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Dear Friends,

We want to take this opportunity, to respond to some of your questions regarding when the Biblical Year begins.

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 similarly 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 (Ps 104:19).

We know that the beginning of the Biblical Year is anchored to the Spring Equilux, as this is when the barley fields begin to ripen, due to the sun becoming stronger. And 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).

In other words, the beginning of the Biblical Year isn't determined by a particular type of barley field, in a particular region, reaching a particular state of development, by a particular date. Rather the Torah states that the beginning of the year is determined by the sun (Gen 1:14).

This is 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. And as Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), begins at the end of the 14th / beginning of the 15th day of the first month (Ex 12:18, Lev 23:6, Dt 16:4), the holiday will begin this evening, Sunday, 13 April 2025, at sunset.

For those that asked, the Passover lamb (or goat) was held until the 14th of the first month, and then slaughtered in the 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). However, it's not advised to reenact the Passover Sacrifice, which can only be brought at the Temple (Dt 12:5-14, Dt 16:2,5-6).

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>

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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).

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