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Class overview:



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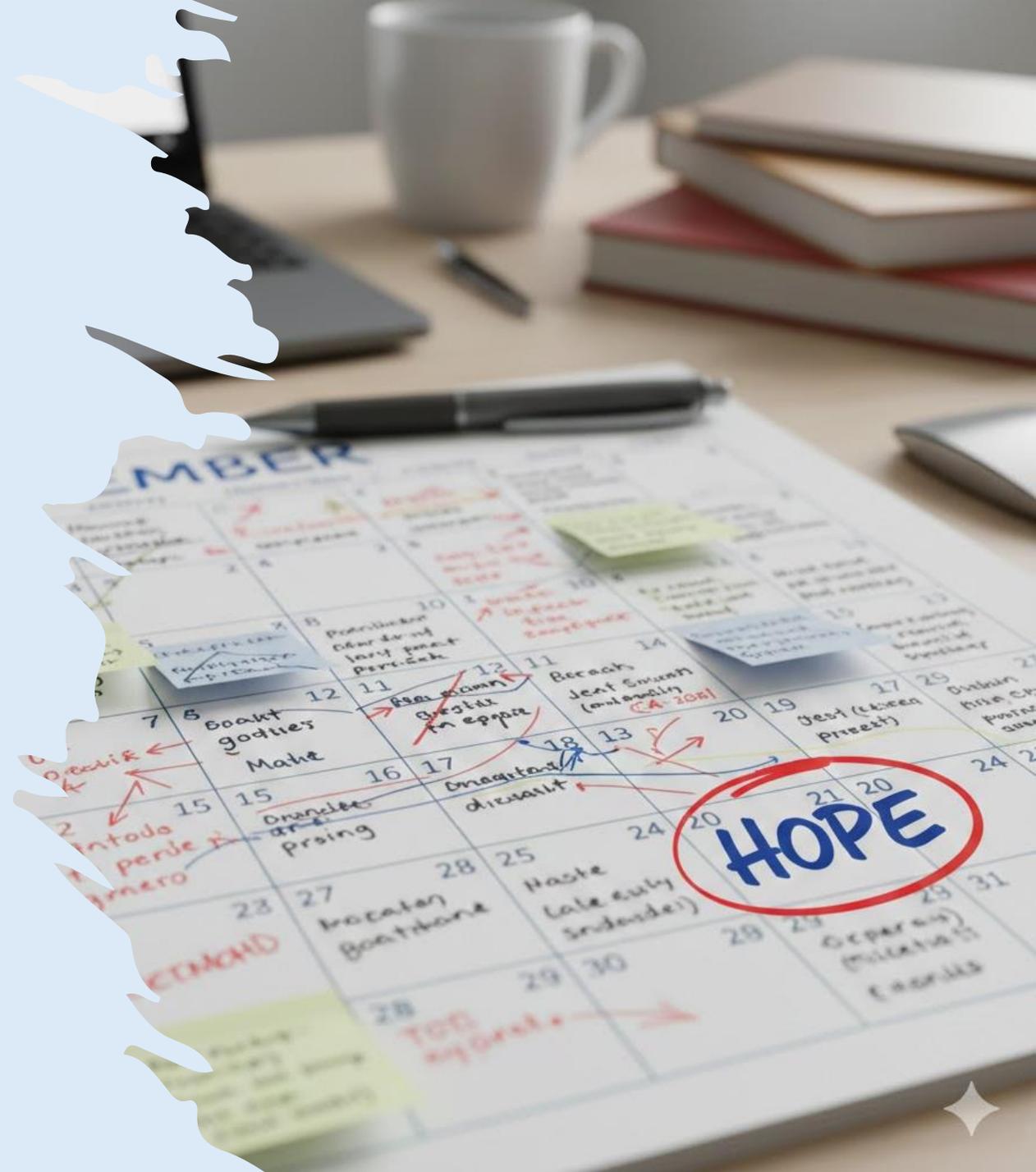
How was time established in creation?



What is God's calendar?



What does this mean for us?





A calendar – why would one be necessary?

- Establishes predictability
- Builds a rhythm, a cycle into our lives
- Allows us to coordinate and to plan
- Gives scope to history, and prophecy
- Helps us to see that God is working along a timeline



