

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 16 October 2023

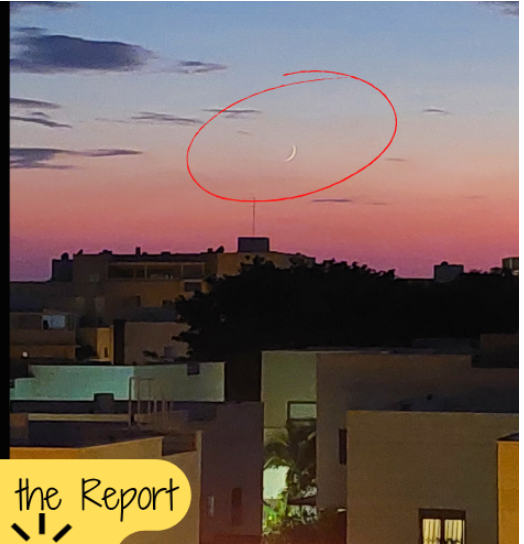


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Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for all your prayers and support. Today is Day 9 of Israel fighting to defend its borders and protect its civilians. There was an air raid siren in Jerusalem (and other parts of the country), just a half hour before we needed to leave to look for the New Moon, but as far as I'm aware there were no injuries. Our group decided to look for the New Moon despite the air raid, but we didn't see it due to heavy cloud coverage.

However, the New Moon was sighted from Israel this evening, **Monday, 16 October 2023** from other places in the country, thus marking the beginning of the month.

The New Moon was sighted from:

- * Tiberias at 6:13pm by Dennis Chkolnik
- * The Arava at 6:30pm by Channah Ben-Gad
- * Beer Sheva at 6:39pm by Yochanan Zaquantov

The photo at the top of this report was taken by Yochanan Zaquantov in Beer Sheva, and is being used with permission. If you look closely, you should be able to see the New Moon.

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.

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).

2023

7th MONTH HOLIDAY DATES

According to the Biblical Calendar

<i>If you began the Year on 23-March-2023</i>	Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 16-September-2023</i>	Scenario #2 <i>New Moon sighted on 17-September-2023</i>
Yom Teruah (Day of Shouting)	<i>sunset Sept 16 - sunset Sept 17</i>	<i>New Moon sighted on 16 September 2023</i>
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	<i>sunset Sept 25 - sunset Sept 26</i>	
1 st Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)	<i>sunset Sept 30 - sunset Oct 1</i>	
Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)	<i>sunset Oct 7 - sunset Oct 8</i>	
<i>If you began the Year on 21-April-2023</i>	Scenario #3 <i>New Moon sighted on 15-October-2023</i>	Scenario #4 <i>New Moon sighted on 16-October-2023</i>
Yom Teruah (Day of Shouting)	<i>Impossible to sight moon Illum 0.66%, Lag 22m</i>	<i>sunset Oct 16 - sunset Oct 17</i>
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)		<i>sunset Oct 25 - sunset Oct 26</i>
1 st Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)		<i>sunset Oct 30 - sunset Oct 31</i>
Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)		<i>sunset Nov 6 - sunset Nov 7</i>

The dates above are based on the understanding that the year begins with the ripening of the barley crop, and the month begins with the crescent New Moon being sighted in the Land of Israel. It should also be noted that it will be impossible to sight the moon on October 15, 2023, as it will only have an illumination of 0.66% and a lag time of 22 minutes.

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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

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Chodesh Tov! Make it a great month!

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