



Dear Friends,

The 8th Biblical Month began on 23 October 2025 at sunset (Israel Time)! Not only was this the end of the 30th day of the previous month, but the moon was also sighted from Israel.

The crescent moon was sighted from:

* Zevulun Valley (Northern Israel) at 6:23pm by Yoel Halevi

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 a lunation is never more than thirty days).

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. Rather, 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). And we know Saturday is the seventh day, because we have an unbroken tradition of observing Shabbat on that 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.] 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), Shabbat begins every Friday at sunset and ends Saturday at sunset.

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.

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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](#), or sending a Wire Transfer (contact us for details in your currency).

Together we can restore the Biblical Calendar!

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