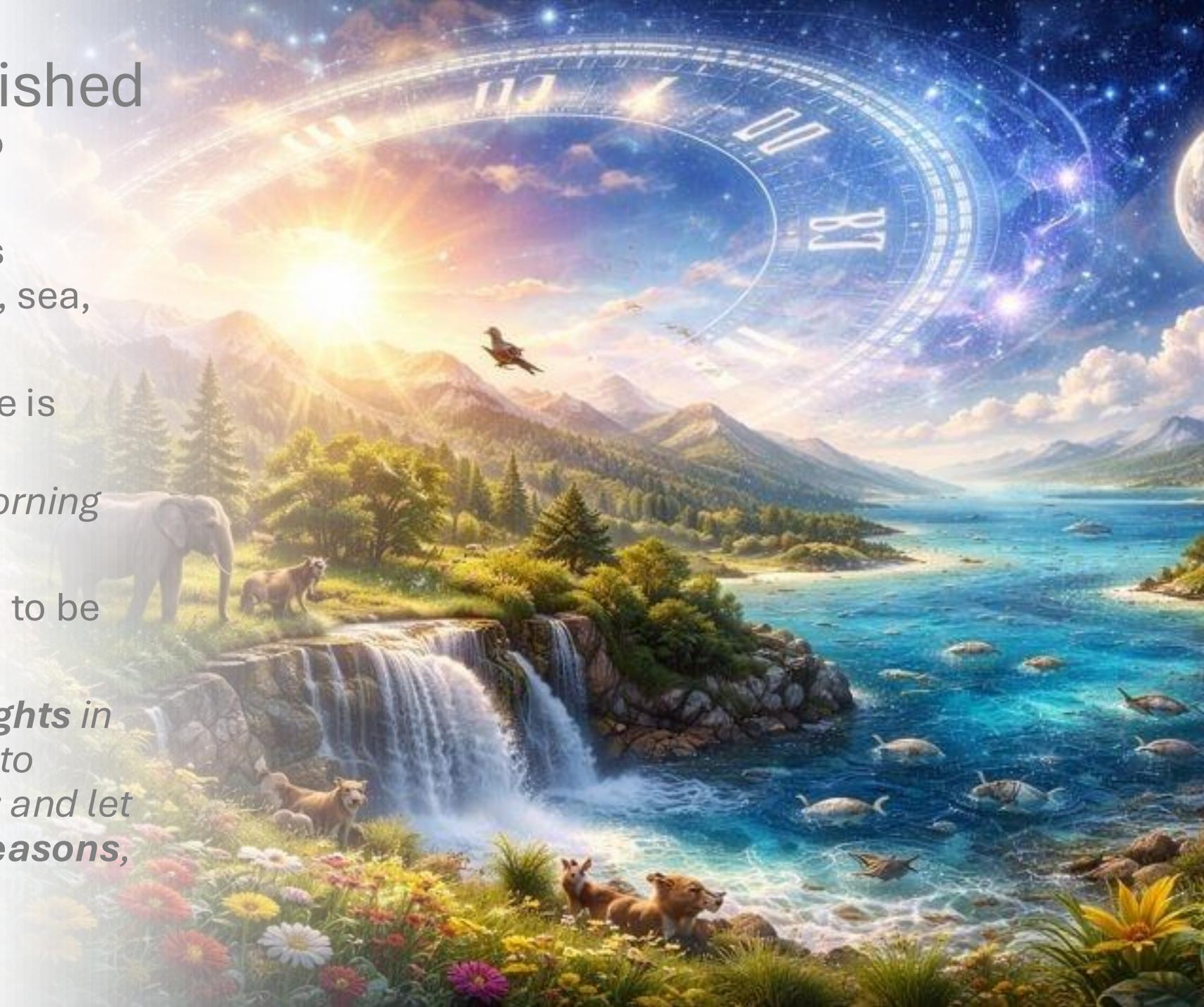
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- Tendency to focus on what was created – i.e. the tangible (land, sea, plant, animal, fish, etc.)
- Time was the intangible – where is time established Genesis 1?

...and the evening and the morning were the x day

- What else was created for time to be hard-coded into creation?

