

## THE ONLY DESCRIPTION OF A NEW MOON IN SCRIPTURE

Thahalym-Psalms 81:3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. (RSV)

Thahalym-Psalms 81:3 Sound the ram's horn at the New Moon, and when the moon is full, on the day of our Feast; (NIV)

Thahalym-Psalms 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. (KJV)

Thahalym-Psalms 81:3 Blow up the trumpet <H7782> in the new moon <H2320>, in the time appointed <H3677>, on our solemn feast day. (KJV)

Thahalym-Psalms 81:3 Blow the ram's horn in the new moon, on the covered moon, on our feast day. (HRB)

Thahalym-Psalms 81:3 Blow the shofar in the new moon, at the covering, leading to our feast day. (Cepher)

H7782 showphar {sho-far'} or shophar {sho-far'}  
from H8231 in the original sense of incising; TWOT - 2449c; n m  
1) horn, ram's horn

So then corrected from 7782 above:

Thahalym-Psalms 81:3 Blow the ram's horn in the new moon in the time appointed <H3677>, on our feast day.

H3677 kece' {keh'-seh} or keceh {keh'-seh}  
apparently from 03680; TWOT - 1006; n m  
1) full moon

We can see that "in the time appointed" is an incorrect translation because it would have to have the Hebrew word "moed" in the text and it does not.

The word actually used is the above kece', meaning covered moon.

**So corrected by 3677 kece' Psalm 81:3 Blow the ram's horn in the new moon, in the covered moon, on our feast day. (KJV)**

H3680 kakah {kaw-saw'} a primitive root; TWOT - 1008; v  
AV - cover 135, hide 6, conceal 4, covering 2, overwhelmed 2, clad 1,  
closed 1, clothed 1; 152  
1) to cover, conceal, hide

From kece's root Strong's Hebrew word number H3680 "kecah" (above), we can see that it means covered moon only in the sense of hidden or concealed meaning covered in darkness. As a word cannot have an opposite meaning to its root.

The covered moon cannot be a full moon, one covered in light, as that would reveal not conceal. The root of kece' is kecah and means to cover, conceal, hide. Therefore the covering that conceals the moon would have to be darkness.

So corrected by kecah the proper translation would have to be:

Tahalym-Psalms 81:3 Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, at the covered in darkness (hidden) moon, on our feast day.

Or better yet:

Tahalym-Psalms 81:3 Blow the ram's horn at the dark new moon today on our feast.

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AV - cover 135, hide 6, conceal 4, covering 2, overwhelmed 2, clad 1,  
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1) to cover, conceal, hide.

The New Moon: Chodesh (H2320)

The modern Hebrew word for "New Moon" is chodesh (H2320), which is also translated as "month." Chodesh appears in Scripture more than 270 times, yet it is not used even once to denote seeing something (i.e. the visible moon, the crescent, etc.). Rather, the Hebrew word signifying the physical, observable moon is yerach (H3391, H3393, & H3394). Yerach is translated 28 times as "moon" and 13 times as "month," but is never used to signify the New Moon/month.

There is a Hebrew word for "crescent" - šaharōnîm (H7720). However, it is used exclusively in connection to heathen idolatry (Judges 8:21 & 26; Isaiah 3:18), and is never associated with the "New Moon" or even the "month."