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Dear Friends,

As we're approaching Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), we want to take this opportunity to try and respond to some of your questions regarding when Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) begins.

To remind you, the Passover lamb (or goat) was held until the 14th of the first month, and then slaughtered that evening (Ex 12:6, Lev 23:5), marking the beginning of Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) (Ex 12:18, Lev 23:6, Dt 16:4).

As for the beginning of the Biblical Year. The Biblical Calendar is a luni-solar calendar, in which the sun and moon are to be for signs, appointed times, days, and years (Gen 1:14). In other words, the beginning of the month is anchored to a particular phase of the lunar cycle (conjunction), and the beginning of the year is anchored to a particular phase of the solar cycle (Spring Equilux). And both begin with the sighting of the crescent New Moon (the sign), after the respective lunar/solar phase has been reached.

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 begin to ripen around the time of the Spring Equilux, as a result of the sun becoming stronger. And how everyone knew when to start their trek up to the Temple, in time for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), regardless of where they lived.

And how Chag HaSukkot (Feast of Booths), falls out at the end of the agricultural year (Ex 23:16, Ex 34:22, Lev 23:39, Dt 16:13).

This year, the Biblical Year began on 30 March 2025 at sunset (Ex 12:2), when we clearly spotted the crescent New Moon from Israel, with the naked eye. This means that Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), will begin this coming Sunday, 13 April 2025, at sunset. In other words, we will wake up on 13 April 2025, go about our business, and then at sunset we will begin the holiday. [It's advised not to reenact the Passover Sacrifice, in any fashion (Dt 12:5-14).]

2025

2025 HOLIDAY DATES

according to the Biblical Calendar

1st Month Holidays	Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 30-March-2025</i>	New Moon Sighted from Israel 30-March-2025
1 st Day Chag HaMatzot (1 Day Unleavened Bread)	Apr 13 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 14 <i>sunset</i>	
Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Wave Sheaf Day)	April 20, 2025	
7 th Day Chag HaMatzot (7 Day Unleavened Bread)	April 19 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 20 <i>sunset</i>	
Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks)	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 Calendar is a luni-solar calendar (Gen 1:14), in which the months begin with the sighting of the crescent New Moon (the sign), following conjunction (the lunar phase). And similarly, the years begin with the sighting of the crescent New Moon (the sign), following the Spring Equilux (the solar phase). 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 begins to become Aviv at the time of the Spring Equilux, as result of the sun becoming stronger. Beginning the Biblical Year with the New Moon after the Spring Equilux, is also how everyone knew when to start their trek up to the Temple in time for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), regardless of when their fields became Aviv. In fact, if one were to begin the Biblical Year prior to the Spring Equilux, Chag HaSukkot (Feast of Booths) won't 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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If you have a question regarding the Biblical Calendar, [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 restore the Biblical Calendar. 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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