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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)

When Does Chodesh HaAviv Begin

Three opinions and the implications
for this year!



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Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for partnering with us to restore the Biblical Calendar, and to take this opportunity to respond to some of your questions regarding when Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) begins.

We're commanded 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). And we know that the barley fields become Aviv around the time of the Spring Equilux, as a result of the sun becoming stronger. However, there are different opinions as to when Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) should begin.

Opinion #1 - Chodesh HaAviv (month of Aviv), begins after the barley fields have become Aviv. In other words, Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) begins with the Crescent New Moon after the Spring Equilux.

Opinion #2 - Chodesh HaAviv (month of Aviv) is the month when the fields become Aviv by the 10th of what would be the first month. In other words, Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) can begin before the Spring Equilux, however the beginning of Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) will always be after the Spring Equilux.

Opinion #3 - Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) is the month when the first patch (the size of an omer) of Aviv Barley is found anywhere in The Land, by the 10th of what would be the first month. Some even say this patch can be found as late as Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), which to remind you can be at the end of Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread). In other words, Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) can begin before the Spring Equinox.

Remember, Chodesh HaAviv (month of Aviv) is when the fields are ready to feed the nation (Ex 9:31, Lev 23:14, Josh 4:19,5:10-12), 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) (Lev23:10, 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).

In summation, it's important to understand that there's a difference between the barley becoming Aviv, and when Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) is meant to begin. Those who believe that either the first or the second opinion is correct, will begin Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) on 30 March 2025 (assuming the crescent moon is sighted that evening). In our opinion, 1 March 2025 (the previous lunar month), is too early in the solar cycle to meet the description found in the Tanakh for Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv).

We're hoping to be able to carry out a Barley Inspection prior to the New Moon Observation of 30 March 2025, in order to witness the state of the barley fields, and could really use your prayers and support to help make this happen.

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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>

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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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