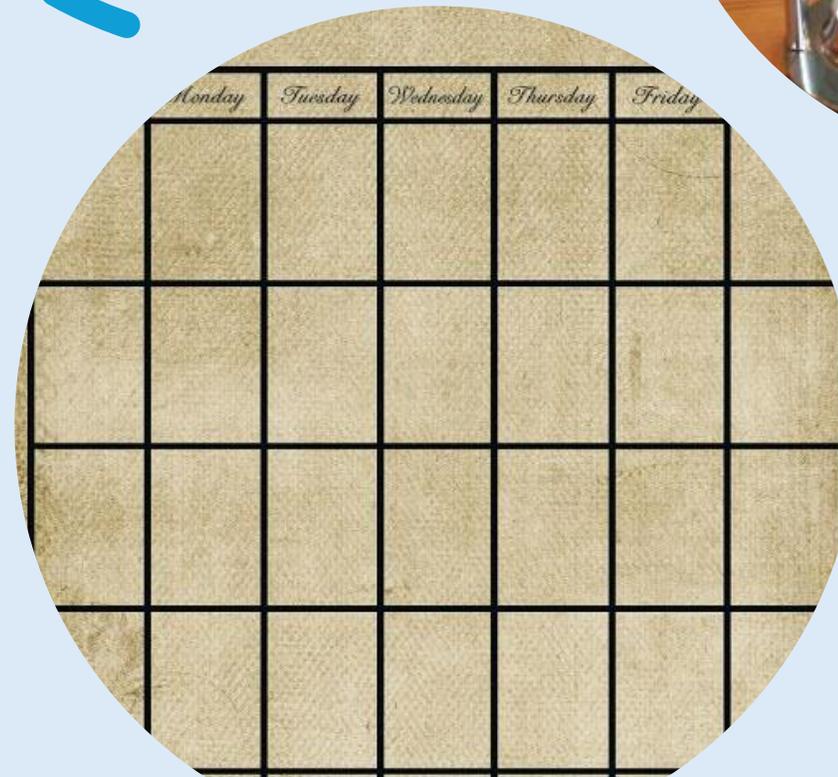
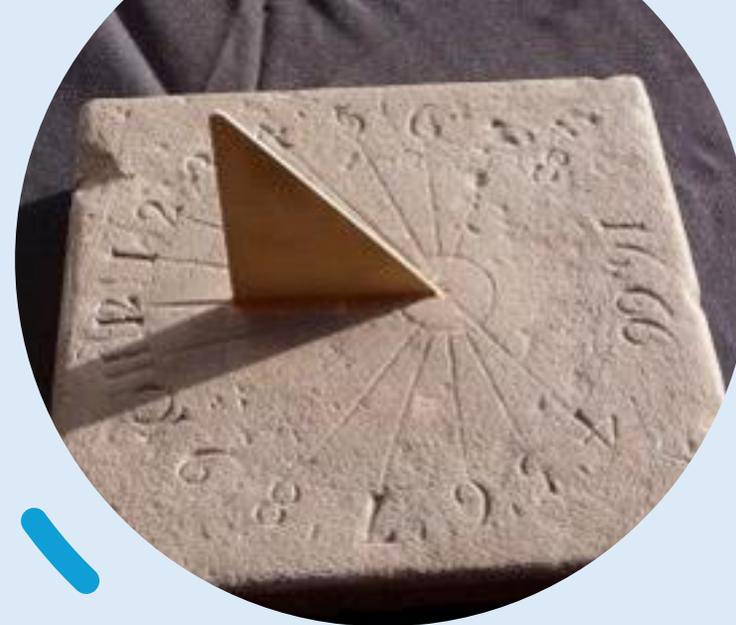
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Time in its dimensions:

- There are 3 different pieces of time we need to get by :



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Genesis 1:14

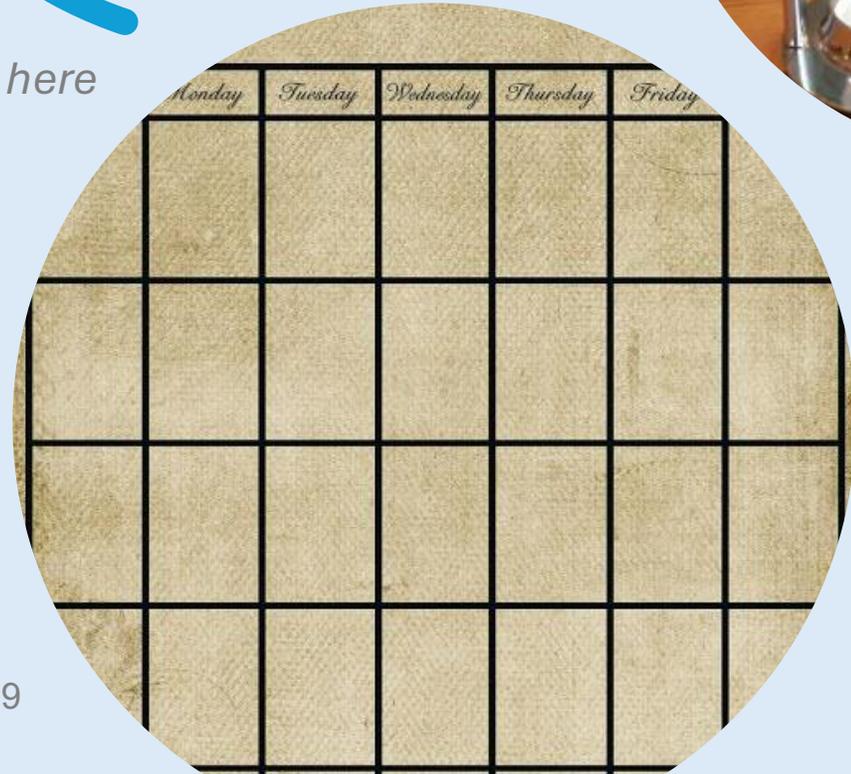
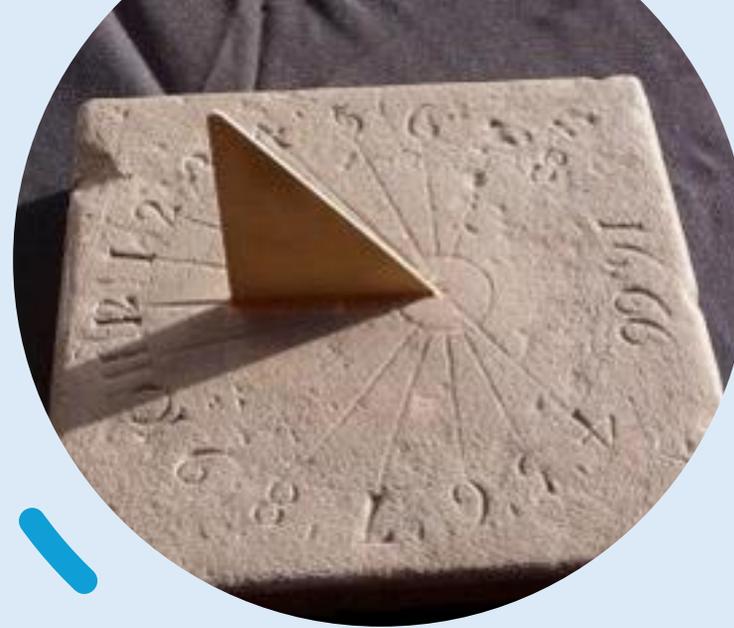
lights³⁹⁷⁴ ma'or - light, light bearers or sources that give light - used here about the sun and moon

