The Biblical Calendar

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Chapter 1: Introduction of Dr. Hamp

hello everybody and welcome to finding the ancient path this uh discussion today we're having on the biblical calendar so glad that you guys could make it we are recording this so that um those of you who couldn't be here this early in the work day can catch up on it later on super excited to have with us today Dr Douglas Hamp um just a a brief story um is that um well hang on a second let me back up hopefully everything's working here um on the video this my first time so bear with me says the chat's working but she's not seeing the video so well let's hope that is not the case um Douglas Hamp was pivotal for me in the early years of my um journey into the ways of the Lord found him like many of you have found me online and um he was just a great friend

from the start helping me understand difficult passages had a chance to uh to actually meet him he he he invited me out to actually stay at his place he wanted me to come and um meet him and asked my questions in person and it just so happened that that time that weekend um another person was visiting uh him to speak at his congregation Dr nmia Gordon so the three of us got to hang out that weekend and chew the fat and hear nemia teach and that was a blast we had a great time this picture was something that I cherish between the three of us but uh wanted to introduce to you dougl hand um hey just so you

Chapter 2: Dr. Hamp's background

know we we don't see everything eye to eye we're not 100% on everything there's still a few things that he needs to repent of but I'm praying for you buddy I'm praying for you until then do Dr Douglas s welcome thank you it's really a pleasure to be here Ed uh we're excited to have you uh I asked Doug to be here for one reason uh well two one he's my friend two I really wanted to have a scholarly perspective on um on this topic and so what I'd like to do Doug I'm sure many of the people on my channel have seen your face and heard your your name but could you just do us a a brief favor here and give us kind of who you are tell us the group Who You Are why you're qualified to speak on such things well whether I'm qualified or not is I guess up to them but uh so I went to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem um was there three years of my Master's Degree there and then I later uh finished my PhD at Louisiana Baptist University um you know the more you

study the more you realize you don't know a lot and uh so that has been kind of my background but I did get to study a lot of languages and those were incredibly instrumental and helping me

understand the Bible better and to do a lot of deep Dives uh which was just fantastic you know getting to live in Israel really challenged me I was incredibly new at all of the quote unquote Jewish stuff you know which we Now understand as Torah and um it took me a while to sort of ease into it and to finally understand that it's actually for me and not just for them and so that was really awesome I live in Denver Colorado I lead a m IC congregation out here and if anybody's in the Denver area please do look us up we're the way congregation we're in Lakewood specifically so we'd love to have you join us yes now you should see in the description box of this video I posted links to uh Doug's YouTube channel and his and his website so you guys can go check out his his vast content he's got a hundred times more teachings and debate and all kinds of

fun stuff on his uh YouTube channel uh okay so here's what I want to do this

Chapter 3: Topic introduction

morning um this is a contentious topic uh some couple weeks back I did a lesson on Torah terrorism and I did that on purpose up front so that we could approach this topic um like men of God and with love and humility and unity um I uh I am new so to speak is to the ways of the Lord going on almost eight years now and um this topic wasn't really on my radar I was just doing what I saw other people doing and uh and then just recently it started to become a bigger and bigger issue so I thought it' be important for for to have one to have Doug on but two for me to jump into it so here's what I'm going to do Doug I'm going to take the first few minutes just by displaying for you and everybody else that's here what this one person discovered very briefly on three or four

slides about the calendar and then I'm GNA kind of hand it off to you Doug pass you the Baton and let you have a moment to share now during the period of of uh um of of teaching you guys can ask questions uh do our best to answer them when and if they come in uh but let me let me just go ahead and start sharing my screen here and show uh what I personally came up with we're going to see the picture again here momentarily but let's go into this so real briefly the biblical calendar calendars for the record I have no dog in this fight uh and by the way we will not be doing any fighting I embraced the halel 2 calendar when I first began my journey because I was aware of no other and there are others as we all know the Aviv the zadok the halel 2 the enoan for this study I will exclude information about the enoan calendar as

it closely resembles the zadok calendar primary distinction being starting point timing however questions about the enoan calendar if they come up they're welcome uh but my following comparison will not include it uh what follows is the result of my own research and study just me just one guy and I'm by no means a scholar like brother Hamp it's just what I personally found out Doug and I are not here this morning to quote unquote mandate account or to tell you

