

Nisan 17 short item

- The other Sirs will tell you, I'm **useless at times and dates**.
 - And **they're right**.
 - I just **don't like them**.
 - I find times and dates **boring**
- But I really **find one date interesting**...even **fascinating**!
- The **Jewish calendar** is **different** from our **European** calendar.
 - For **example** their month of **Nisan** falls **between** our **March and April (Spring)**, and was their 1st month.
 - It **wasn't always** the **first**, it used to be the **7th** month in Noah's day.
 - But God tells Moses to change it to the first month, on the **first Passover**, just before the people come out of Egypt (Ex. 12:2).
- **Numbers** are **significant**, symbolically, in the Bible.
 - For example the number **10** conveys the concept of **perfection and totality**.
 - And the number **7** conveys the concept of **completeness**—that of something **being finished** or done. It is closely **associated with God** - the **Divine number**.
 - The number **8** conveys the concept of **salvation**. **Eight** people came **out** of the **Ark** for **example**.
- If you put **10 and 7 together** you get **17**.
- And there's **something very strange about** the **17th day of the first month - Nisan** throughout the Bible.
 - It seems to suggest a **fresh start- new beginnings - first fruit**.
- On that very date **Noah's Ark** comes to **rest** on **Mount Ararat**, saving his family (Gen 8:4)
- On that very date the **Hebrews entered Egypt** after being reconciled with Joseph. (Exo 12:40-41)
- Exactly 430 yrs after they'd entered, down to the same day, they left Egypt before **crossing over the parted Red Sea** to be free from slavery. (Exo 3:18, 5:3)
- On that very date **Israel entered** and **ate the first fruit of the Promised Land** after eating manna in the wilderness (Joshua 5:10-12)
- The **Temple** was **cleansed** and **renewed by Hezekiah**, eight hundred years after entering the promised land, on 17th Nisan (2 Chronicles 29:1-28)

- On Nisan 17, **Queen Esther saved the Jews from genocide** (Esther 3:12, 5:1)
- You may say,
“but it may just be written by the authors of the Bible to seem significant. but **these things didn't really happen on that date**”
- **But** this was recorded by **different authors** and the **dates** were **well known history** before the subsequent events happened, and it's **impossible** to think that they had been **organised** to fall exactly when they did.
- This is **most clear** with the **last event**.
 - These **previous** events were written and **well known** in the **Old Testament** Scriptures - no one can deny that, even if they want to.
 - **Then something else** happens.
- **3 days after his death on Nisan 15th** (the Friday) **on the 8th day** (symbolic of salvation) on the **Sunday**, Jesus the **Messiah** was **resurrected**.
- **The date** this happened would have been on the **17th of Nisan!**
- This was the **Jewish feast of First Fruits** and Resurrection Sunday.
 - It was the greatest of all **New Beginnings**...
 - It is the very **crux** of the **Christian faith**, when **sin** and **death** were **defeated**, and is **how people** may be **born again** to a **new beginning**, to **bear fruit of repentance**.
- The **odds** of **just two** of these events both happening accidentally on the same day of the Hebrew year (360 days) are **1 in 129,000**.
- The **odds of all** these events all happening coincidentally on the same day of the Hebrew year are **1 in 783 quadrillion, 864 trillion, 876 Billion, 960 Million (783,864,876,960,000,000)**.

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- **That's strange....**well, if you don't believe in the truth of Christianity it is.
- This is **just one amazing fact** about the Bible
 - I **could keep you** here all day explaining hundreds of others - **but** this is supposed to be a **short item**.
- The **Bible says**, about people who refuse to believe it, that they are **resisting its truth**.
 - In light of this fact, I **can see why**.
- **This one fact alone** should **convince** you that the **Bible** is the only **true Scriptures** of God, and the **way to salvation** and a **new beginning**.