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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.

It's our understanding that the Biblical Calendar is a luni-solar calendar, in which the months begin with the sighting of the crescent New Moon (the sign) following conjunction (the lunar phase). And that similarly, the years begin with the sighting of the crescent New Moon (the sign) following the Spring Equilux (the solar phase). And that this is what's meant by the sun and moon, are to be for signs, appointed times, days, and years (Gen 1:14).

Another way of saying this, is that we know that the Volunteer Fields in the warmer regions, begin to become Aviv, around the time of the Spring Equilux, as that's when the sun begins to get stronger. The question then, is whether the Biblical Year should begin with the crescent New Moon before the Spring Equilux, or after the Spring Equilux.

Assuming, if you want, that the ancient Israelites barley fields were similar to the Volunteer Fields we have today, which ripen extremely quickly. We need to remember that there's no prohibition against harvesting as needed, we're only prohibited from eating from the harvest before Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering) (Lev 23:14). In other words, there's no reason to have to begin the Biblical Year at the end of winter.

In fact, we need to wait and begin the Biblical Year with the crescent New Moon after the Spring Equinox, in order for Chag HaSukkot (Feast of Booths) to 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 our understanding that the Biblical Year begins with the crescent New Moon after the Spring Equinox. And that that's what 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 Equinox, as a result of the sun becoming stronger. And how everyone knew when the first month would be, and when to start their trek up to the Temple in time for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread).

Although, we don't look to the barley to try and determine the beginning of the Biblical Year, we do think it's nice to witness the barley fields ripening, as we get closer to Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) and Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread), especially for those that aren't here.

Therefore, 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.

As the Biblical Year began on 30 March 2025 at sunset, Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) will begin towards the end of 13 April 2025. In other words, we will hopefully wake up on 13 April 2025, go about our business, and then at sunset we will commemorate the sacrifice and begin the holiday (at the same time).

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 <i>30-March-2025</i>
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 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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