Chapter 4: Comparing calendar types

which one to observe and as always I am open to proper biblical rebuttal so real quickly here going to show you the differences between these three calendars and like I said three or four

slides so to help you understand my perspective the Aviv calendar is Luna solar based on actual observation of the new moon the ripening of barley the Aviv stage it's Dynamic and responsive to Natural phenomena Z do calendar solar on a fixed 364 day year with no connection to the moon or agricultural Cycles completely predetermined with no observational adjustments the Hal 2 calendar is Loney solar but it relies on mathematical calculation rather than observation it was created by Rabbi halel II in the 4th Century in order to unify Jewish communities worldwide who are especially in the Das diaspora in in

in their ability to observe the festivals and the rest of the calendar the Aviv calendar the new year begins with the First new moon after the barley reaches the Aviv stage in Israel aligning with biblical instructions variable year toe depending on actual conditions in other words it changes zok calendar the year always begins on the fourth day of the week which is a Wednesday with a fixed solar cycle that ignores agricultural or lunar cues it also is fixed and unchanging the Halal 2 calendar the new year begins according to the calculated lunar months and rules of postponement if the calculated date for the new moon conflicts with the Sabbath or would result in festivals being on inconvenient days it's postponed these rules ensure that Yom kapor does not fall on a Friday or Sunday and other adjustments align with Jewish legal considerations on the Aviv calendar and

by the way Doug when I'm done here feel free to correct me on any of this stuff again is just what I found the aiv calendar festivals are tied to observed lunar months and agricultural markers meaning their timing can vary year to year for example Passover begins on the 14th of the first observed month Nissan following the new moon and the Aviv barley zok calendar festivals occur on fixed days of the solar calendar for instance Passover always falls on the 14th day day of the first month like a Tuesday the Feast of unleavened bread begins on the 15th which was a Wednesday the lunar cycle is not considered as the Aviv calendar l two festivals are calculated mathematically and may involve postponements for convenience or hilic reasons for example your uh slides are not showing if you have some um my slides are not showing okay well that's interesting yeah uh well let me just finish this

Rashana is never allowed to fall on Sunday Wednesday or Friday all right so here's where we kind of get down to the nuts and bolts based on the things that I came up with as far as biblical alignment is concerned the Aviv calendar most closely aligns with the Torah as it uses observ able lunar cycles and the ripening of barley both explicitly described in the Bible the zok calendar lacks a direct biblical basis for its solar Focus but claims Divine Alignment through its connection to Priestly Traditions extra biblical sources and the Dead Sea Scrolls halel 2 calendar derived from the Aviv calendar but deviates by replacing observation with calculation and adding postponements not mentioned in scripture so um if my screen is uh if my yeah if

Chapter 5: Ed's view on calendars

my screen's not showing hopefully it will show up in the recording um but for you guys live I apologize for you not being able to see that so Doug in a nutshell what I found was that of all the options that are out there the closest one in in my humble opinion is the aiv calendar however as you and I have discussed in the past because there is no official Authority in Judah in

Jerusalem making the call on these things like The Barley uh then it's difficult if not impossible to know what day is correct and if that's the case if we're one day off is no different than seven days off if you really think about it right far as I'm concerned I personally want to get as close as I can in observing this calendar um yes one day off is no different than seven days off but I'd rather be one day off than seven days

off at any rate um that's that's kind of where I landed very briefly the floor is

Chapter 6: The importance of unity

yours yeah well I think you you did a great summary and for me it comes down to who's making the call you know so here for most people around the world we all are on uh daylight savings time or we go back to the standard time and you know we could say well you know I'm not going to do daylight standard I'm not gonna do daylight savings time anymore I just don't feel like doing it I think it's a dumb idea and so I'm going to just be on my own time right I mean that might work for me and maybe my family and maybe a couple neighbors but it's going to make it really hard to have any other kind of unity with anybody because I'm on my own calendar I say I'm going to meet somebody at five o'clock and I'm there at five o'clock but they're there at three o'clock you know or whatever four o'clock you know and I'm like hey where were you and they're like well I was there when you said I'm like well no you weren't because I was there at the time I said I was going to be there but you weren't there you know and so this is the the challenge that I think we're going to always come up against you know and and in just some of the research and the conversations that I've had with people is you know everyone is on kind of their own idea of what it should be

