would this break if they continued the battle beyond sunset that day? What Command is it that we have to be clean?**

SHEMOTH (EXODUS) 19:10

“And YHWH said to Moshe, Go to the people, and set them apart today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,¹¹ And be ready by the third day: for on the third day YHWH will come down in the sight of all the people upon Har Senai.”

“14 And Moshe went down from the mount to the people, and set-apart the people; and they washed their clothes.15 And he said to the people, Be ready for the third day: approach not your wives in intimacy.”

“22 And let the Kohanim also, who come near to YHWH, set themselves apart, lest YHWH break forth upon them.”

When we appear before YHWH, we must be **SET-APART or Physically and Ceremonially CLEAN**. In the above verses, we see the normal cleansing needed to become set-apart before YHWH. Before sunset of the evening before, one must wash all their cloths, yourself, and keep yourself set-apart. But in Yahoshua's and the camp of Yisrael's case, according to **BAMIDBAR (NUMBERS) 31:19** Because they had been at war and had slain many, they had to go through **7 days of purification** before they were made clean.

WHEN ARE WE COMMANDED TO APPEAR BEFORE YHWH?

SHEMOTH (EXODUS) 23:14

*“**Three regalim** you shall shomer as chagim to Me in the year. ¹⁵ You shall shomer **Chag Matzah**: - you shall eat matzah seven days, as I commanded you, in the time appointed in the month Aviv; for in it you came out from Mitzrayim; and none shall appear before Me empty-handed. ¹⁶ And **Chag Shavuot** - the harvest - the bikkurim of your labors, which you have sown in the field; and the **Chag of Ingathering – Sukkot** – that is toward the end of the year, when you have gathered in your labors out of the field. ¹⁷ **Three times in the year all your males shall appear before YHWH Elohim.**”*

As seen in the verse above, there are **three times in a year** when **all males were commanded** to appear before YHWH. And as we read earlier, **SHEMOTH (EXODUS) 19:10** Teaches us **how** we are to **appear clean** when we come before YHWH.

Now which feast was it that Yahoshua wanted to appear clean before YHWH for? For this, we must know what day of the year it was when Yahoshua commanded the Sun and Moon to stand still. If we back up a few chapters to the beginning of the battle of Yericho, we find a definitive time given in:

SERFER YAHSHAR (SCROLL OF JASHER) 88:14

*“And it was in the **second month**, on the **first day of the month**, that said to Yahoshua, Rise up, behold I have given Yericho into your hand with all the people of it; and all your fighting men shall go around the city, once each day, this shall you do for six days.” ¹⁷ And on the **seventh day** they went around the city seven times, and the kohanim blew upon the shofars.”*

This day can also be easily found in the book of Yahoshua (Joshua) 6:1-27, but that is another subject and is explained in the “Restoration of the True Shabbat & YHWHs Yearly Calendar” available at www.yhrim.com

To Continue: Now that we have a starting time, we must follow though the next few chapters in the Word of YHWH to search out exactly what day it was when the sun and moon stood still.

In an attempt to make it easier to understand on paper, I have made the diagram on the next page which begins on the 2nd month the 1st day of the month, and it continues through Scripture to the 3rd month and 6th day. This timeline was derived from the Scriptures beginning in **YAHOSHUA CHAPTER 6 – CHAPTER 10:13** and also from **SERFER YAHSHAR (SCROLL OF JASHER) 88:1-65**.

The 2nd Month - 3rd Month Visual Diagram

Key: The Black Highlighted White Numbers, in the top rows for each month, connects to the corresponding white numbers below the diagram:

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- 1** = SERFER YAHSHAR (SCROLL OF JASHER) 88:14 - 1st Day around Yericho
- 2** = YAHOSHUA 6:4 - Yericho taken on the 7th day
- 3** = YAHOSHUA 7:2 - Spies sent to Ai
- 4** = YAHOSHUA 7:3-5 - 3000 sent to Ai - 36 men of Yisrael died because of the sin of Achan.
- 5** = YAHOSHUA 7:1 & 10-16 & 24-26 - Yisrael Set-Apart, Achan and the Cursed Thing revealed and Destroyed.
- 6** = YAHOSHUA 8:1-29 - 2nd battle of Ai, the city burned and Ai Destroyed and plundered.
- 7** = YAHOSHUA 8:30 & 9:3-5 - Inhabitants of Gibeon seeing Yericho and Ai Destroyed, in fear of Yisrael sent a group of men Gibeon to make a deceiving Brit with Yahoshua. They left Gibeon on this day, and it will take them three days to get to the camp of Yisrael in Gilgal. How do we know that it is a three day journey. We will read in 9:17 that it takes Yahoshua and Yisrael "...on the third day..." when they arrived at Gibeon. Also the location of Gibeon (the city on the hill) is still known today in modern times. From the camp of Gilgal to Gibeon, is almost 20 miles in a straight line, which is a "birds point of view" on a map. So on foot traveling over the very rough terrain in this area will slow you down even further under normal travel circumstances.
- 8** = YAHOSHUA 9:6 – After three days, the group from Gibeon arrives at the camp of Yisrael at Gilgal to make the brit with Yahoshua.
- 9** = The group from Gibeon begin their three day journey back to Gibeon, after the brit is made.
- 10** = YAHOSHUA 9:16 – At the end of three days Yahoshua found out that they had been deceived and Gibeon was actually a neighbor. Also on this same day the group of men from Gibeon, arrive back at Gibeon.
- 11** = Yahoshua and a group from Yisrael began their three day journey to get to Gibeon to confront them.
- 12** = YAHOSHUA 9:17– Yahoshua and the entire camp of Yisrael with him, arrive at the cities of Gibeon "...on the third day..."
- 13** = YAHOSHUA 9:18-27 – Yahoshua confronts them as to why they deceived them. Yahoshua and the leaders also have to "quiet" the murmurs of the entire camp of Yisrael because they had Sworn to the Gibeonites by YHWH that they would not destroy them. As a condition of not destroying Gibeon, they made the inhabitants of Gibeon slaves, and assigned them their tasks that they were to do.

- 14** = Yahoshua and the entire camp of Yisrael began their three days journey to travel back to the camp of Yisrael at Gilgal.
- 15** – Yisrael arrived back at the camp of Gilgal.
- 16** = **YAHOSHUA 10:1-6** - Five Melechim of the Amorites went up with all their armies and camped before Giveon. A messenger from Giveon ran to the Yahoshua at the camp of Gilgal, and pleaded with him to come save Giveon from the Melechim of the mountains.
- 17** = **YAHOSHUA 10:7-9** - Yahoshua went up all night to Giveon and came **upon them suddenly**. **Why was it sudden?** The Amorites knew that Giveon had made a brit with Yisrael. Did they not expect Yisrael to come? Yes they did, but they didn't expect them so soon. They thought it would still take Yisrael ^{three} days to arrive.
- 18** = **YAHOSHUA 10:12-13** - The day that Yahoshua Commanded the Sun & Moon to Stand still. During this time is also when they found the five Melechim in **YAHOSHUA 10:15-19** And Yahoshua told them to do what? Kill them? No, roll a great stone in front of the cave and leave them and finish the battle. After the battle was over, the Sun & Moon resumed their course & the 1st of the 7 days of purification began.
- 19** = This day is the 1st of the 7 days of Purification as stated in **BARMIDBAR 31:19**
- 20** = This day at sunset on the end of the 7th day, the 7 days of purification for Yahoshua and Yisrael are completed. At sunset they were clean, and this also began the day of Shavuot.
- 21** = Shavuot, one of the three times in a Year that all the men of Yisrael were to Appear Clean before YHWH.
- 22** = **YAHOSHUA 10:22** Although it **seems** to read as if it happened on that day or directly after the battle, they brought the melechim out of the cave and killed them. But if it was that day, then why did Yahoshua have them captured in the cave to start with? Why didn't he just have them kill them right then and there and be done with it? Because they needed to finish the battle before sunset so they could be clean in time for Shavuot. Then after Shavuot was over, they brought them out of the cave killed them, hung them on a eytz. Then at the going down of the sun Yahoshua commanded, and they took them down cast them back into the cave and placed great stones back in front of the cave. This was also after the Shabbat was over, as they continue afterword, we read in verse 28 they also took Makkedah "that day" when they killed the melechim.

I pray that this document and the Scriptures presented here, will give you a better understanding of YHWHs Calendar and Yahoshua's Long Day. YHWH made me to understand this while working on the "**Restoration of the Sabbatical Year, Yovel Cycle & the Current Year**" This and many more documents are now available on our website www.YHRIM.com.

Shalom Alcheim Yahshua Ha Moshiach Baruch Beshem,
(*May Peace and Blessings be upon you in Yahshua the Moshiachs Blessed Name!*)

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