



September - 2015

Dear Friends,

With this letter, you have received a 2016 daily planner, and each year, we like to remind everyone our primary purpose for producing this calendar is to teach truths found in God's Word! Thus, we hope you will find it useful and/or give it to someone who does.

With that in mind, there are two things I want to mention about this year's planner. The first item is that we have been having trouble with the supplier for the plastic covers. The quality of the covers has been going down, and we have (as of the writing of this letter) been unable to secure a new supplier. This means we had two choices as we started this year's production. We either use the last batch of substandard covers we had, or simply leave the 2016s without covers. In order to leave the real choice in your hands, we chose to use the covers we had. What this means is that the plastic covers on at least some of the 2016 calendars are likely to be a lower quality cover than past years had. Some of you may notice that along with general flaws such as scratches in the plastic, etc., the edges of these covers are not finished the way they should be. This may lead to the covers cracking, especially along the binding edge, and generally being sharper than they should be. If you find this to be a problem, we can only suggest that you remove the cover and not use it at all. Another option, for those who have a past year's calendar, is to take the cover off and use it on your 2016. We want to apologize that covers from a new supplier could not be ready in time for most of this year's run; but Lord willing, this is a temporary problem which will be corrected soon!

The second item I wanted to mention is a more positive addition to the calendar. Starting with the 2016 version, this planner will now list "Yom Yerushalayim," which is Jerusalem Day! This day commemorates the reunification of the city of Jerusalem, which fully came under the control of the nation of Israel during the Six-Day War in 1967. This day is another one of those celebrations which is not part of the Biblical feast days but does recognize an important event that is part of Biblical prophesy coming to pass. As God said, in these last days He would gather His chosen nation back to their land, so it is, and control of the entire city of Jerusalem, not the least of which includes the Temple Mount, being gained by Israel is a special event as we look forward to the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Thus, we wanted to get this very special event listed on the calendar, and we hope it will encourage us all to pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

Companion Book

Again, I must apologize that the companion book which was to go along with this calendar has not come to pass; but if I can ever get the companion book written, I hope to elaborate on Jerusalem Day more than this letter allows. For all those who have hoped for the companion book, I simply say again, it is something we want to accomplish and have not given up on. It may be that, at least to begin with, this writing will end up not being published as a book as much as it will simply be supplemental teaching we will release a piece at a time. We will let you know if and as this happens. In the meantime, please continue to pray we will get the chance to get this project moved forward!

Feedback

Now, if you have questions, comments, statements, or remarks about this calendar, especially feedback on how the plastic covers are performing, please do not hesitate to drop us a line! We enjoy hearing from you, and desire to hear about problems we might be able to fix. The electronic calendar survey is also still on our website, and, of course, your feedback is confidential. To read up on what we have done with most all the feedback we have received, we talk about both the positives and the negatives on our "Survey Response" page. Just go to our Calendar Project page and click on the Survey Response icon.

Yellow Card

Again, we want to remind that this calendar is sent automatically to all those who subscribe to *Shaqah*,

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by regular mail; but as a regular print *Shaqah* subscriber, if this calendar is not something you are interested in receiving, please take a moment to use the yellow postcard, which came inside your calendar, to let us know. We apologize that the postage is not prepaid; but as a blessing to this ministry, we hope you will help us not waste valuable resources sending you something you don't want. Just mark the option on the postcard which states you do not wish to receive the calendar, and we will put that note on your subscription information.

Not A Subscriber and E-mail Subscribers

If you're not a subscriber or are an e-mail subscriber to *Shaqah*, you can use the yellow postcard to tell us you want the following year's calendar, because if you do not tell us, you will not receive one. We can't automatically send calendars, because we may not have your regular mail address or a way of knowing if your mailing address is current.

Now, some of you may not be regular print subscribers to *Shaqah*, and you did not order a 2016 calendar from us, yet you got one anyway. This is likely because someone has sent this year's calendar to you as a gift! We want you to know, this has not added you to a mailing list, and we will not continue to send calendars year after year, unless you order one or someone continues to request it for you!

More Calendars

For those who would like to give one of these calendars to others for witnessing, as a teaching tool, or just to share with a friend as a gift, simply write or e-mail us to order more. You can also just visit our online Resource Shop where the drop down menu allows you to order up to five more calendars. The menu gives you a chance to order up to five because, as with all our materials, we do our best to provide these free of charge. This does not mean we are unwilling to provide more than five, but for those who would like or need larger quantities, we simply ask that you make the request directly. This gives us the ability to handle bigger orders on a more personal case by case basis, and assures we have the right information from you. If you would like more than five calendars, you can still use the Resource Shop form by simply making your request using the comment box!

PDF Calendar

Also, remember there is a PDF version of this calendar which is available for download from our website. You can print this version for yourself, or to give to others. You can play with the size the calendar is printed, put it in the folder or binder of your choosing, use just the pages you want, etc. You can also just keep it right on the computer. For reference and study purposes, you can also still download the PDFs of all the previous years we've produced. Just visit www.livingspringsinstitute.org, clicking on "Learning Center," then "Calendar Project," then the PDF calendar icon.

In closing, we just want to say thank you again to all those who have taken part in this ministry and specifically this Calendar Project! God continues to make a way for us to offer these calendars for free, and we pray it is, and will be, a great teaching tool. So, if you would like more of these calendars for your family, or to give to others, please don't forget to write, e-mail, or use our online Resource Shop!

Sincerely,



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