signs²²⁶ oth – A sign, signal, distinguishing mark, remembrance

seasons⁴¹⁵⁰ mō'ēd - appointed place, appointed time, meeting, appointed sign or signal

Teaching: God set the sun and moon in the heavens not only for day and night, but also as the basis for His calendar, to distinguish His points of remembrance and His appointed times.

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. Psalm 104:19



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What do these 3 pictures have in common?

signs^{H226} *oth* – A sign, signal, distinguishing mark, remembrance

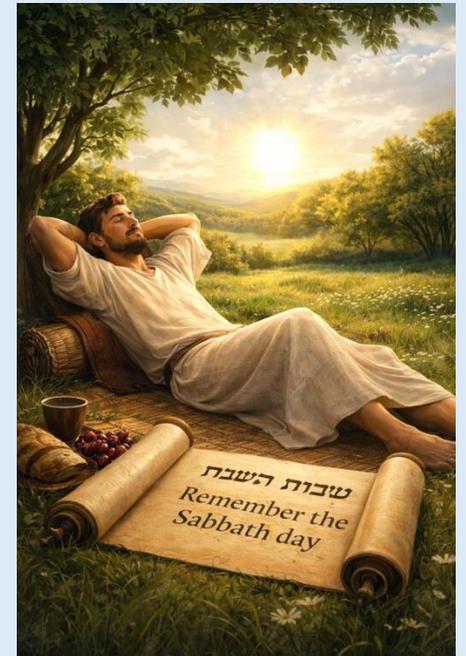
Rainbow: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token ^{H226} of a covenant between me and the earth. Genesis 9:12-13

Blood over doorpost: And the blood shall be to you for a token ^{H226} upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:13

Sabbath: It *is* a sign ^{H226} between me and the children of Israel forever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. Exodus 31:17

A sign marks something God has done, is doing or is promising to do

Lesson: The sun and moon are God-given markers that **signal meaningful moments in time.**



