

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

## 18 June 2023

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Dear Friends,

We just got back from looking for the New Moon on 18 June 2023, and at the time of this writing we are not aware of any positive naked eye sightings from Israel. The photo at the top of this report from was taken from our observation point in Jerusalem this evening, however as we didn't see the moon, you will not find the moon in not in the photo.

If no positive reports come in from this evening's observation, we plan on going out again tomorrow evening to look for the New Moon. [Subscribe](#) to our e-mail list and social media platforms, so you don't miss the report following that observation.

### Why wasn't the New Moon visible this evening?

From our perspective here on Earth, it takes the moon 29.5 days on average to revolve around our planet. This means the New Moon should be visible by the naked eye about half the time at the end of the 29th day, and about half the time at the end of the 30th day. When the crescent New Moon is not visible at the end of the 29th day, it's usually because of "low stats", meaning the percentage of the moon's illumination, combined with the time between sunset and moonset, were simply too low for the New Moon to be visible by the naked eye that evening. Remember, this is completely normal and is to be expected about half the time.

Less common, is when the New Moon is not visible due to due “atmospheric obstructions”, such as clouds, haze, sandstorms, etc., aka “Acts of God”. It should be noted that it is generally understood that it should not be our concern whether the New Moon wasn’t visible because of low stats or atmospheric obstructions, as it is not our place to try and guess whether the New Moon would have been visible had Yehovah “remembered” to move that cloud or postpone that sandstorm. Our job is to simply look for the New Moon, and trust that if we are meant to see it, it will be revealed.

### **Does the New Moon need to be sighted from Israel?**

We know the New Moon needs to be sighted from Israel, because the commandments are meant to be kept in the Land (Dt6:1). In fact, if one were to begin the month (or year for that matter), based on signs outside of Israel, they may very well end up not keeping the holy days at their appointed times.

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.

If you have a question regarding the Biblical Calendar, feel free to [send it to us](#) and we’ll do our best to try and answer it in a future newsletter. All of our answers are based on relevant Biblical verses, what we’ve seen in the Land over the past few decades, and much study and prayer.

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