

The Month of Kislev
Darkness, Hopes, and Dreams

The ninth month: judgment

Dan: דָּן :Judge: The sum of its letters is 54=9x6, the judgment of man and all his works. The first battle described in the Bible has nine participants. It is interesting that the ninth plague, like the ninth month, is of darkness.

Chanukah

The most widely known event in the month of Kislev is the start of Chanukah on the twenty fifth day of the month.

A month of dreams

Three of the four Torah portions that are read during the month of Kislev contain a total of nine dreams

Joseph's Egyptian name, Zaphnath-Paaneah, means revealer of secrets or decipherer of dreams.

Genesis 41:25 NKJV 25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:

A month of darkness

The darkest night of Kislev combined with the winter solstice results in the darkest day of the year.

Light begins to come into darkness as Kislev ends and Tevet begins. Tevet shares a common root with the word "tov" or good.

Genesis 1:2-4 NKJV 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

The month of Tishrei is connected with Kislev through Chanukah

A month of Hope

The root word for Kislev is kesel or keselim which means hope.

Psalms 78:5-7 NKJV 5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; 6 That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, 7 That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

Job 31:24 NKJV 24 "If I have made gold my hope, Or said to fine gold, 'You are my confidence'; ...28 This also would be an iniquity deserving of judgment, For I would have denied God who is above.

Rabbi Tamar: Kidneys (kelayot) are called Kesalim because strong desire is rooted in the kidneys. The strong desire of Kislev allowed the Maccabees to defeat the Greeks.

Yeshua's birth sukkot in the seventh month means His conception would be during Chanukah.

Yeshua is the fulfillment of hope bringing light into the darkness.

Matthew 4:16 John 8:12 Ephesians 2:12-13

Yeshua is the judge revealing all the secrets of the heart.

Acts 10:42 Hebrews 4:12

Yeshua is the revealer of things to come.

Revelation 1:1 Revelation 4:1

As you light the Chanukah lights this year, remember that Yeshua is the light of the world.

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