

New Moon Observation

23 September 2025

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Dear Friends,

The crescent moon was spotted with the naked eye from Israel this evening (23 September 2025), thus marking the beginning of the 7th Biblical Month!

The crescent moon was spotted with the naked eye on from:

* Jerusalem (Gilo) by Tirzah Rapuano shortly after sunset. The sighting was confirmed by binoculars by Ralph Mikel Yehudah Rapuano who was with her. It was reported to have been “a particularly difficult sighting and visible for only a few minutes.”

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.

We don't use optical aids, such as cameras, binoculars, or telescopes, to spot the crescent. Nor is a photo of the crescent proof that it's the beginning of the Biblical Month. This because, the crescent can be spotted through a powerful enough optical aid any time after conjunction, whereas the criteria for beginning the Biblical Month at the end of the 29th day, is the crescent being spotted by the naked eye.

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 the evening the crescent moon has been spotted from Israel. 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, and sent us their observations in a timely manner, so it could be included in this report.

<div>2025</div> <div>2025 HOLIDAY DATES</div> <div>according to the Biblical Calendar</div>		
1 st Month Holidays	Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 30-March-2025	Crescent was spotted from Israel with the naked eye on 30-March-2025. ←
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>	
7 th Month Holidays	Scenario #1 New Moon sighted on 23-September-2025	Crescent was spotted from Israel with the naked eye on 23-September-2025. ←
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 Equilux (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), and the 7th Biblical Month began on 23 Sept 2025 at sunset.

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Together we can restore the Biblical Calendar!

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