and I just don't think it works that way you know I just don't think we're going to have much Unity if we're all going on what we think is the best calendar now the Hillel 2 calendar may not be the perfect solution but I think it's a really great compromise and I remember a couple years ago we were celebrating Su sukot and um there was another group that kind of joined us for a couple days but they weren't really into it because they had already celebrated or they were going to celebrate it just a little bit later they were on the zadak calendar and you know they were like wow you know we're going to celebrate it in two weeks or something and I was like boy it's too bad for you guys because we had the perfect weather we had the Harvest Moon and it was really wonderful and you know I was a little bit sad you know because I thought you know we could have all just been together and I really believe that a primary function of the calendar is that we would all be on the same page right we be on the same date and that we'd all be celebrating these things together now you know maybe there is something incredibly special about starting stuff on Wednesday I don't know but you know that that God ties these

together with the moon I do think is very important that's why you know the 14th of Nissan should always have the full moon right that is the whole purpose of that and I think the hell calendar does that very well now I also know that people can say well you know we're supposed to go and observe like you're actually supposed to go and see when the Aviv The Barley is actually there I get that you know I I get that but I also think that you know we can let a little bit of math do some observation for us and um I think the hello 2 calendar is an incredible

invention and so I'm happy to follow that until really a truly higher authority uh sets me straight and you know I was doing more research on the zatak calendar and there's people that you know swear that we should be using that because that was inspired by God and it was told to the priests well okay but says who you know I mean this is where we have to come up down to our sources just we have to say well just because it was in kumran it doesn't mean that it was absolutely Ely golden you know that the kumran community as much as we may not want to hear this was an outsider group right they were very much at odds with those in Jerusalem and I know that Jesus was at odds to some

degree with those in Jerusalem but here's where I would come down to this is what I would argue when it comes to any of these calendar issues what did Jesus do Jesus was following the established calendar of the rabbi at the time right and um he didn't seem to have any qualms with it I did a debate some years ago with a fellow who was

Chapter 7: Jesus and the calendar

absolutely convinced that we should be on the lunar Sabbath okay so just a quick summary I think you mentioned just briefly but you know the lunar Sabbath is a whole idea that you know we don't have the Sabbath every seven days and you know but it's going the the the Sabbath is going to reset every time there's a new moon all right right so the Sabbath might be on Wednesday this month and it might be on Friday next month or might be on Tuesday the month after that um that seems incredibly just crazy for me I know how to put that nicely but you know very complex and completely unnecessary uh and just making your life a big mess and I I just don't think God is into that personally um but you know again I also think we need to understand that the Jews very have a vested interest in this now we may not agree with everything that the rabbis have come up with that's for sure you know they certainly Miss Jesus okay but they also got a lot of things right and I think this is where there's a there's a a subtle bias and a subtle bit of anti-Semitism sometimes it's not so

subtle in some of the the Torah Hebrew Roots Community because they say like well who are the Jews you know they missed Jesus so therefore we don't listen to anything they say we discount everything that the tment has to offer and I I just think it's a very unfortunate position one I think it's uh it's got a lot of hubis in it you know it's rather arrogant to suggest that that you know we have nothing to learn from our Jewish Brothers I think we have a lot to learn again on the topic of Messiah we come to different conclusions but they got a lot right when it came to Messiah and we cannot forget that when it says in Psalm 118 the stone that the builders rejected has become the Chief Cornerstone this was the Lord's doing right and it's marvelous in our eyes right this was the Lord's doing so the fact that that the leadership the the builders as it were rejected the Chief Cornerstone it wasn't simply that they you know were just dumb or something like that it's that God did it he somehow hid it from their eyes I don't I don't understand all the mechanics of

that I don't understand how God can you know hold them to some degree accountable would also hide it from their eyes I don't quite get that but he's God he knows a lot more things than I do and you know and so yes they miss the Messiah but when it comes to the topic of when does

the Sabbath happen well they and Jesus seem to be very much in agreement you know and so I take that principle and say okay they're very much interest interested in the Sabbath and the the correct observ ation of the Sabbath and the other sabbaths right the feasts and so you know if if they um you know if if they didn't believe in their own calendar I think they would change it because they want to be on the right calendar right I mean there's if there's anything that that the rabbis are really trying to do well it's trying to live the letter of the law okay and and you know I mean I I may disagree with some of their letter uh understanding uh versus the spirit but they're very much committed to that and so this is one of those areas where I I kind of want to defer to them because I think they get a lot right um you know so this is the challenge you know so let's say that we were to go on to the zatak calendar okay when would that