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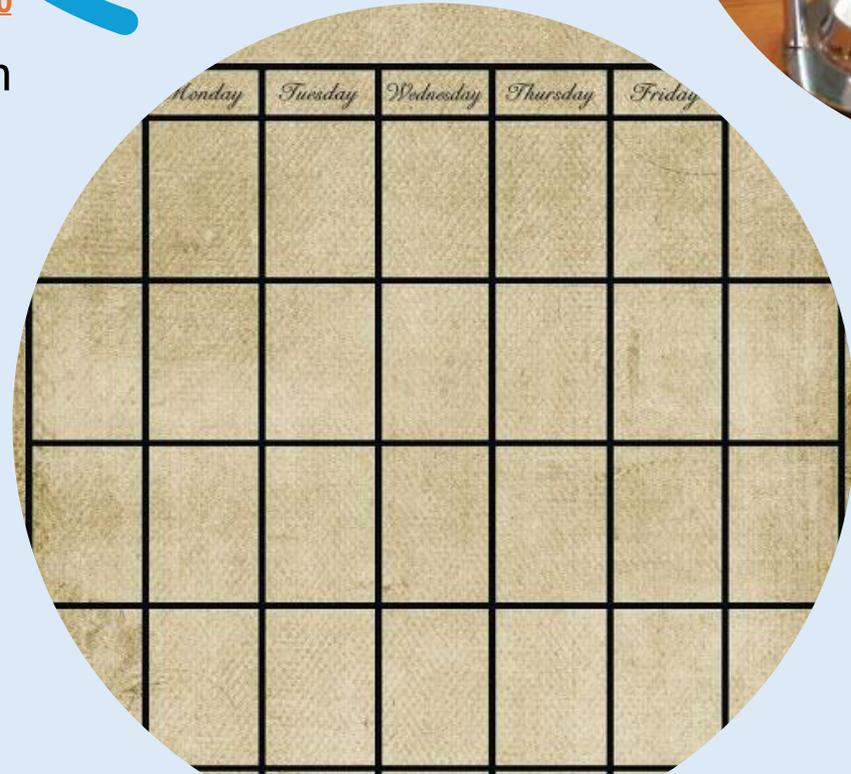
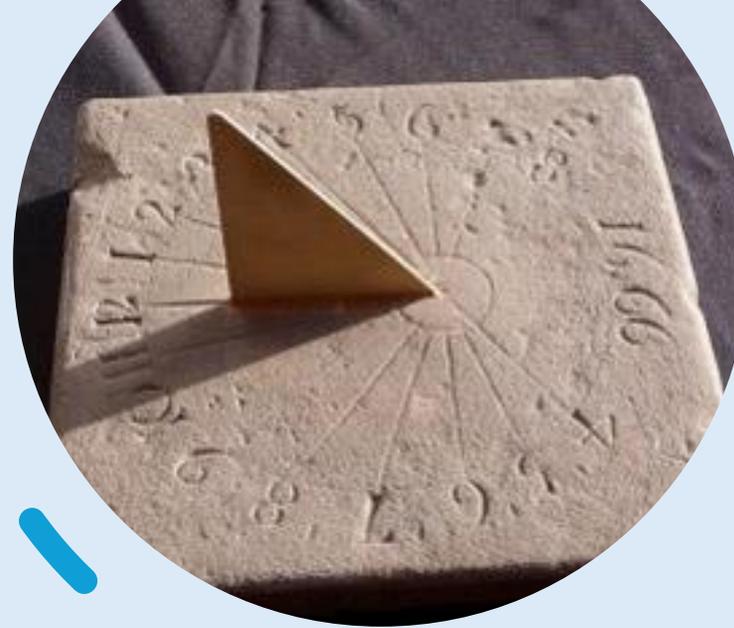
God sets appointments for individuals:

Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed^{H4150} I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. Genesis 17:21; 18:14; 21-2

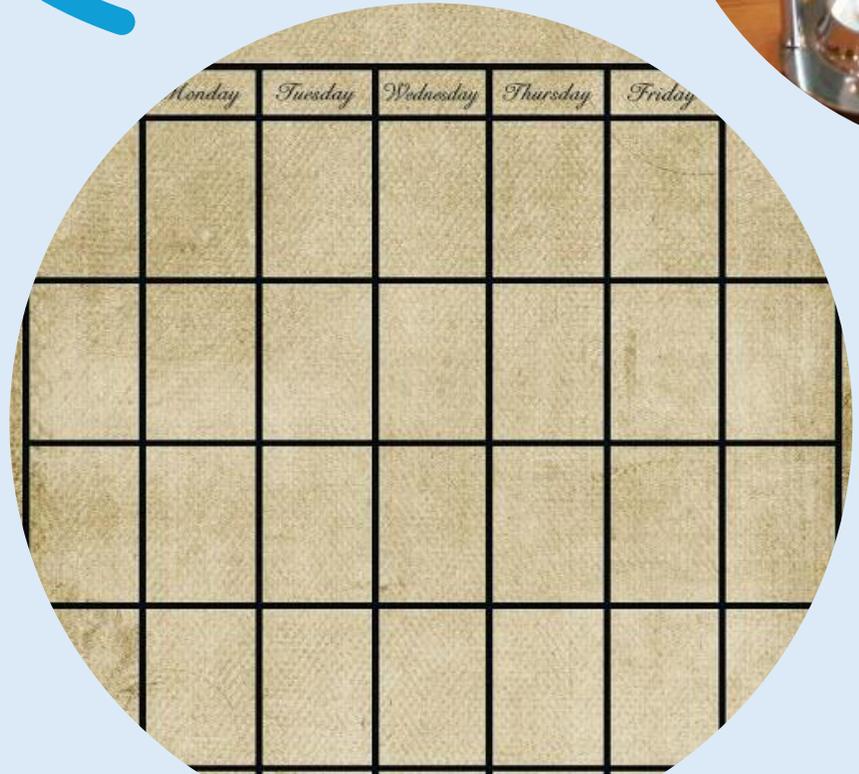
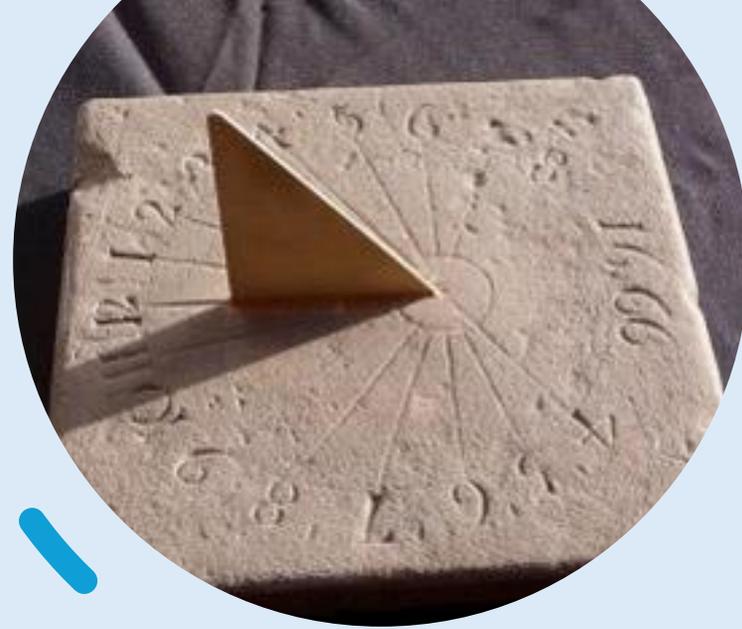
God sets appointments for all humanity:

