

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a deeper understanding of the 13-month ancient calendar referenced in the Bible, including its significance, structure, and how it differs from the modern Gregorian calendar.

## Materials and Prep

- Notebook or journal for notes
- Pencil or pen
- Access to the Bible (any version)
- Printable calendar template (can be drawn if no printer is available)
- Colored pencils or markers (optional)

Before the lesson, it would be helpful to have a basic understanding of the Gregorian calendar and how months are structured. Familiarity with biblical texts that reference time and calendars will also enhance the learning experience.

## Activities

- **Biblical Research:**

The student will look up various Bible verses that mention time, months, or calendars. This can include passages from Exodus, Leviticus, and other books that reference the lunar calendar. The student will write down the verses and summarize their findings.

- **Create a 13-Month Calendar:**

Using the printable template or drawing one, the student will create their own 13-month calendar. They can label each month based on biblical references and add illustrations or symbols that represent each month.

- **Compare and Contrast:**

The student will make a chart comparing the 13-month ancient calendar with the modern Gregorian calendar. They will note the differences in month lengths, names, and any significant holidays or events that differ between the two calendars.

- **Creative Writing:**

The student will write a short story or a diary entry from the perspective of someone living in ancient times who follows the 13-month calendar. They should incorporate elements of daily life, festivals, and the significance of the calendar in their culture.

## Talking Points

- "The ancient Hebrew calendar was primarily a lunar calendar, which means it was based on the phases of the moon."
- "A year in the ancient calendar consisted of 13 months, with an extra month added periodically to ensure the seasons remained aligned with the months."
- "The months were often named after the agricultural seasons and significant events in the Jewish history."
- "Understanding the ancient calendar helps us appreciate the timing of biblical events, including feasts and festivals."

- "The 13-month calendar is not used today, but it reminds us of the diverse ways cultures have tracked time throughout history."