start I mean is it going to start you know April 1st is it March 31st I mean who's deciding when this thing actually begins well I mean we need somebody to make this decision right and and this is where I think we get into a pickle and this is where I think the Messianic hebra Roots Community very much gets into a pickle because we can't decide amongst ourselves which calendar to even pick and that's why I think you know going outside of the established hell 2 calendar is is ultimately going to be um something that will divide us something that will cause confusion I don't think it's it's doing anything and what we're doing is we're kind of throwing the Jews under the bus and say saying well we don't care about what you guys think we're going to do our own thing you know we're supposed to be part of this greater thing called Israel but when we say well you know we don't care what your opinion is Judah we're over here doing our own thing well then they're like well you know what these Christians here they are you know that nothing's changed right they they come along they think they got everything figured out and they don't even care about the Sabbath they don't care about how we're doing it you know this is is where I

just think you know what I think we should listen to the rabbis at least consider them and until we get a specific mandate from the Lord to do it differently I don't think we should change let's say we go with the Aviv

Chapter 8: Who decides the calendar?

calendar okay who decides right I mean do we have like a a committee of two people 10 people I don't know 20 people in Israel they're going to decide that oh we just saw the aiv and so now we're going to do it um you know according to tradition the way it would happened in the past is that you would have people that would um for example when it came to the Feast of trumpets they would see the new moon the day that no one knows the day or the hour they would then go and report that to the priest and then the priest would make the Declaration that you know the new moon has begun and now the Feast of trumpets begins but we don't have that we don't have a governing body that's going to be the judge right because sometimes the priest were the judges uh in fact that was the case well we don't have that and and I don't know that that any of us who are part of the House of Israel or even if you're part of the house of Judah but you're not a levite I don't know that we have that Authority and so this is where I think we are going to constantly come up with this same problem of okay you don't like the current system but what are you actually suggesting to replace

it and who are you to make that decision ision as to when the calendar starts and and how exactly it's going to operate so you know I'm not saying that there're not problems with the hill all 2 calendar I can I can see that but I do believe that it is the very best option that we have today and I think that it takes the the solar and the lunar and it puts them together in a way that has been working quite nicely for a long time and so I plan on sticking with that uh amen thank you Doug I mean from from what I gather just listening to you and others uh the fact is the fact remains that there's potentially a problem with any direction that you go on this question that comes up is there's no Authority in Jerusalem making the call on The Barley um say for the aiv and my question would be and others have asked why I know there's no priest there's no high priest there's no Temple but amongst those Orthodox Jews who are there who

are as you say doing their best to um to do what's right any suggestion as to why they have not set up some type of official Authority for for the nation or at least for those inside the nation who are trying to follow the calendar yeah I don't have a suggestion as to what their rationale is uh they may feel you know if it's not broken don't fix it and uh the calendar that we've been using seems to be working pretty well [Music] um I I don't have the answer yeah what would you say to to people who um of course we know that there's some passionate people on on this issue as always with with other issues but what would you say to those people who say it's it's it's important that we know um this calendar for future events

for everything that's supposed to unfold in the future um one being one day off is one thing being a month off or three weeks off is a whole different thing um how would you how would you respond to that person I really don't think it's going

Chapter 9: Focus on the main issues

to change your life that much look and if we're talking about the return of Christ hey you'll figure it out I mean you know we're talking about the abomination of desolation you'll figure it out right I mean I I just don't think that these things are going to be such a mystery they're like oh no if we only had the right calendar we could figure out what's happening right now I just don't think that's the the biggest thing of our I don't think that's a biggest worry that we have and honestly I I sometimes think that we spend so much time on these issues that we forget the bigger issues you know I was teaching through the Book of Revelation some years ago came to Ephesians 2 or excuse me Revelation 2 and he's talking to the Church of Ephesus and he's like you know you guys stand up for fa against false teachers and all that Bravo but you forgot your first love and I was like oh ouch you know and I think that's that that explains a lot of us you know that describes a lot of us that we can be passionate about the truth of scripture and that we need to kind of correct people on on this issue and that issue and we have to get to the bottom of these issues but I think the bottom line

issue is love God and love your neighbor you know so I I think we need to really concentrate on that and you know we can have these discussions and these debates and and that's fine but I you know again I just think the calendar Wars I I just think it's really a moot point I mean we've I've had these things come through the way congregation and we've had people that have come and they're like why aren't you guys using the the zadak calendar or the enoan calendar and I I

