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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)



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, when was the month of the Aviv (2024).

We're commanded to begin the Biblical Year with Chodesh HaAviv (Ex 12:2, Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex34:18, Dt 16:1). Chodesh HaAviv is the month in which the more natural barley fields, in the Plains of Jericho (Joshua 5:10-12) (what's today referred to as the Jordan Valley), have become Aviv in time for the men to bring an omer of their harvest to the Priest on Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread (Lev 23:10).

Aviv is the last stage of the barley's development. It's at this stage that the barley is ready to be swathed (cut and left on the ground to dry), or cut and dried immediately by parching the heads with fire (Lev2:14, Lev 23:14, Joshua 5:10-12, Rut 2:14, 1 Samuel 17:17, 1 Samuel 25:18, 2 Samuel 17:28).

By instructing us to begin the Biblical Year with Chodesh HaAviv, the Biblical Calendar stays in sync with the solar cycle (Gen 1:14). Remember, all calendars need to begin the year based on the solar cycle, otherwise they suffer from seasonal drift and the beginning of the year slowly drifts into earlier seasons.

When we begin the Biblical Year based on the more natural planted barley fields (Gen 3:19, Ex 23:10, Ex23:16, John 4:36-38), in the Plains of Jericho (Joshua 5:10-12) (what's today referred to as the Jordan Valley), the holy days remain in their appointed times, and the offerings of our harvest are ready in time for the feasts (Ex 23:14-19, Ex 34:23-26, Dt 16:13-17).

Every year we carry out thorough Barley Inspections to know when to begin the Biblical Year. On 7 April 2024, we <u>found</u> that the more natural planted barley fields (Gen 3:19, Ex 23:10, Ex 23:16, John 4:36-38), in the Plains of Jericho (Joshua 5:10-12) (what's today referred to as the Jordan Valley), had become Aviv and was either waiting to be cut or had recently been swathed.

This means that we're currently in the middle of the 6th Biblical Month, which is why it's still hot here and many of the fruits are still ripening. Remember, EVERYONE is required to bring the firstfruits of their HARVEST to the Priest, when they go up for the feasts (Ex 23:14-19, Ex 34:23-26, Dt 16:13-17), as the Priests lived off of these offerings (Num 8:12-13, Ez 44:28-30, Neh 10:35-37).

<u>Types of Barley Fields: Which should determine the beginning of the Biblical Year?</u>

<u>Chag HaSukkot is at the End of the Agricultural Year: How far along should the at Feast of</u> <u>Booths?</u>

When does the 7th Month Begin (2024): How we know the date for Yom Teruah in advance!

Impossible to Sight the New Moon: Let us explain why this happens!

2024 7 th MONTH HOLIDAY DATES according to the Biblical Calendar		
1 [≝] Month Holidays	Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 11-March-2024	Scenario #2 New Moon sighted on 9-April-2024
1≋ Day Chag HaMatzot	Healthy Fields in	sunset Apr 23 - sunset Apr 24 Passsover Sacrifice would be brought on Apr 23 at sunset
Yom HaNafat HaOmer	Plains of Jericho (Jordan Valley) NOT AVIV	April 28, 2024
7th Day Chag HaMatzot		sunset Apr 29 - sunset Apr 30
Chag HaShavuot		sunset Jun 15 - sunset Jun 16
7 [≞] Month Holidays	Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 4-October-2024	Scenario #2 New Moon sighted on 5-October-2024
Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)	sunset Oct 4 - sunset Oct 5	Based on New Moon
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	sunset Oct 13 - sunset Oct 14	September 2024,
1 ≋ Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)	sunset Oct 18 - sunset Oct 19	

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!

sunset Oct 25 - sunset Oct 26

4 October 2024.

Shemini Atzeret

(Eighth Day of Assembly)



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If you have a question regarding the Biblical Calendar, feel free to <u>send it to us</u> 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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Be sure to subscribe to our <u>newsletter</u> and <u>social media</u> platforms, so you receive the New Moon and Barley Inspection reports, as soon as they come out.

We could really use your prayers and support to carry out this important work. If reliable first-hand New Moon and Barley Inspection reports from Israel are of value to you, please partner with us to restore the Biblical Calendar. Contributions can be made easily and in any currency via <u>PayPal</u>, <u>Patreon</u>, or by sending a Check to Devorah's Date Tree, POB 4263, Jerusalem 9104201, ISRAEL.

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.