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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)

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New Moon Observation

30 January 2025

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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, thus marking the beginning of the **11th Biblical month!**

The crescent New Moon was spotted with the naked eye on **Thursday, 30 January 2025**, from:

* Jerusalem at 5:31pm by Devorah Gordon, followed by Chaya, Gil Ashendorf, and one other person

* Bat Yam at 5:44 by Shane Diltz and Randy Cates, followed by Joe Dumond

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, 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 46:1-3) with a special sacrifice (Num 28:11-15; 2Chronicles 2:3; Ezra 3:4-5, Ezekiel 45:17, Ezekiel 46:6).

The photo at the top of this report was taken from our observation point in Jerusalem this evening. However, a photo isn't proof that it's the beginning of the Biblical Month, as the crescent can be seen any time after conjunction if the optical aid is able to magnify and/or create enough contrast. Remember, only a reliable witness can testify as to whether the crescent moon was spotted with the naked eye, as the ancient Israelites would have done.

On behalf of all of us who keep the Biblical Calendar, we wish to thank everyone in Israel who looked for the crescent moon and shared their observations with us in a timely manner, and all of you who are supporting this important effort from afar.

[When is Chodesh HaAviv](#)

2025

2025 HOLIDAY DATES

according to the Biblical Calendar

1st Month Holidays	Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 30-March-2025	Scenario #2 New Moon sighted on 31-March-2025
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 New Moon sighted on 23-September-2025	Scenario #2 New Moon sighted on 24-September-2025
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>

The Biblical Calendar is a luni-solar calendar. Meaning that the beginning of the month is anchored to a particular phase of the lunar cycle, and the beginning of the year is anchored to a particular phase of the solar cycle (Gen 1:14). Further study leads us to understand that the beginning of the month, is when the crescent moon is sighted (the sign) after conjunction (the lunar phase), and that the beginning of the year is the month in which the barley is found to be Aviv (the sign) after the Spring Equilux (the solar phase). Therefore, it's our understanding that the upcoming Biblical Year will begin on 30 March 2025 (assuming the crescent moon is sighted that evening). For reference, the prior Biblical Month will begin on 1 March 2025 (assuming the crescent moon is sighted that evening), which as explained above is too early in the solar cycle (Gen 1:14) for it to be Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv).

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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 could really use your prayers and support to continue to carry out this important work. Contributions (Ex 25:2) can be made easily and in any currency via [PayPal](#), [Patreon](#), 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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