And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed^{H4150} *the end shall be.* Daniel 8:19

Principle: God is working along a timeline and has established appointments as markers for each of us to be aware.

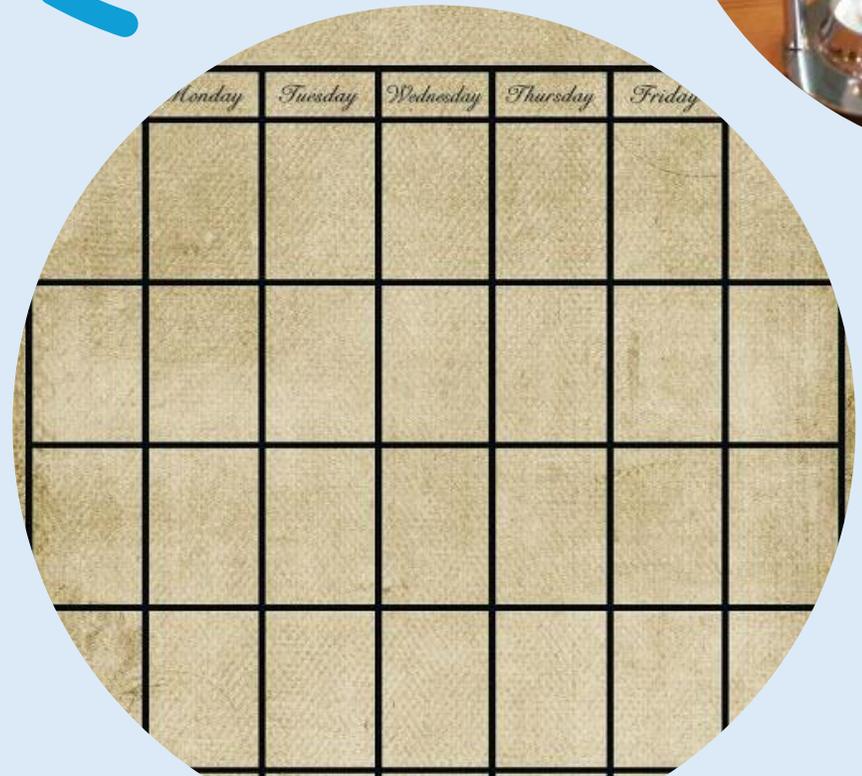
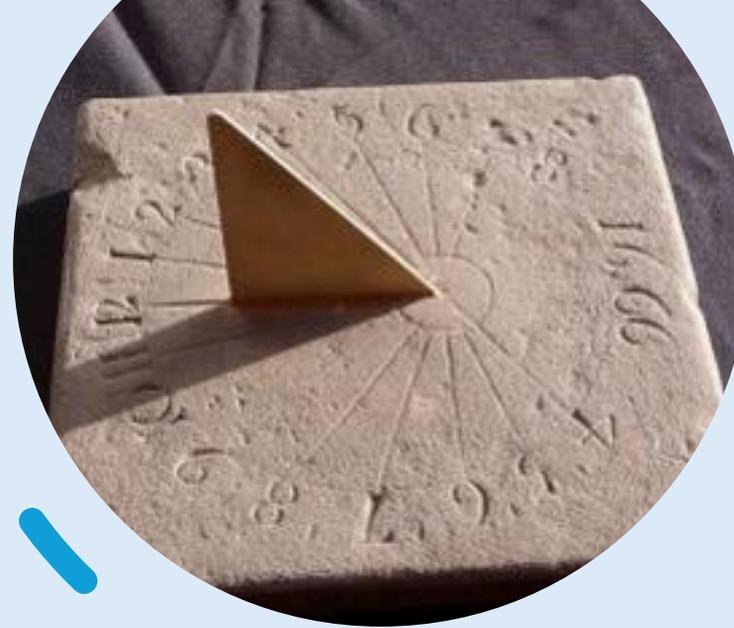


Quiz Time!



