

# WOC INTERNATIONAL

## Rosh Chodesh Shevat (5779)

### 2019 New Moon 11

**Shevat's theme is experiencing "New Journeys" require "New Discernments"**

**How does Shevat's Discernment connect to Kislev's new decisions & Tevet's new journey?**

**Discernment enables us to enact our new decisions on our new journey by showing us**

**The specific doors to close now and the specific ones to open later for next year**

**The specific seeds to stop planting & the specific ones to start planting for next year**

**Secularly, discernment is the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure**

**Which requires the exhibition of keen insight and good judgment**

**Biblically, it is the ability to decide between truth and error, right and wrong**

**Why is discernment vital? - Satan baits believers with a lie wrapped in a layer of truth**

**By offering it in a way we don't discover the hook until we've bitten deep into the bait**

**Where does needing "New Discernment" for this new journey begin this month?**

**With realizing the 3 general types of discernment (aka insight) - There is the**

**-----discernment - Available to all men**

*Acts 17:22-23 "Sha'ul stood up in the Council meeting and said, "Men of Athens: I see how very religious you are in every way! 23 For as I was walking around, looking at your shrines, I even found an altar which had been inscribed, 'To An Unknown God.' So, the one whom you are already worshipping in ignorance – this is the one I proclaim to you"*

**-----discernment - Available to all believers**

*Prov 2:3-5 "yes, if you will call for insight and raise your voice for discernment, 4 if you seek it as you would silver and search for it as for hidden treasure — 5 then you will understand the fear of Adonai and find knowledge of God." CJB*

**----- - Available to specific believers (Acts 16:16-18)**

*1 Cor 12:9-11 "to another, faith, by the same Spirit; and to another, gifts of healing, by the one Spirit; 10 to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the ability to judge between spirits; to another, the ability to speak in different kinds of tongues; and to yet another, the ability to interpret tongues." CJB*

**Those with this specific gift are able to oversee the exercise of other spiritual gifts**

**So, that they are done in a way that glorifies God & edifies other believers**

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## Where does needing “New Discernment” for this new journey continue this month?

**With realizing discernment keeps me from transgressing \_\_\_\_\_**

2 John 8-11 “Watch yourselves, so that you won’t lose what you have worked for, but will receive your full reward. 9 Everyone who goes ahead and does not remain true to what the Messiah has taught does not have God. Those who remain true to his teaching have both the Father and the Son. 10 If someone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, don’t welcome him into your home. Don’t even say, “Shalom!” to him; 11 for the person who says, “Shalom!” to him shares in his evil deeds.” CJB

## Where does needing “New Discernment” for this new journey end this month?

**With realizing discernment is the key to living life \_\_\_\_\_**

**As failing to distinguish between truth & error subjects me to the lure of false teaching**

**Which baits my carnal mind to seek unfruitful things and live \_\_\_\_\_**

1 John 4:4-6 “You, children, are from God and have overcome the false prophets, because he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore, they speak from the world’s viewpoint; and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God doesn’t listen to us. This is how we distinguish the Spirit of truth from the spirit of error.” CJB

## Notes

### What do we already know about the 11<sup>th</sup> Month of Shevat?

**Shevat is the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of winter (Tevet, Shevat, Adar) & correlates to the tribe of Asher**

Num 2:25-31 “On the north will be the divisions of the camp of Dan, under their standard. The leader of the people of Dan is Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai. 26 His division numbers 62,700. 27 The tribe of Asher will camp next to them. The leader of the people of Asher is Pagiel son of Ocran. 28 His division numbers 41,500. 29 The tribe of Naphtali will be next. The leader of the people of Naphtali is Ahira son of Enan. 30 His division numbers 53,400. 31 All the men assigned to the camp of Dan number 157,600. They will set out last, under their standards.” NIV

**He was the 8<sup>th</sup> of Jacob’s sons, the second borne to him by Leah’s maid Zilpah**

**And was stationed in the opposite camp (North) from his full brother Gad (South)**

### What do I need to remember about the 11<sup>th</sup> Month of Shevat?

**In regards to Shevat, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ time to prepare to close doors on the current season**

**New discernment of the Father’s Torah, however, is needed to do this properly**

**Shevat 1 is when Moses reviewed the Torah with Israel before they entered the Land**

Deut 1:3 “On the first day of the eleventh month of the fortieth year, Moshe spoke to the people of Isra’el, reviewing everything Adonai had ordered him to tell them.” CJB

