he month of Cheshvan, is also called MarCheshvan, or 'bitter' Cheshvan. One reason for the 'bitterness' of Cheshvan:

Out of all the months of the year, Cheshvan alone has no Yom Tov, no festival of its own. Really, there should have been a festival to inaugurate the First Temple, which Shlomo Hamelech (King Solomon) completed during Cheshvan, after seven years building. However, Hashem did not command its inauguration until the following Tishrei - twelve months later. But Cheshvan will eventually lose its bitterness, because it is in the month of Cheshvan that the third, and final, Beis HaMikdash (Temple) will be inaugurated.

In a way, Cheshvan is a parable for the whole history of the Jewish People. When we look at our history, it seems fraught with bitterness, rejection and hardship. But in the end, the bitter bite of the scorpion will be transformed to the greatest sweetness, when all the nations will come to realize who the Jewish People are and who they have always been.
A Clock which is Out Of This World...

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days - an accuracy which was literally out of this world! In the reference work Astronomy and Astrophysics (Loudolt Bornstein Group vol. a Sec 2.2.4 Spruigr, Berlin 1965) the precise length of the lunar month is listed as 29.530589 days! How did Moses have a figure so accurate that it took science three thousand years to come to the same number? That number was given to Moses by Hashem and was passed down from Moses to Hillel II, the last prince of the House of David. When Hillel II sanctified all the new moons from his day until the final redemption, he had to know the exact length of the lunar month to within a fraction of a second, for even a small error would, over millennia, amount to a visible error. This was in fact the case with the calendar of Julius Caesar, which by the year 1582 had wandered so far that Pope Gregory XIII erased 10 days from the calendar, with the result that the day after the 4th October 1582 was called the 16th October!

There have been approximately 41,000 new moons since the time of Moses, but from Mount Sinai onward, the secret of the exact length of the lunar month has always been known to the Jewish People, because Moshe Rabbeinu had a clock that was literally 'out of this world'...

Immah Rachel weep again

She stands on the Bethlehem Road and cries for her children Refusing to be consoled Long lines, destined for Babylon - exile on the Bethlehem Road.

Refrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for the children shall return to their boundary said H ashem.

Immah Rachel weeps again for us - for how long may we come to pour out our hearts to Our Master here where you cried for your children, on the Bethlehem road cry for us. Immah Rachel weep.