give them the same the same explanation you know and and they come and they go and and sometimes they have a very smug attitude about it you know like well if you guys would finally get biblical and start you know keeping what scripture says to do but I'm like yeah but you know that's kind of you and a few of your followers and I don't it it kind of irks me to some degree because they're not really about Community they're not about hey how can we build this together they're more like look at what I know you know look what I know and look what my community knows and it's just this very subtle Pride

that that gets into our our heads and our communities and you know we're just so PR that we're doing it right and I just don't think God is all that impressed honestly I think God is more concerned that we are celebrating his Feast together than on the exact pinpoint moment right and I mean I know and that's a that's a that's a a tricky thing to say because you know obviously I want to keep the Sabbath and I do believe that the Sabbath is on you know Saturday Friday night decided now right but we have so much evidence for that like I mean we we you know that that argument is easy to make from scripture we know that it's always been on the seventh day I mean my goodness from you know well day seven right when God created the Sabbath that's when we had the Sabbath now these other things we have to understand the mechanics of the calendar and all this different stuff and and sure I mean I appreciate people's um tenacity to try to uncover you know what is is what is scriptural in the sense excuse me but I just think that we're going to come up against that same wall every

time uh thanks Doug uh mate Barnes asked what exactly does it mean by hell to to

Chapter 10: Predictability of Hillel II

works well outside of convenience what do I mean by that yes um well I think that I think that it has been uh it's a calendar that is you know written out right so we know in in advance just like you can go and you know look on your your calendar right uh or maybe on your phone or your your whatever calendar you're using and you can see that uh you know April 5th five years from now is going to be on a Thursday all right you can you can know those things and you can know when Memorial Day is going to be you can know when Labor day is going to be uh here we have a calendar that is predictive because we can look ahead and um so so there's that but I also think that it you know I mean I always find that Passover is always on a full moon and that's what scripture says is supposed to happen so you know we I think so I guess this kind of comes up with a a question can we use technology and I would use mathematics as a type of technology

to to help uh determine the calendar and I don't think that's wrong I I think that it's uh you know it's a type of observation it's not the same as going out and looking at the barley I understand that but I also think that you know in trying to come up with a calendar that's going to work for everybody wherever you are especially you know look Israel the Jews in particular have been in diaspora the rest of us are still in diaspora okay if you're not living in Israel you're in diaspora and so you know and of course the Jewish people were not in Jerusalem were not in Israel uh for the last 2,000 years and so they needed a calar that would work all over the world independent of observation and the hill all 2 calendar has done that very well and again what

I'm so impressed by it is that it puts us uh always when we have the full moon for Passover uh for um suko it also gives us a full moon just like it's supposed to be right and so what I'm saying is it works well because

you know it's not like we we're celebrating suot and it's like a dark sky because there's not a full moon now I'm saying that the calculations worked really well so that we have what we're supposed to have we have a full moon when we're supposed to have a full moon we have a new moon when we're supposed to have a new moon and that's what I like about is that it is very predictable but it's giving us what scripture wants us to have which is on the Feast of trumpets guess what we're not supposed to have we're not supposed to have a full moon right so if we had a full moon on the Feast of trumpets that would be a lousy calendar but because it works that every time we have a new the Feast of trumpets we have a new moon right and and that's the the Brilliance of it is that it's actually working in that sense so that's what I'm talking about uh when I say that it works well uh and I appreciate your comment about the the diaspora um there are many things that we who are not in the land can't do uh because we're we're not in the land or we can't do fully or or completely and I think that's an important thing to make the calendar is just one of them and let me just let me just add this to that that point that look if we think that we can use um

cameras to let us see the Aviv that's technology right so we're allowed to use the internet cameras and all of the large apparatus of Technology computers servers mathematics by the way all of that so that we can look and see the Aviv or somebody can send us an email or they can put it on their website or wherever they're doing it so that we can now say oh yes there it is now we observe it how is that that really different you know we're still using technology to bridge the gap and and so again I just think why not just have a calendar that's working that that's been very accurate incredibly accurate that's also technology uh yeah and the biggest point about this to everyone who's out there