Quiz:

1. How many days in a traditional Jewish week? **7** A month? **29 or 30**
2. What defines the start of a month?
The appearance of new moon
3. How many months in a Jewish year?
It depends: 12 (13 every 2-3 years)
4. How many days in a Jewish year?
353, 354, 355, 383, 384, or 385 days
5. What defines the start of a day?
Sunset



Quiz: (con't)

1. How many Sabbaths in a Jewish year?

More than 52, less than 60

2. What calendar do we use? **Gregorian**

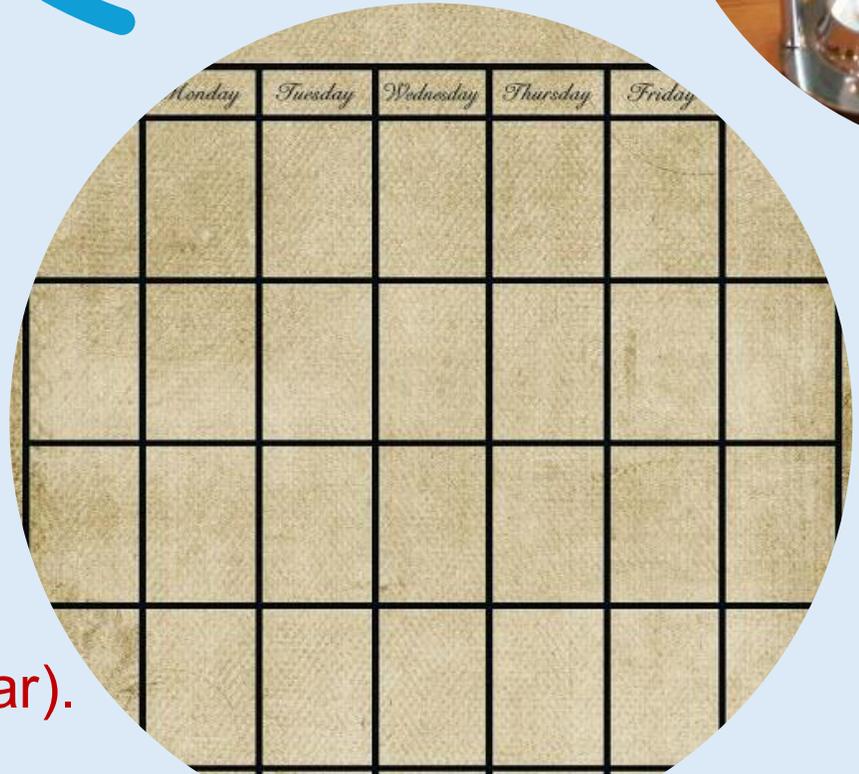
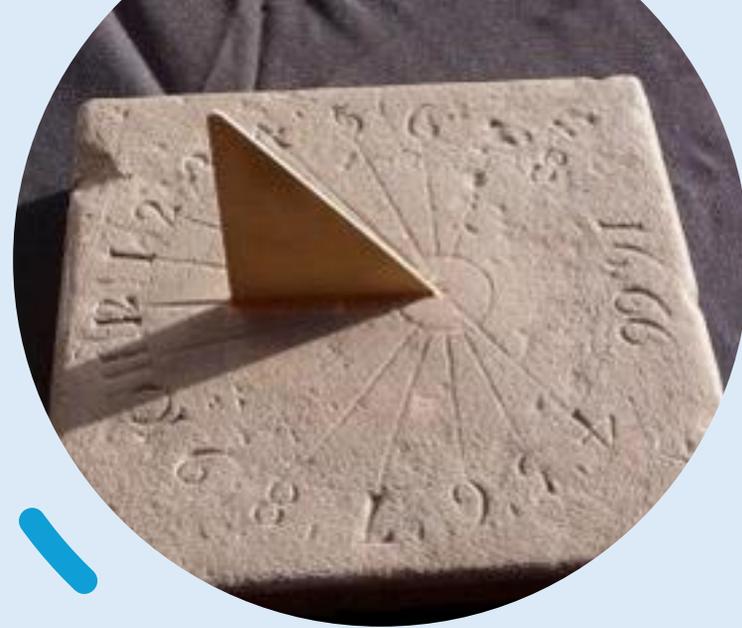
3. What is our calendar based on?

