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This month shall be the beginning of months for you;  
it is to be the first month of the year to you. (Exodus 12:2)



## Devorah's Date Tree

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Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for partnering with us to restore the Biblical Calendar, and to take this opportunity to try and respond to some of your questions regarding why there are different opinions as to what month we're currently in.

The different understandings regarding what month we're currently in, basically boils down to whether Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering)", being referred to as "when the sickle begins on the standing grain" (Dt 16:9), means that we're prohibited from harvesting before the Wave Sheaf Offering is brought.

When we look at this verse, we don't see a prohibition against harvesting before Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), and we'll explain why.

We understand Dt 16:9, in the context of the passage, as we believe we should always do. The passage is talking about Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks) (Dt16:9-12), and Dt 16:9 seems to simply be pointing to the fact that the seven-week count, is from the beginning of the grain harvest, which is celebrated on Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf

Offering) (Lev23:10), to the end of the grain harvest, which is celebrated on Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks) (Lev 23:15-16).

The understanding that we're permitted to harvest before Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), is also supported by the fact that we know the barley fields are ready to be harvested by Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) (Joshua 5:10-12), that we're instructed to bring an omer of our HARVEST to the Temple for Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), and that we're prohibited from eating from the HARVEST before Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering) (Lev 23:14). We also know that we need to harvest the barley when it becomes Aviv (Mark 4:29), or it will shatter, and we'll lose the crop.

Those who believe we're prohibited from harvesting before Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), need to begin the Biblical Year earlier in the solar cycle, in order to avoid losing their crop before Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering).

It's important to understand that we're commanded to begin the year with Chodesh HaAviv (Month of the Aviv) (Ex 12:2, Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex34:18, Dt 16:1). This ensures that the Biblical Calendar stays in sync with the solar cycle, and the holidays fall out at their appointed times. Every year, we carry out through Barley Inspections to know when the more natural strain of barley, planted (Gen 3:19, Ex 23:10, Ex 23:16, John 4:36-38) in the Plains of Jericho(what's today referred to as the Jordan Valley) (Dt 8:7, Joshua 4:19), becomes Aviv.

On 7 April 2024, we [found](#) that the more natural strain of barley, planted in the Plains of Jericho (what's today referred to as the Jordan Valley), had just become Aviv and was either waiting to be cut, or had recently been swathed (cut and left on the ground to dry).

Therefore, we began the Biblical Year with the New Moon sighting on 9 April 2024, and look forward to beginning the 7th month on 4October 2024.

[When is Yom Teruah \(2024\)](#)

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2024

# 7<sup>th</sup> MONTH HOLIDAY DATES

according to the Biblical Calendar

1 <sup>st</sup> Month Holidays	Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 11-March-2024</i>	Scenario #2 <i>New Moon sighted on 9-April-2024</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot	<i>Healthy Fields in Plains of Jericho (Jordan Valley) NOT AVIV</i>	<i>sunset Apr 23 - sunset Apr 24</i> Passover Sacrifice would be brought on Apr 23 at sunset
Yom HaNafat HaOmer		April 28, 2024
7 <sup>th</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot		<i>sunset Apr 29 - sunset Apr 30</i>
Chag HaShavuot		<i>sunset Jun 15 - sunset Jun 16</i>
7 <sup>th</sup> Month Holidays		Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 4-October-2024</i>
Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)	<i>sunset Oct 4 - sunset Oct 5</i>	<i>Based on New Moon sighting on 4 September 2024, beginning of 7<sup>th</sup> month will be 4 October 2024,</i>
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	<i>sunset Oct 13 - sunset Oct 14</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)	<i>sunset Oct 18 - sunset Oct 19</i>	
Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)	<i>sunset Oct 25 - sunset Oct 26</i>	

The above dates are based on the year beginning when the healthy barley fields, in the Plains of Jericho (Jordan Valley) (Joshua 5:10-12), are Aviv in time for the men to bring an omer of their harvest to the Priest when they go up to the Temple for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened) (Lev 23:10); and the month begins when the crescent New Moon (Gen 1:14, Ps 104:19) has been sighted from the Land of Israel (Dt 6:1). Please partner with us to provide reliable first hand-hand reports from Israel. We could really use your support to carry out this important work!

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Together we can restore the Biblical Calendar!

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Devorah's Date Tree (Judges 4:4-5) provides first-hand New Moon Observations and Barley Inspection Reports from the Land of Israel. This important effort is headed by Devorah Gordon, who has been living in Israel, and working on restoring the Biblical Calendar, for over 25 years. We are honored that our reports are considered the most reliable and respected New Moon and Barley Inspection Reports from the Holy Land, and a blessing to countless people around the world. Thank you for partnering with us to restore the Biblical Calendar.

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