



New Moon Observation
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Dear Friends,

The crescent New Moon was sighted from Israel this evening, thus marking the beginning of the 3rd Biblical Month!

The crescent New Moon was spotted with the naked eye on Wednesday, 28 May 2025, from:
Jerusalem at 7:39pm by Devorah Gordon, followed by Atara, Chaya, and Gil Ashendorf, and one other person

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 Mar 31 sunset	Mar 31 sunset Apr 1 sunset	Apr 1 sunset Apr 2 sunset	Apr 2 sunset Apr 3 sunset	Apr 3 sunset Apr 4 sunset	Apr 4 sunset Apr 5 sunset	Apr 5 sunset Apr 6 sunset
<i>The first month of 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.</i>						
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
Apr 6 sunset Apr 7 sunset	Apr 7 sunset Apr 8 sunset	Apr 8 sunset Apr 9 sunset	Apr 9 sunset Apr 10 sunset	Apr 10 sunset Apr 11 sunset	Apr 11 sunset Apr 12 sunset	Apr 12 sunset Apr 13 sunset
<i>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; Nu 28:16-18; Dt 16:4).</i>						
Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21
Apr 13 sunset Apr 14 sunset 1 st Day ULB Monday	Apr 14 sunset Apr 15 sunset 2 nd Day ULB Tuesday	Apr 15 sunset Apr 16 sunset 3 rd Day ULB Wednesday	Apr 16 sunset Apr 17 sunset 4 th Day ULB Thursday	Apr 17 sunset Apr 18 sunset 5 th Day ULB Friday	Apr 18 sunset Apr 19 sunset 6 th Day ULB Saturday	Apr 19 sunset Apr 20 sunset 7 th Day ULB Sunday
<i>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).</i>						

CHAG HASHAVUOT (FEAST OF WEEKS) 2025

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
April 20 April 26	April 27 May 03	May 04 May 10	May 11 May 17	May 18 May 24	May 25 May 31	June 1 June 7
<i>Chag HaShavuot is seven complete weeks after Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering), i.e. on the 50th 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 the following day at sunset.</i>						

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We could really use your prayers and support to carry out this important work. 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 sending a Wire Transfer (contact us for details in your currency). A receipt will be sent for all contributions.

Together we can restore the Biblical Calendar!

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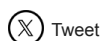
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