

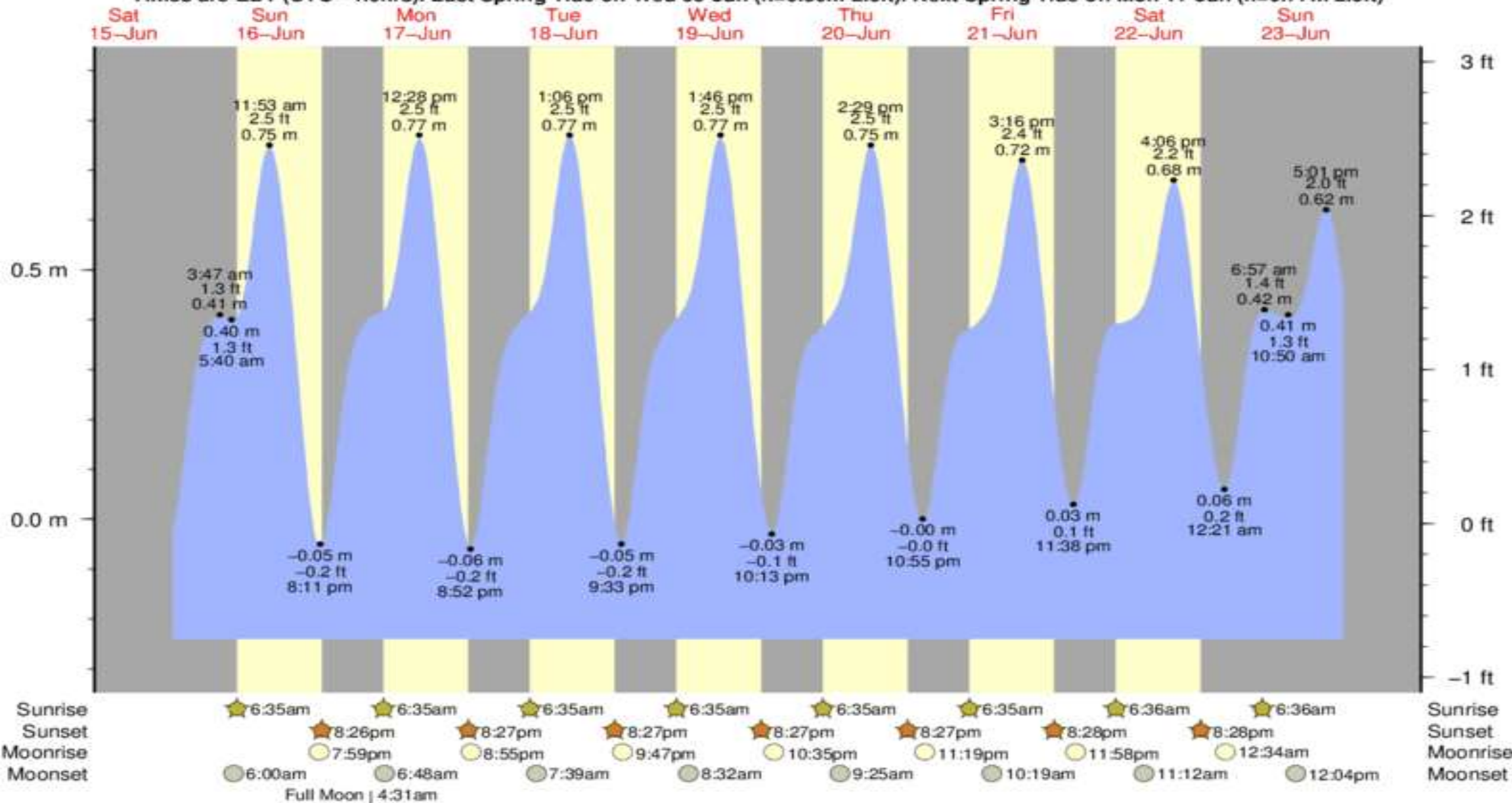
# THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the  
Old Testament**

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction,  
so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.

