

New Moon Observation

23 September 2025

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Dear Friends,

At the time of this writing, we aren't aware of the crescent moon being spotted by the naked eye, from Israel this evening (23 September 2025). The stats were on the low end of the spectrum, and it seems that many observers didn't look, as this was the end of the 30th day. [Two observers spotted via binoculars, but were unable to sight via naked eye afterwards].

To remind you, the Biblical Calendar is a luni-solar calendar (Gen 1:14), with the Biblical months beginning the first evening the crescent moon is spotted by the naked eye from the Land of Israel, or 30 days have passed.

As the crescent was spotted with the naked eye on 24 August 2025 at sunset, and the stats were too low for it to be spotted yesterday (22 September 2025), the beginning of the 7th month has begun 23 September 2025 at sunset by default, as we know a lunar month is never more than 30 days.

As days in the Biblical Calendar begin at sunset (i.e. the end of the agricultural day) (Gen 1:5,8,13,19,23,31), the Biblical Month begins at sunset. Rosh Chodesh (the beginning of the month) is a celebratory day (Hosea 2:11), which was commemorated by blowing the shofar (Num 10:10; Psalm 81:4[3]), enjoying 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).

And for those that asked, the weekly sabbath has nothing to do with the lunar cycle. In the Biblical Calendar, the years are based on the solar cycle, the months are based on the lunar cycle, and the weeks are based on the daily cycle (Gen 1:14). We're commanded to observe the sabbath every seventh day (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). Meaning that Shabbat begins every Friday evening at sunset and ends Saturday evening at sunset. And we know that Saturday is the seventh day, because we have an unbroken tradition of observing Shabbat on this day. Remember, the adjustments the Rabbinites made to the Biblical Calendar when we were in exile, are detailed in their writings, and they didn't change the day of Shabbat.

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.

2025

2025 HOLIDAY DATES

according to the Biblical Calendar

1st Month Holidays	Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 30-March-2025	<i>Crescent was spotted from Israel with the naked eye on 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 New Moon sighted on 23-September-2025	<i>Crescent Moon was spotted on 24-Aug, and will be impossible to spot on 22-Sept, making 23-Sept at sunset, the beginning of 7th Biblical Month by default, as a lunar month is never more than 30 days.</i>
Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)	Sep 23 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 24 <i>sunset</i>	
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Oct 2 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 3 <i>sunset</i>	
1 st Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)	Oct 7 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 8 <i>sunset</i>	
Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)	Oct 14 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 15 <i>sunset</i>	

The Biblical Calendar is a luni-solar calendar (Gen 1:14). Meaning that the beginning of the year is based on the solar cycle, and the beginning of the months are based on the lunar cycle. More precisely, the year begins with the spotting of the Crescent Moon after the Spring Equinox (Dt 16:9); and the months begin with the spotting of the Crescent Moon after Conjunction (Ps 104:19). This year, the Biblical Year began on 30 March 2025 at sunset (Ex 12:2). The 7th Biblical Month will begin on 23 Sept 2025 at sunset, as the crescent was spotted on 24 Aug 2025, and it will be impossible to spot it 29 days later (22 Sept 2025), making 23 Sept 2025 at sunset, the beginning of 7th Biblical Month by default, as a lunar month is never more than 30 days.

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