Chapter 11: Salvation and sabbath

listening isn't that we can figure out completely and utterly the perfect calendar and be in line is Doug said that the day is coming when Yeshua comes back and we all correct some things about our faith and in our calendar um Ronan made a comment here that is kind of off topic but not so much off topic when it comes to this thing he says the Sabbath has nothing to do with salvation or sanctification and uh I I just want all of you to know that nobody here is you know trying to make points about a person's Eternal condition uh the their their salvation I personally believe Doug that in this day and age the simple fact alone that more and more people are even considering this topic more and more people are coming out of the Babylon system

and exploring this for the first time in their lives and maybe making some changes in their exploration of the ways of the Lord observing Sabbath or considering the festivals or um I think I think that pleases the father I think some of us when it comes to these type of things need to change our perspective on who the father is he's not up there or out there checking off boxes that Doug got it right on the Passover and Ed got it wrong and I can see that you were a day off or you were I I just don't think that's the case yes they are appointed times and yes it's

important for us to know those appointed times or to be aware of those appointed times and to be always considering those appointed times but I don't think he is as we discussed two weeks ago a Torah terrorist um and so in that light I think it's something that we need to um love each other and and be patient with each other

as I said at the beginning of this discussion Doug and I are not here to tell you thus sayith the Lord this is what you must do and I know that several people are hoping for that and if you're hoping for that I'm sorry this is a part of your journey that you're going to have to wrestle with and figure out Doug's points are good points the points I made about aiv are good points um having said that Doug let me throw this out at you an noan zadok um are are from your perspective as a scholar I'm sorry I keep appealing to that but hey you're the one who went out and got yourself educated um are these things that we should should they even be on the radar should because they have extra biblical aspects to them um should should that be something that we should give our attention

Chapter 12: Alternative calendars

to H it's It's Tricky I mean when it comes to The Kuman community so that's the zadic uh calendar idea or or even the an noan I mean these were that was a community that was definitely outside of the normal scope we have zero evidence that Jesus went and actually lived with them as some people have suggested I mean you know there there are some Scholars that are suggesting that Jesus really interacted with that Community as did um the Apostle John but I I just you know it's speculation at best and I think you know we can use the text from kumran to help us understand um some of the some of the discussions that were going on in the day some of the speculation that was happening in the day uh some of the the debate and some of the dissension but it's harder for us to find out what was the actual no form from The Kuman community so I I do think we need to keep that in mind um just because it was found in kumran doesn't

mean that it was sanctioned that it was necessarily biblical that it was any way God breathed um I mean it could be but it might not be right and um and you know again Jesus didn't go and hang out with them and tell them they were doing a great job he was he spent most of his time up in the Galilee and then he came down to Jerusalem of course at the end of his ministry where he he did challenge a lot of the rabbis he also challenged some of the rabbis and the Pharisees up in the Galilee as well but it wasn't uh it wasn't for you know it wasn't because he um uh anyway it wasn't because he um I didn't expect that anyway technical difficulties technical difficulties there we go no The Joy but you know he he wasn't he wasn't um challenging the The Kuman Community he was hanging out with the people in Jerusalem and again he really seemed to appreciate or or agree with the the days

that they were already celebrating so I think we have to you know a factor that in that he was you know already He's already good with that and um I don't know that's that's my perspective on that okay another question here coming in from bait that I think maybe might be fun to talk about is and and I'm not sure but does the talid allow uh rabbis to alter the dates of observance is that something I mean theoretically theoretically but you know it's kind of like when you

want to change a law here in the United States you got to get what two-thirds of Congress and the house and everybody to agree on something so you know to get a a Sanhedrin type of thing to come together and actually make these major changes it's theoretically possible but it's practically really difficult and you know that's where I I it's not like some Rabbi can just say well we've just decided to do it this way and the thought of in any way touching the Sabbath I mean that's not that was that's like unheard of right

they would never ever ever think of that uh even though there are some people some you know Christians in the Torah Community they're like well we just going to decide when we're going to do it I don't know I mean I just think we're getting on thin ice here so okay um what are your thoughts maybe pulling