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Times are EDT (UTC -4.0hrs). Last Spring Tide on Wed 05 Jun (h=0.80m 2.6ft). Next Spring Tide on Mon 17 Jun (h=0.77m 2.5ft)



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**The  
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World**

Haran

Bethel

BeerSheba



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2 He looked and saw a well in the field, and there by it lay three flocks of sheep, because the sheep were watered from this well.

And a large stone covered the mouth of the well.

3 When all the flocks had been gathered there, the shepherds would roll away the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep.

Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

## Genesis 27

4“My brothers,” Jacob asked the shepherds, “where are you from?”

“We are from Haran,” they answered.

5“Do you know Laban grandson of Nahor?” Jacob asked.

“We know him,” they replied.

6“Is he well?” Jacob inquired.

“Yes,” they answered, “and here comes his daughter Rachel with his sheep.”

## Genesis 27

7“Look,” said Jacob, “it is still broad daylight; it is not yet time to gather the livestock. Water the sheep and take them back to pasture.”

8 But they replied, “We cannot, until all the flocks have been gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well.

Then we will water the sheep.”

9 While he was still speaking with them, Rachel arrived with her father’s sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

## Genesis 27

10 As soon as Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of his mother's brother Laban, with Laban's sheep, he went up and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep.

11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud.

12 He told Rachel that he was Rebekah's son, a relative of her father, and she ran and told her father.



## Genesis 27

13 When Laban heard the news about his sister's son Jacob, he ran out to meet him, and he embraced him and kissed him.

Then he took him to his home, and Jacob told him all that had happened.

14 Then Laban declared, "You are indeed my own flesh and blood."

## Genesis 27

After Jacob had stayed with him a month,

15 Laban said to him, “Just because you are my relative, should you work for nothing?

Tell me what your wages should be.”

16 Now Laban had two daughters; the older was named Leah, and the younger was named Rachel.

17 Leah’s eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance.



## Genesis 27

18 Since Jacob loved Rachel, he answered, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.”

19 Laban replied, “Better that I give her to you than to another. Stay here with me.”

20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, yet it seemed but a few days because of his love for her.

21 Finally Jacob said to Laban, “Grant me my wife, for my time is complete, and I want to sleep with her.”

## Genesis 27

22 So Laban invited all the men of that place and prepared a feast.

23 But when evening came, Laban took his daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob, and he slept with her.

24 And Laban gave his servant girl Zilpah to his daughter Leah as her maidservant.

25 When morning came, there was Leah! “What have you done to me?” Jacob said to Laban.



Genesis 27

“Wasn’t it for Rachel that I served you? Why have you deceived me?”

26 Laban replied, “It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older.

27 Finish this week’s celebration, and we will give you the younger one in return for another seven years of work.”

## Genesis 27

28 And Jacob did just that. He finished the week's celebration, and Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

29 Laban also gave his servant girl Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maidservant.

30 Jacob slept with Rachel as well, and indeed, he loved Rachel more than Leah.

So he worked for Laban another seven years.



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## Galatians 6

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16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the **desires of the flesh**.

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## 2 Corinthians 5

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive his due for the things done in the body, whether good or bad.

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## Galatians 2

20 I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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11. God uses the law of S&R to discipline His children
12. We reap a harvest of "fruit"
  - fruit has seed which will start S&R over again



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# How Does One Sow to the Spirit and Not the Flesh?

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1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him with a spirit of gentleness.

But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

2 **Carry one another's burdens**, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

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3 If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, **he deceives himself.**

4 Each one should test his own work. Then he will have reason to boast in himself alone, and not in someone else.

5 For **each one should carry his own load.**



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10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us do good to everyone**, and especially to the family of faith.

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13 For you, brothers, were called to freedom; but do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh.

Rather, **serve one another in love.**

14 The entire law is fulfilled in a single decree: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” [Lev. 19:13]

15 But if you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out, or you will be consumed by each other.



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19 **The acts of the flesh are obvious:** sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery;

20 idolatry and sorcery; hatred, discord, jealousy, and rage; rivalries, divisions, factions,

21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

I warn you, as I did before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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22 But **the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, and self-control.

Against such things there is no law.



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24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus **have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

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