



Dear Friends,

The crescent New Moon was spotted with the naked eye from Israel this evening, thus marking the beginning of the 4th Biblical Month!

The crescent New Moon was spotted with the naked eye on 26 June 2025 from:

- \* Jerusalem at 8:02pm by Devorah Gordon, followed by Chaya, and Gil Ashendorf
- \* Katzrin (Golan Heights) at 8:06 by Ariella Casey, followed by Benjamin Casey
- \* Kiryat Ata at 8:20pm by Ephraim Amnon

The photo of the moon at the top of this report, was taken from our observation point in Jerusalem this evening. However, it's not intended to be proof that it's the beginning of the month, as the crescent can be spotted through a powerful enough optical aid (camera, binoculars, telescope), any time after conjunction. Remember, the beginning of the Biblical Month must be determined by a reliable witness, testifying that they spotted the crescent moon from Israel with their naked eye (i.e. without the assistance of an optical aid) (Ps 104:19).

As days in the Biblical Calendar begin at sunset (when work is done for the day) (Gen 1:3,8,13,19,23,31), the month begins when the crescent New Moon has been spotted. Rosh Chodesh (the beginning of the month) is a celebratory day (Num 10:10; Hosea 2:11), which was 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).

On behalf of all of us who understand that importance of keeping the Biblical Calendar, we want to thank everyone who looked for the crescent moon from Israel this evening, and sent us their observations in a timely manner, so it could be included in this report.

For those that asked, the weekly sabbath has nothing to do with the lunar cycle. Remember, in the Biblical Calendar, years are based on the solar cycle, months are based on the lunar cycle, and weeks are based on a daily cycle (Gen 1:14). More specifically, Shabbat is at the end of a seven-day cycle, in which we work for six days and rest on the seventh (Gen 2:2-3; Ex 16:26; Ex 20:8-11; Ex 23:12; Ex 31:12-17; Ex 34:21; Ex 35:2; Lev 23:3; Ez46:1). And we know that Saturday is the seventh day, because we have an unbroken tradition of observing Shabbat at this time each week (even when we were scattered throughout the diaspora). Even the early Christians who began observing Sunday as the "Lord's Day", acknowledged that Saturday is the

sabbath of the Jews. And in some languages Saturday is even called “shabbat” - Spanish: *sábado* (from Latin *sabbatum*), Italian: *sabato*, French: *samedi* (from Latin *sabbati dies* (“day of the Sabbath”), and of course Hebrew. In summation, the weekly sabbath has nothing to do with the lunar cycle, rather it begins every Friday at sunset and ends on Saturday at sunset.

<div>2025</div> <div>2025 HOLIDAY DATES</div> <div>according to the Biblical Calendar</div>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Month Holidays	Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 30-March-2025	New Moon was spotted from Israel with the naked eye on 30-March-2025
1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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>	
7 <sup>th</sup> Month Holidays	Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 23-September-2025	Scenario #2 New Moon sighted on 24-September-2025
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 <sup>st</sup> 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>

The Biblical Calendar is a luni-solar calendar, meaning that the beginning of the month is based on the lunar cycle, and the beginning of the year is based on the solar cycle (Gen 1:14). More precisely, the month begins with the sighting of the crescent New Moon after the lunar phase of Conjunction (Ps 104:19); and the year begins with the sighting of the crescent New Moon after the solar phase of the Spring Equinox (Dt 16:9). This year, the Biblical Year began on 30 March 2025 at sunset (Ex 12:2), when the crescent New Moon was clearly spotted from Israel, with the naked eye. We will only know which evening the 7th month will begin this year, based on whether the crescent New Moon is spotted from Israel, with the naked eye, on 23 September 2025.

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