



New Moon Observation
30 March 2025

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Dear Friends,

The crescent New Moon was sighted from Israel this evening, thus marking the beginning of the Biblical Year!

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

- * Jerusalem at 7:13pm by Devorah Gordon, followed by Gil Ashendorf, Ori, and Chaya
- * Maale Adummim at 7:05 by Roy Hoffman
- * Kiryat Ata at 7:09 by Ephraim Amnon
- * Near Beeri at 7:14pm by Y.M.
- * Tiberias at 7:15pm by Dennis Chkolnik
- * Be'er Yaakov at 7:35pm by Natan Freeman

To remind you, we carried out our [1st Barley Inspection](#) on 17 March 2025, and saw that the Volunteer Fields in the Plains of Jericho were Aviv. Then we carried out a [2nd Barley Inspection](#) on 28 March 2025, and saw that the Volunteer Fields in the Plains of Jericho were now ripe, and that the Swathed Fields had been swathed even though the seeds hadn't developed as a result of the drought, and that the Volunteer Fields in Jerusalem had at most patches that were flowering (no seed yet).

We're hoping to be able to carry out another Barley Inspection in a little over a week, to witness the state of the barley in Jerusalem again, and could really use your prayers and support to help make this happen.

It's our understanding that the Biblical Months begin with the sighting of the crescent moon (the sign) following conjunction (the lunar phase). And that similarly, the Biblical Year begins with the sighting of the crescent moon (the sign) following the Spring Equinox (the solar phase) (Gen 1:14). And that that's what is meant by the commandment to begin the Biblical Year with Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) (Ex 12:2, Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt 16:1), as the barley begins to ripen when the sun becomes stronger at the Spring Equinox, even though the rate of development will vary slightly each year.

It's our recommendation to begin the Biblical Year with this evening's crescent moon sighting. And remember, the chamsin (Arabic for 50) will start soon, which is a dry hot wind unique to the Middle East, that ripens the grains from Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) to Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks) (Lev 23:15-16, Dt 16:9).

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 this evening, and all of you who are supporting this important effort from afar.

[Types of Barley Fields](#)

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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>

The Biblical Year begins with the crescent New Moon after the Spring Equilux (Gen 1:14). This is what's meant by the commandment to begin the Biblical Year with Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) (Ex 12:2, Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt 16:1). As the barley fields start to become Aviv around the time of the Spring Equilux, due to the sun becoming stronger. Beginning the Biblical Year with the crescent New Moon after the Spring Equilux, is the only way for Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) to be when the barley fields are ready to feed the nation (Ex 9:31, Lev 23:14, Josh 5:10-12), everyone is able to bring an omer of their harvest to the Priest 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), and Chag HaSukkot (Feast of Booths) will fall out at the end of the agricultural year (Ex 23:16, Ex 34:22, Lev 23:39, Dt 16:13).

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We could really use your prayers and support to provide reliable New Moon Observations, honest Barley Inspections, and in-depth Bible Studies. Contributions (Ex 25:2) can be made easily and in any currency via [Paypal](#) (no need for an account), [Patreon](#), mailing a Check to Devorah's Date Tree, POB 4263, Jerusalem 9104201, ISRAEL, or by sending a Wire Transfer (contact us for details in your currency).

Together we can restore the Biblical Calendar!

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