

3rd Biblical Month

17 May 2026

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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 (17 May 2026).

To remind you, the Biblical Month begins with the crescent moon, i.e. when the lesser light (Gen 1:14) becomes anew following conjunction. This why the beginning of the month is called "chodesh" (1 Samuel 20:5; Psalm 81:4[3]; Ezekiel 46:1), from the root ch.d.sh., meaning new.

From our perspective on Earth, it takes the moon approximately 29.5 days to complete its lunation (orbit around Earth). This means it's only be possible to spot the crescent at the end of the 29th day half the time (on average). And whether the crescent will be spotted at the end of the 29th day, depends on how far the moon is from the sun, how much atmospheric obstruction is on the horizon, and the acuity of the observers' vision.

As this evening was the end of the 29th day, unless we send out an update with a positive sighting, the Biblical Month will begin tomorrow evening by default. This is because the Biblical Month is based on the lunar cycle, which is never more than 30 days. [We will not be going out again tomorrow evening.]

And for those that asked, 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), as 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 14:16), not everyone celebrating on different days.

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.

2026 HOLIDAY DATES According to the Biblical Calendar		
1st Month Holidays	<i>Moon too early in it's cycle.</i>	Scenario #2 <i>New Moon sighted on 20-March-2026</i>
1 st Day Chag HaMatzot (1 Day Unleavened Bread)		Apr 3 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 4 <i>sunset</i>
Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Wave Sheaf Day)		April 5, 2025
7 th Day Chag HaMatzot (7 Day Unleavened Bread)		Apr 9 <i>sunset</i> - Apr 10 <i>sunset</i>
Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks)		May 23 <i>sunset</i> - May 24 <i>sunset</i>
7th Month Holidays	Scenario #1 <i>New Moon sighted on 12-September-2026</i>	Scenario #2 <i>New Moon sighted on 13-September-2026</i>
Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)	Sep 12 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 13 <i>sunset</i>	Sep 13 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 14 <i>sunset</i>
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Sep 21 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 22 <i>sunset</i>	Sep 22 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 23 <i>sunset</i>
1 st Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)	Sep 26 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 27 <i>sunset</i>	Sep 27 <i>sunset</i> - Sep 28 <i>sunset</i>
Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)	Oct 3 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 4 <i>sunset</i>	Oct 4 <i>sunset</i> - Oct 5 <i>sunset</i>

The Biblical Calendar is a luni-solar calendar (Gen 1:14). The Month begins with the crescent moon (i.e. when the moon becomes anew following the lunar phase of conjunction), which is why the beginning of the month is called "chodesh" (1 Samuel 20:5; Psalm 81:4[3]; Ezeiel 46:1), from the root ch.d.sh. meaning new. And the Year begins with the crescent moon after the Spring Equilux, which is why the first month of the year is called Chodesh HaAviv (month of the Aviv) (Ex 12:2, Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt 16:1), as that's when the barley crop is ready to be harvested.

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Together we can restore the Biblical Calendar!

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