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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)

A banner for a New Moon observation. The left side is black with white text: "New Moon Observation" in a bold sans-serif font, and "2 December 2024" in a white script font below it. A yellow rounded rectangle contains the text "Read the Report" in a white script font, with a white hand icon pointing to it. The right side of the banner is a dark brown gradient with a silhouette of a city skyline at the bottom. The name "Gadi Eidelheit" is written in white script at the bottom right of the banner.

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Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for partnering with us to restore the Biblical Calendar, and to let you know that the crescent New Moon was sighted from Israel this evening, Monday, 2 December 2024, by Gadi Eidelheit at 4:57pm with the naked eye, after first spotting it with an optical aid. [He is the only witness we are aware of at this time.]

It's important to understand that whenever we look for the moon at the end of the 29th day, it's because the moon is potentially visible. And that whether the moon is actually sighted, depends on a combination of the percentage of moon's illumination, the time between sunset and moonset (i.e. how dark it is), some other geometric parameters, atmospheric obstructions, whether the observer is looking in the right place, and how good the observer's eyesight is (especially if the moon's stats are extremely low).

We believe the beginning of the Biblical Month should be determined the way the ancient Israelites would have done it, i.e without the use of optical aids to spot the moon or confirm the sightings. However, we wanted to share this sighting with you so you can decide whether to begin this 9th month this evening (end of 29th day) or tomorrow evening (end of 30th

day). [Whatever you decide will have no bearings on when we look for the moon next month.] Please note, we will not be looking for the moon again tomorrow evening.

The photo at the top of this report was taken by Gadi Eidelheit. It's important to understand that the crescent can be seen any time after conjunction, if the optical aid is strong enough. Therefore, a photo doesn't prove it's the beginning of the month, it's simply something which we think is nice to be able to share with you. Only a reliable witness can testify as to whether the moon was visible to the naked eye.

As days in the Biblical Calendar are from sunset to sunset (Gen 1:3,8,13,19,23,31), Rosh Chodesh (the first day of the month), begins when the crescent New Moon has been sighted (or the end of 30 days), and continues until sunset the following day. Rosh Chodesh is 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 46:1-3) with a special sacrifice (Num28:11-15, 2Chronicles 2:3, Ezra 3:4-5, Ezekiel 45:17, Ezekiel 46:6).

On behalf of all of us who keep the Biblical Calendar, we wish to thank everyone in Israel who looked for the New Moon this evening, and all of you who are supporting this important effort from afar.

2025

2025 HOLIDAY DATES

according to the Biblical Calendar

1st Month Holidays	Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 30-March-2025</i>	Scenario #2 <i>New Moon sighted on 31-March-2025</i>
1 st Day Chag HaMatzot (1 Day Unleavened Bread)	Apr 13 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 14 <i>sunset</i> Passover Sacrifice would be brought on Apr 13 at sunset	Apr 14 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 15 <i>sunset</i> Passover Sacrifice would be brought on Apr 14 at sunset
Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Wave Sheaf Offering)	April 20, 2025	April 20, 2025
7 th Day Chag HaMatzot (7 Day Unleavened Bread)	April 19 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 20 <i>sunset</i>	Apr 20 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 21 <i>sunset</i>
Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks)	June 7 <i>sunset</i> - June 8 <i>sunset</i>	June 7 <i>sunset</i> - June 8 <i>sunset</i>
7th Month Holidays	Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 23-September-2025</i>	Scenario #2 <i>New Moon sighted on 24-September-2025</i>
Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)	Sep 23 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 24 <i>sunset</i>	Sep 24 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 25 <i>sunset</i>
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Oct 2 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 3 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 3 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 4 <i>sunset</i>
1 st Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)	Oct 7 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 8 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 8 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 9 <i>sunset</i>
Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)	Oct 14 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 15 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 15 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 16 <i>sunset</i>

It's our understanding that the upcoming Biblical Year (2025) will begin on 30 March 2025 (assuming the New Moon is sighted that evening). This is based on our three decades of Barley Inspections and the fact that the prior Biblical Month will begin on 1 March 2025 (assuming the New Moon is sighted that evening). 1 March 2025 is too early in the solar cycle for the healthy fields to be Aviv, in time for everyone to be able to bring an omer of their harvest with them, when they go up to the Temple for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) (Lev 23:10, Ex 23:14-19, Ex 34:23-26, Dt 16:13-17). Remember, last year (2024) the healthy barley fields became Aviv and were swathed, sometime between 20 March and 7 April (our last two inspections). We are hoping to be able to carry out a Barley Inspection just prior to the New Moon Observation on 30 March 2025, and could really use your prayers and support to help make this happen. **Subscribe to learn more** ⇨ linktr.ee/DevorahsDateTree

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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 Biblical verses, what we've seen in the Land over the past few decades, and much study and prayer.

We're told that if we keep the commandments, we'll be blessed with health, abundance, and security (Ex 23:25-26, Lev 26:3-13, Dt 6:24-25, Dt 28:1-14, Dt 30:16, Psalm 1:1-3, 2Chr 7:14), which is why we invest a great amount of time, energy, and expense, looking for the crescent New Moon, inspecting healthy Barley Fields, carrying out research, preparing reliable reports, providing in-depth studies, and responding to your questions.

There's a lot more that needs to be done to restore the Biblical Calendar, and we could really use your prayers and support to help make this happen. Contributions (Ex 25:2) can be made easily and in any currency via [PayPal](#) 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) is committed to better understanding the Biblical Calendar and providing reliable first-hand New Moon Observation 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.