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**But the Torah Moshe gave them in Deut was slightly different from that he gave in Levi  
Because Levi concerns Israel entering the wilderness, Deut them exiting it  
Levi dealt with wilderness life, Deut deals with their settled life in Canaan  
In regards to Asher, even though his inheritance contained some of the richest soil in Israel**

**He never became the \_\_\_\_\_ to his brethren Yahweh created & prophesied him to be**

*Deut 33:24-25 "Of Asher he said: "May Asher be most blessed of sons, may he be the favorite among his brothers and bathe his feet in oil. 25 May your bolts be of iron and bronze and your strength last as long as you live." CJB*

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**What new perspectives does Yahweh want me to have about the 11<sup>th</sup> Month of Shevat?**

**In regards to Shevat, it's impossible to succeed on this new journey without discernment**

*Prov 8:14 "Good advice is mine, and common sense; I am insight, power is mine." CJB*

**I will encounter things I have never seen before that I must successfully overcome**

*Rom 14:13 "Therefore, let's stop passing judgment on each other! Instead, make this one judgment – not to put a stumbling block or a snare in a brother's way." CJB*

**I must have discernment, as it joins with wisdom to ensure I fulfill my destiny**

*Prov 4:7-9 "7 The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom! And along with all your getting, get insight! 8 Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will bring you honor; 9 she will give your head a garland of grace, bestow on you a crown of glory." CJB*

**In regards to Asher, lack of discernment prevented him from fulfilling his calling**

**Why? - His inheritance was near the Phoenicians who excelled in trade & commerce, so**

**Rather than \_\_\_\_\_ them from their territory as Yahweh directed him**

**He became partners with them to enjoy the fruits of their profitable enterprises**

**Rather than being a financial \_\_\_\_\_ to rest of his brethren with his abilities**

**He allowed others to rule him to continue pursuing his commerce**

**What new truths does my Father want me to embrace about the 11<sup>th</sup> Month of Shevat?**

**Discernment enables me to reject the \_\_\_\_\_ lure of "ear-tickling" satanic doctrines**

**Notice the need for discernment in what Yeshua said about the danger of false teachers**

*Matt 24:24-26 "For there will appear false Messiahs and false prophets performing great miracles – amazing things! – so as to fool even the chosen, if possible. 25 There! I have told you in advance! 26 So if people say to you, 'Listen! He's out in the desert!' don't go; or, 'Look! He's hidden away in a secret room!' don't believe it." CJB*

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### **Notice the need for discernment in what Kefa said about the danger of false doctrine**

2 Peter 2:1-3 “But among the people there were also false prophets, just as there will be false teachers among you. Under false pretenses they will introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and thus bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 Many will follow their debaucheries; and because of them, the true Way will be maligned. 3 In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated stories.” CJB

**What was their primary motivation for teaching? - Greed**

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### **Conclusion - Because discernment is needed for successful Kingdom life at all times**

**I must reject being Asher-like with self-indulgent, lazy, selfish or faint-hearted behavior as**

**Being this way was the source of his \_\_\_\_\_ during David’s time**

**Asher went from being more numerous than Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin**

**To being so few, Asher produced no heroes and were omitted from the chief rulers**

**I must reject Satan’s subtility, as lack of discernment is what causes most saints to stumble as**

**It keeps believers from \_\_\_\_\_ all things against the Father’s infallible Word**

1 John 4:1 “Dear friends, don’t trust every spirit. On the contrary, test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” CJB

**It keeps them unwittingly making unbiblical decisions and committing unbiblical behavior**

**I must accept the reality discernment is the key to living a biblically uncompromising life as**

**My Father grants me discernment to guard me from \_\_\_\_\_**

**So that I distinguish valid from invalid philosophies and true from false doctrines**

**This protects all my Kingdom relationships and helps me see the truth about myself**

1 Thess 5:19-22 “Don’t quench the Spirit, 20 don’t despise inspired messages. 21 But do test everything – hold onto what is good, 22 but keep away from every form of evil.”

**My Father makes me responsible for exercising this \_\_\_\_\_ to discern reality for myself**

Rom 5:3-5 “But not only that, let us also boast in our troubles; because we know that trouble produces endurance, 4 endurance produces character, and character produces hope; 5 and this hope does not let us down, because God’s love for us has already been poured out in our hearts through the Ruach HaKodesh who has been given to us.” CJB

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