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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

18 July 2023

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Dear Friends,

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

As this was the end of the 29th day, if no positive reports come in later from this evening's observation, we'll plan on going out again tomorrow evening to try and witness the New Moon. [Subscribe](#) to our e-mail list and social media platforms, so you don't miss that report.

When the moon isn't sighted at the end of the 29th day, it's usually due to a combination of the percentage of the moon's illumination, and the amount of time between sunset and moonset, being too small for the moon to be visible before it fades into the haze of the horizon.

On rare occasions, it maybe that the moon wasn't visible due to atmospheric obstructions, such as clouds or sandstorms (aka "Acts of God"). However, it doesn't really matter why the moon wasn't visible. After all, who are we to presume that those clouds, or that sandstorm,

was a mistake. Our job is simply to look for the New Moon, and trust that if we are meant to see it, it will be revealed.

It's also important to remember that the New Moon must be sighted from the Land of Israel. Granted, when we were wandering in the desert for forty years, presumably we began the month by sighting the moon just outside of Israel, but that doesn't mean we can begin the month by sighting the moon from anywhere in the world, today. Once we came into the Land, we were told that the commandments are to be kept in the Land (Dt 6:1). This means the New Moon needs to be sighted from the Land of Israel and ensures we all keep the holy days as one people, in 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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