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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.

To remind you, 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, Ex13:3-4, 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.

As the beginning of the Biblical Year is when the barley fields are ready to feed the nation (Ex 9:31, Lev 23:14, Josh 5:10-12), the fields will likely need to start being harvested prior to the beginning of the Biblical Year. This is why there's no prohibition against harvesting when needed, we're only prohibited from eating from the harvest before Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering) (Lev 23:14).

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 Equinox, 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).

In summation, the Biblical Year began this year with the crescent New Moon sighting on 30 March 2025. And for those that asked, the Passover Sacrifice marks the beginning of the Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread). In other words, the Passover sacrifice was brought, and Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) begins, at the end of the 14th day of the Biblical Month. This means that on 13 April 2025 we will wake up, go about our business, and then at sunset we will commemorate the sacrifice and begin the holiday.

As the first month of the Biblical Year is referred to as Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv), we like to observe the barley fields becoming Aviv, as we approach Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread). You're welcome to watch the videos of the first two inspections we carried out this season on our [YouTube Channel](#). We're hoping to be able to witness the state of the Volunteer Fields in Jerusalem again, in a little over a week, and could really use your prayers and support to help make this happen.

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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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 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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