Rotation of the earth around the sun

4. What is the Hebrew calendar based on?

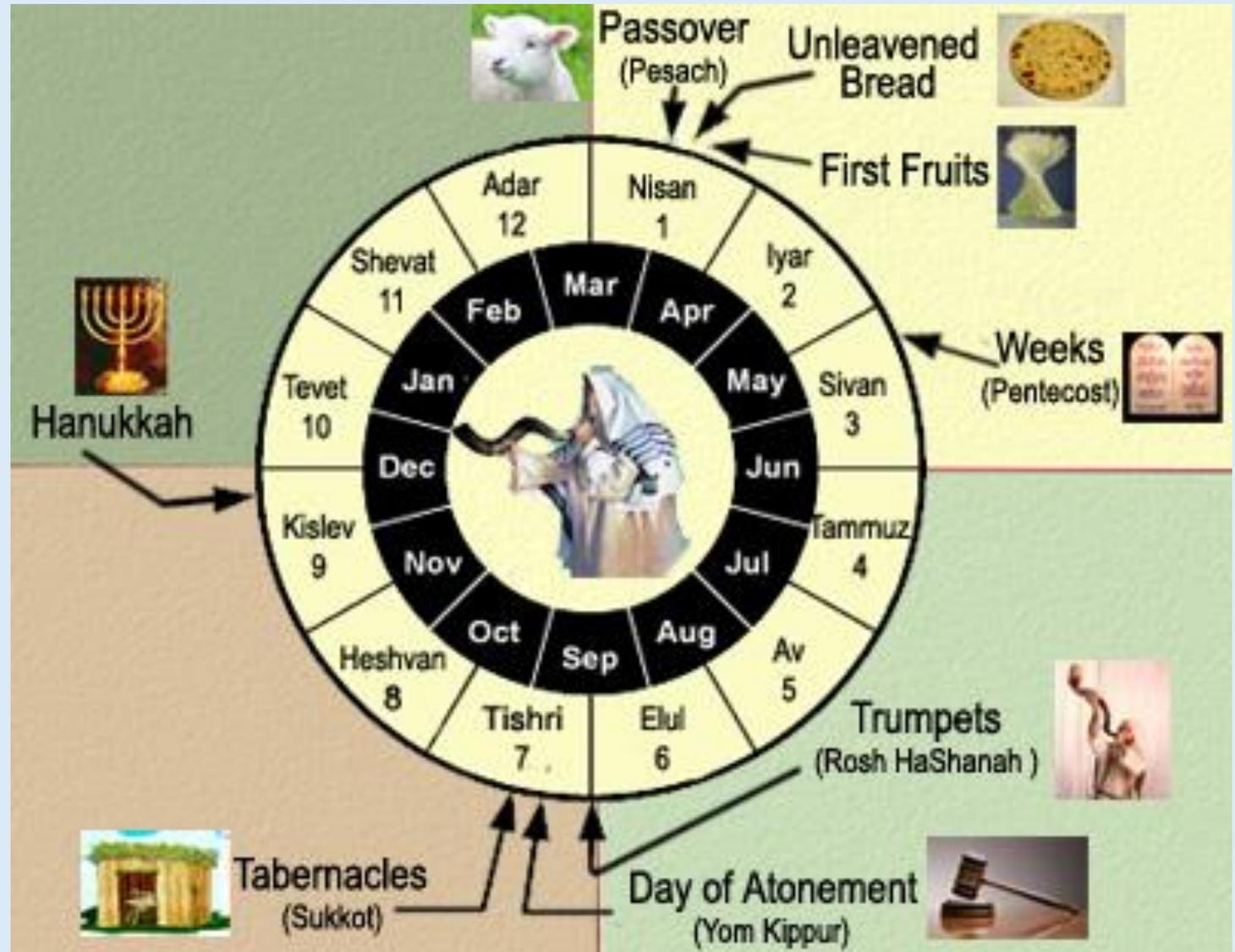
3 things:

1. Rotation of the earth about its axis (a day);
2. The revolution of the moon around the earth (a month);
3. The revolution of the earth around the sun (a year).



What is God's calendar?

- God has fixed dates for each of his feasts
- They reflect a progression of God's plan of salvation



The Biblical Calendar

Hebrew Month	Our Month	Feasts
1. Nisan	March/April	14 th evening: Passover 15 th feast of unleavened bread 16 th morning: presenting of firstfruits
2. Iyar	April/May	
3. Sivan	May/June	7 Weeks (Shavout) or Pentecost
4. Tammuz	June/July	
5. Av	July/August	
6. Elul	August/Sept	
7. Tishri	September/October	1 st feast of trumpets (Rosh Hashana) 10 th day of atonement (Yom Kippur) 15-21 st feast of booths (Succoth)
8. Heshvan	October/Nov	
9. Kislev	Nov/Dec	
10. Tevet	Dec/Jan	
11. Shevat	Jan/Feb	
12. Adar	Feb/March	



What does Gods creation of a calendar teach us?

- Everything started in darkness, but God brought light so that we can find our way – and have confidence in the outcome
- God has established a timeline from **creation to the kingdom** and every day in between His calendar is filled with appointed times
- God is never late (or early) for any of His appointments – He is always exactly on time...
- ...because He works with a purpose in mind, not with any randomness
- God works in proper seasons in our lives too
- God wants you and I to align our lives according to His calendar, to His plan for salvation and be encouraged along the way.

HOPE



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...because he has appointed a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness, by a man whom he designated, having provided proof to everyone by raising him from the dead.

Acts 17:31

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God doesn't just give us time to fill - He gives each of us an appointed time to draw near to Him – the question is how we will use it?



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