Chapter 13: Debunking lunar sabbath

out your handy dandy little uh Bible Software um you you did a debate some time ago on the lunar Sabbath and um from what I remember watching that it was a pretty I hate to use the word debunked but it was pretty easily debunked just from Genesis 1 yeah um for those that might have questions on the lunar Sabbath could you maybe share your screen will will it allow you to share your screen or do I have to do something over here I don't remember um yeah I I don't have that uh presentation I looked for it it seemed seems like it disappeared on me somehow okay so it's not in my computer anywhere um but um I mean that was I I mean I thought it was fairly easily debunked I mean look God created the heavens and the Earth right and on day seven he created this thing called Shabbat right and he he literally shabbed on the seventh day and and then you just count every seven days you have a Sabbath I

mean it it seems so simple to me and if if God Were Somehow upset with the with Israel for not keeping the right Sabbath well he certainly could have set them straight and said look you guys weren't keeping the right seventh day Sabbath and so at Mount Si he could have said okay here we go I don't know maybe he did that but but even from from then on they were keeping it every seven days and then Along Comes Jesus right and as I've been saying he wasn't challenging the Pharisees and the rabbis for keeping the wrong day you know I mean he could have been out healing people on the Sabbath and they come along and say what are you doing healing on Sabbath and he said not today's not the Sabbath it's Tuesday you know what are you talking about but he didn't he he never said well this isn't the Sabbath I'm not doing anything wrong he he said no actually today is the Sabbath and guess what I'm allowed to do this because you know for one I wrote the whole thing and two you're missing the whole point of what Sabbath is all about it's about resting and it's about bringing rest to other people so it was never a discussion about when is the Sabbath but what is permissible and what kind of

activities should happen on the Sabbath right and so that I think is the strongest evidence that we possibly have of of these things you know we also have in the book of Acts we have Paul keeping the feast right he he never said you know um you know I'm going to get to Jerusalem to keep the feast but turns out you know those guys are actually on the wrong calendar and uh now that the Lord has shown me all these cool things now I know the real calendar they were already keeping it right I mean so we have even New Testament evidence that they were

keeping um the calendar as a you know it wasn't so much that the rabbis were dictating the calendar certainly it was something that was established and accepted within Judaism per the laws of the of the of the Torah but what I'm trying to say is that he accepted the established norm and he didn't go outside of that so when when Jerusalem fell in 70 AD then you know had another major setback in 135 and so the the rabbis you know they

fled to to Jamia or to yav depending how you want to say that and that's when they began to establish the whole idea of rinic teaching and rinic Authority once the temple was gone they're like okay now what do we do right so you had these guys that were very much invested in the proper observation of the Sabbath I mean look the these guys wanted to keep the Sabbath so bad that they put fences around fences around fences to make sure they were doing it the right way and to suddenly come and say well you know these guys are just doing on the wrong day and they don't care I I just think that's irresponsible I I think they really do care and they came up with the hell 2 calendar that established in my opinion a very um a very accurate calendar that we've been using um and you know it was it was an OBS talk about observation it's an observation of how does this whole thing work and when is it going to work in such a way that you know Nissan one will be on a new moon and then Nissan 14 will always be on a full Moon I mean that's astounding I mean that's a pretty good observation um you know and so this is where I I just think we need

to appreciate that you know and you know the same observations I mean this is I think maybe we're maybe we're using our our our words in too narrow of a sense I mean when we got a man to the Moon we used observations but we use of course lots of math in conjunction with those observations right but I mean isn't math just a a language of what's happening in the world it's an observation language in a sense and so you know this is why I I really think that the H to calendar is is pretty darn good and um you know Jesus didn't challenge it the the disciples didn't challenge it everybody just it wasn't hell two account at that point I appreciate that but still they were accepting what was the universally accepted way of doing a calendar at that point amen Doug thank you so much for

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your time on this thank you for the friendship that you and I have guys uh I know we didn't cover every little detail that we possibly could have I know we had some technology glitches here we lost Doug's camera feed it looks like somehow um first time going live so I beg your patience here as we try to work out these details thanks for all of you that did were able to come and uh and ask a question or two um guys if you have not already done it head up to uh Doug's YouTube channel And subscribe he is got so much content there um and he is probably one of the um four or five men on the planet that U I trust the most his Integrity to to biblical accuracy is um has been historically unparalleled his heart at least that's his desire so make sure you go take a look at um at some of the things he does I think he I think he's even still uh recording his Shabbat Services uh

every every weekend so if you want to jump in on a Shabbat service that's live uh every weekend it goes without saying that Douglas is a an amazing author and if you go to his website

douglas.com he has got many many many many books on topics like this and others that you guys can uh choose from but wish we could see your face Doug here as we end uh our time together I know all the links that I mentioned a moment ago will be in the description and again if for some reason this didn't work out on YouTube um this software is recording it so we'll we'll we'll get it up guys thank you so much Doug thank you for your time thank you you guys all have a fantastic day and God bless