



Dear Friends,

At the time of this writing, we aren't aware of the crescent New Moon being spotted by the naked eye, from Israel this evening (25 July 2025). Likewise, you won't find the moon in the above photo, which was taken from our observation point in Jerusalem.

To remind you, the Biblical Calendar is a luni-solar calendar (Gen 1:14), which means the Biblical Month is based on the lunar cycle. And as it takes the moon approximately 29.5 days to complete its lunation (from our perspective on Earth), it's only possible to spot the crescent New Moon at the end of the 29th day of the Biblical Month, half the time (on average).

When the crescent New Moon isn't spotted by the naked eye from Israel at the end of the 29th day of the Biblical Month, the upcoming Biblical Month begins the following evening (i.e. the end of the 30th day), by default. This is because, as mentioned above, the Biblical Month is based on the lunar cycle, which is approximately 29.5 days (from our perspective on Earth), meaning that a lunar month is never more than 30 days.

We also want to remind you that the crescent New Moon must be spotted from the Land of Israel, as the Biblical Calendar is to be set according to the signs (Gen 1:14) in The Land (Dt 6:1, Dt 11:8-9, Dt 30:5). And that the moadim (appointed times) are set holy days (Lev 23:4), to be observed as a nation, in the place the Creator placed His name (Ex 23:17, Ex 34:23, Dt 16:15-16, 1 Kings 11:36, Zech 14:17), not celebrated on different days depending on where one may currently be living.

In summation, as this evening was the end of the 29th day of the Biblical Month, unless we send out an update, the 5th Biblical Month will begin tomorrow evening by default (we will not be going out again).

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

And 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 the daily cycle (Gen 1:14). Shabbat is at the end of the 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; Ez 46:1). And we know that Saturday is the seventh day of this cycle, because we have an unbroken tradition

of observing Shabbat on this day each week. In fact, 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.

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[Send us](#) any questions you may have regarding the Biblical Calendar, and we'll do our best to try and answer them 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 in-depth studies on the Biblical Calendar, reliable New Moon Observations, and honest Barley Inspections. 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).

Together we can restore the Biblical Calendar!

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