



Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for partnering with us to restore the Biblical Calendar, and to let you know that the crescent New Moon was sighted from Israel this evening, thus marking the beginning of the **2nd Biblical Month!**

The crescent New Moon was spotted with the naked eye on **Monday, 28 April 2025**, from:

- \* Jerusalem at 7:45pm by Devorah Gordon, followed by Gil Ashendorf (optical aid wasn't used)
- \* GivatShmuel at 7:39pm by Gadi Eidelheit (probably first spotted using optical aid)
- \* Beer Shevaat 7:45pm by David Braham (don't know whether first spotted using optical aid)

As days in the Biblical Calendar are from sunset to sunset (Gen 1:3,8,13,19,23,31), Rosh Chodesh (the first day of the month), begins when the crescent New Moon has been sighted, and continues until sunset the following day. Rosh Chodesh a celebratory day (Num 10:10; Hosea 2:11), which was traditionally commemorated by blowing the shofar (Num 10:10; Psalm 81:4[3]), having a festive meal (1 Samuel 20:5, 24), and worshiping at the Beit HaMikdash (Temple) (Isaiah 66:23; Ezekiel 46:1-3) with a special sacrifice (Num 28:11-15; 2Chronicles 2:3; Ezra 3:4-5, Ezekiel 45:17, Ezekiel 46:6).

The photo at the top of this report was taken from our observation point in Jerusalem this evening. However, we want to remind you that a photo isn't proof that it's the beginning of the month, as the crescent can be sighted through a powerful enough optical aid (camera, binoculars, telescope), any time after conjunction. Only a reliable witness can testify as to whether there was enough contrast that evening, to spot the crescent moon with the naked eye, as the ancient Israelites would have done (Ps 104:19).

On behalf of all of us who keep the Biblical Calendar, we want to thank everyone in Israel who looked for the crescent moon, and all of you who are supporting this important effort from afar.

## CHAG HAMATZOT (FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD) 2025

| Day 1                          | Day 2                         | Day 3                        | Day 4                        | Day 5                        | Day 6                        | Day 7                        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mar 30 sunset<br>Mar 31 sunset | Mar 31 sunset<br>Apr 1 sunset | Apr 1 sunset<br>Apr 2 sunset | Apr 2 sunset<br>Apr 3 sunset | Apr 3 sunset<br>Apr 4 sunset | Apr 4 sunset<br>Apr 5 sunset | Apr 5 sunset<br>Apr 6 sunset |

The Biblical Year began (Ex 12:2) on 30 March 2025 at sunset,  
when we clearly spotted the crescent New Moon from Israel, with the naked eye.

| Day 8                        | Day 9                        | Day 10                       | Day 11                        | Day 12                         | Day 13                         | Day 14                         |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Apr 6 sunset<br>Apr 7 sunset | Apr 7 sunset<br>Apr 8 sunset | Apr 8 sunset<br>Apr 9 sunset | Apr 9 sunset<br>Apr 10 sunset | Apr 10 sunset<br>Apr 11 sunset | Apr 11 sunset<br>Apr 12 sunset | Apr 12 sunset<br>Apr 13 sunset |

The Passover lamb (or goat) was held until the 14<sup>th</sup> 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; Nu 28:16-18; Dt 16:4).

| Day 15  | Day 16   | Day 17   | Day 18  | Day 19  | Day 20  | Day 21  |
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| Apr 13 sunset<br>Apr 14 sunset<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Day ULB<br>Monday | Apr 14 sunset<br>Apr 15 sunset<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Day ULB<br>Tuesday | Apr 15 sunset<br>Apr 16 sunset<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Day ULB<br>Wednesday | Apr 16 sunset<br>Apr 17 sunset<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Day ULB<br>Thursday | Apr 17 sunset<br>Apr 18 sunset<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Day ULB<br>Friday | Apr 18 sunset<br>Apr 19 sunset<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Day ULB<br>Saturday | Apr 19 sunset<br>Apr 20 sunset<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Day ULB<br>Sunday |

Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) is a seven-day holiday, with the first and seventh day being holy days on which work is forbidden (Ex 12:18; Lev 23:5-7; Nu 28:17,25; Dt 16:3-4,8). Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), is the morrow after the Sabbath, i.e. the Sunday, during Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) (Lev 23:10-11), and begins the count to Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks) (Lev 23:15-16).

## CHAG HASHAVUOT (FEAST OF WEEKS) 2025

| Week 1               | Week 2             | Week 3           | Week 4           | Week 5           | Week 6           | Week 7           |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| April 20<br>April 26 | April 27<br>May 03 | May 04<br>May 10 | May 11<br>May 17 | May 18<br>May 24 | May 25<br>May 31 | June 1<br>June 7 |

Chag HaShavuot is seven complete weeks after Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), i.e. on the 50<sup>th</sup> day (Lev 23:15-16,21; Dt 16:9-11). This means that Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks) will begin this year on Saturday, June 7 at sunset, and end on Sunday, June 8 at sunset.

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Together we can restore the Biblical Calendar!

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for over 25 years. We are honored that the information we share, is considered the most reliable source for keeping the Biblical Calendar, and a blessing to countless people around the world. Thank you for partnering with us to restore the Biblical Calendar.

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