

Barley Update on April 3, 2011 C.E.

Photographs from Israel taken on Yom Ri-shon, Day 28, Month 1 on Sunday, April 3, 2011 C.E.

Wild barley does not determine when a Hebrew Year begins, the sun and the moon do. There will always be a small amount of wild Aviv barley by the spring equinox in Israel under normal conditions. The wild barley that was unripe or "Aviv" on Firstfruits on Day 16 of Month 1 on March 22, 2011 C.E. in the Jordan Valley was found to be ripe to over-ripe or "Carmel" on Day 28 of Month 1 on April 3, 2011 C.E. Wild barley ranged between 91 to 94 on the Zadoks Scale of cereal grain developmental stages on April 3, 2011 C.E. Barley that is classified as 93 is falling out of the head in the daytime, and barley that is 94 has dead straw that is beginning to fall over.

In the ancient world, farmers in the Jordan Valley would have wanted to harvest this barley before the crop was lost. If the priesthood had intercalated improperly as all other calendars did this year, it would have caused hardship and a lost crop for some of the farmers in the Jordan Valley, as the omer count to Shavuot was initiated when the sickle was put to the standing grain according to Deuteronomy 16:9. On all false calendars who inserted an extra month in the spring of 2011 C.E., Firstfruits will be on April 20-24, 2011 C.E. long after the wild barley was Aviv in Israel.

The wise will understand that the sun and the moon are used to determine the appointed times of the Creator of the universe according to Genesis 1:14. A single man's opinion has never at any time in Israel's history governed when Israel is to keep the appointed times throughout the year. Anyone who missed the Passover on Day 14 of Month 1 on March 19, 2011 C.E. should consider keeping the second Passover on Day 14 of Month 2 on the evening of April 17, 2011 C.E. which will occur on Day 28 of the omer count.



This photograph of a large field of wild barley south of Beit Shean near the security checkpoint in the Jordan Valley was taken on April 3, 2011 C.E. on Day 28 of Month 1 between 5:00 and 6:00 pm local time. Wild barley that is 94 on the Zadoks Scale has straw that is dead and collapsing.



Wild barley that is 91 on the Zadoks Scale: difficult to divide by thumbnail

This photo of a large field of wild barley south of Beit Shean near the security checkpoint in the Jordan Valley was taken April 3, 2011 C.E. on Day 28 of Month 1 between 5:00 and 6:00 pm local time. Barley in this field ranged between 91-94 on the Zadoks Scale of cereal grain development.



Wild barley that is 94 on the Zadoks Scale is overripe

Wild barley that is 94 on the Zadoks Scale: straw dead and collapsing



Wild Carmel barley on a popular hiking trail in the Jordan Valley on April 3, 2011 C.E. Barley was found at the stage of 91 on the Zadoks Scale: Kernel Hard and difficult to divide by thumbnail



Wild barley that is 91 on the Zadoks Scale: difficult to divide by thumbnail



Wild Carmel barley that is 92 on the Zadoks Scale: can no longer be divided by thumbnail



Wild Carmel barley measuring 93 on the Zadoks Scale: fully developed kernels loosening in the daytime and sticking to shoes



Wheat will be ready in plenty of time for Shavuot



This field of cultivated bread wheat in the Jordan Valley was 87 on the Zadoks Scale of cereal grain development. This photo was taken on April 3, 2011 C.E. at around 6:00 p.m. Wheat was brought as the firstfruits for Shavuot in ancient Israel.



This kernel of cultivated bread wheat is Hard Dough or 87 on the Zadoks Scale of cereal grain development. This photo was taken on April 3, 2011 C.E. at around 6:00 p.m. Wheat was brought as the firstfruits for Shavuot in ancient Israel.