

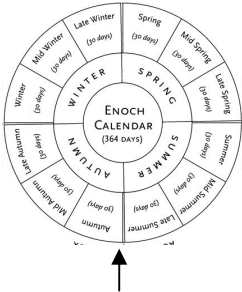


RESOURCE

Parashah: Vayeshev = And He Dwelt/Settled
Gen 37:1-40:23; Amos 2:6-3:8; Zech 2:14-4:10; Acts 7:1-60

TITLE: ZADOK CALENDAR (OR ENOCHIAN CALENDAR) INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS THIS?



This is a simple graphic of the Zadok calendar, commonly called the Enochian calendar. There is an additional day between the seasons—marked by double lines. The arrow is pointing to one of them.

We believe the biblical ancients kept a solar calendar rather than a lunar or luni-solar calendar right from day 4 of creation—so Adam, Noah, Abraham, Levi and Zadok all kept the same calendar. Because many things have been deliberately hidden from us, it is difficult to determine for sure how they calculated the details of the original calendar that Elohim established but people are doing ongoing research about it. The Levitical priests kept a specific rotation going throughout the years and we can learn much from becoming familiar with it. We will learn exactly how it works when Yeshua returns to rule in the Millennium and puts us all straight. For now, we want to alert you to the need for prayerful research on this topic because it is important to be on time for His feasts—especially because prophetic things happen on those days. The calendar is a divisive topic, so please proceed with humility and caution.

The First Book of Enoch lays out information about the calendar so it is sometimes called the Enochian calendar, but we prefer the title “Zadokite priestly calendar” (“Zadok” for short). It comes from 1 Kings 1, which we discussed in Parashah Chayei Sarah. The line of Zadok was the last appointed authority in the Levitical priesthood and he was granted the high priesthood forever. We believe that Yeshua was in the lineage of Levi through Zadok in addition to the lineage of Judah (thus fulfilling the roles of priest and king), so His eternal Melchizedek priesthood *includes* the Zadokite priesthood and its calendar.

HOW IT WORKS

There are 3 months of 30 days each and then 1 day (= 91 days), repeated three times more. Each 91st day marks the end of a season. This means the years are 360 days + 4 days long and the total is divisible by 7, YHWH’s perfect number. 91 divided by 7 = 13 weeks in each season. 364 divided by 7 = 52 weeks in each year. At the end of every 6th year the calendar is intercalated a full week in a way that does not disrupt the priestly rotation.

WHY IT WORKS

About 165 years before Yeshua came, the priesthood was usurped by people who had no legal right to it and they changed many things, such as the calendar. The Zadokites fled for their lives to the desert where they saved as many documents as they could. Fragments of those “Dead Sea Scrolls” have been found; people are studying them and learning about (among other things) the calendar that the legitimate Zadok priesthood used. Their schedule was very orderly, designed to make sure there was no overlap of feast days and no disruption of service rotation. To ensure this, six years have 364 days and an intercalation week is added just prior to every 7th year to catch up with the sun.

We assume the Zadokites did not originate the format but rather continued the schedule that Elohim and the angels have always used. Because Zadok was the appointed priestly authority according to King David, people were to follow the schedule and methods the Zadokites used for community gatherings, such as Sabbaths and feasts, and will do so in the Millennial Kingdom also. Since the sun was created on day 4 (which we call Wednesday), the first day of the year and the first day of each season is always a day 4 (Wednesday). This makes feast days always occur on the same days each year and lets us know in advance when the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th months will start. Notice how often Scripture mentions these particular months—they are the first months in each of the four seasons. It also guarantees that what we call Saturdays are always the Sabbaths.

Note: there are versions of the Enochian calendar that intercalate differently and some of those do not maintain Saturday as the Sabbath. We believe that since Elohim commanded mankind to keep the seventh day holy right from the get-go, and made it the fourth of the ten commandments, we must interpret the calendar information in such a way that Saturday is always preserved as the Sabbath. Notice that Yeshua never complained about the Sabbaths being on the days we call Saturday and that the 7-day weekly count has never shifted since His time, so we can have confidence that Saturday is the Sabbath.