



**New Moon Observation**  
*22 November 2025*

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**Devorah's Date Tree**

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Dear Friends,

The 9th Biblical Month began this evening, on 22 November 2025 at sunset (Israel Time)!

The crescent moon was sighted this evening from:

- \* Zevulun Valley (Northern Israel) at 4:36pm by Yoel Halevi
- \* Jerusalem by Gil Ashendorf

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 know this because the Hebrew word for month is “chodesh” (Psalm 81:4[3], Ezekiel 46:1), whose root means “new”, as the moon (the lesser light Gen 1:14-17), is seen “anew” at the beginning of the Biblical Month. And the book of Psalms says, “the moon is for moadim (holy days), and the sun knows when to set” (Ps 104:19). As the moadim (holy days) are set by the sighting of the crescent moon, which happens when there’s enough time between sunset and moonset (i.e. the horizon is dark enough), to be able to spot the crescent with the naked eye, before it sets.

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.

Subscribe to our [newsletter](#) and [social media](#) platforms, to receive important Biblical Calendar information, as soon as we publish it.

[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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