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And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for appointed times, and for days and years. (Gen 1:14)

New Moon Observation

23 March 2023



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Dear Friends,

The New Moon has been sighted from Israel this evening, **Thursday, 23 March 2023**, thus marking the beginning of the month.

The New Moon was sighted from:

* The Southern Negev by Y.M at 6:14pm

The photo at the top of this report was taken by Y.M. from their observation point in the Southern Negev.

As days in the Biblical Calendar are from sunset to sunset, Rosh Chodesh (the first day of the month), begins when the New Moon has been sighted and continues until sunset the following day. Rosh Chodesh a celebratory day (Num 10:10; Hosea 2:11), which was traditionally commemorated by blowing the shofar (Num 10:10; Psalm 81:4[3]), having a festive meal (1 Samuel 20:5, 24), and worshiping at the Beit HaMikdash (Temple) (Isaiah 66:23;

Ezekiel 46:3) with a special sacrifice (Num 28:11-15; 2Chronicles 2:3; Ezra 3:4-5, Ezekiel 45:17, Ezekiel 46:6).

The New Moon was not sighted on March 22, 2023 from Israel, and I don't think we are supposed to assume that it "would have been seen, but there was just overcast". Rather I believe that we are supposed to look for the New Moon and trust that if we are meant to see it, it will be revealed. That's what I believe the ancient Israelites would have done.

On behalf of all of us who keep the Biblical Calendar, we wish to thank everyone who looked for the New Moon from Israel this evening, and all of you who are supporting this important effort from afar.

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Chodesh Tov! Make it a great month!

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