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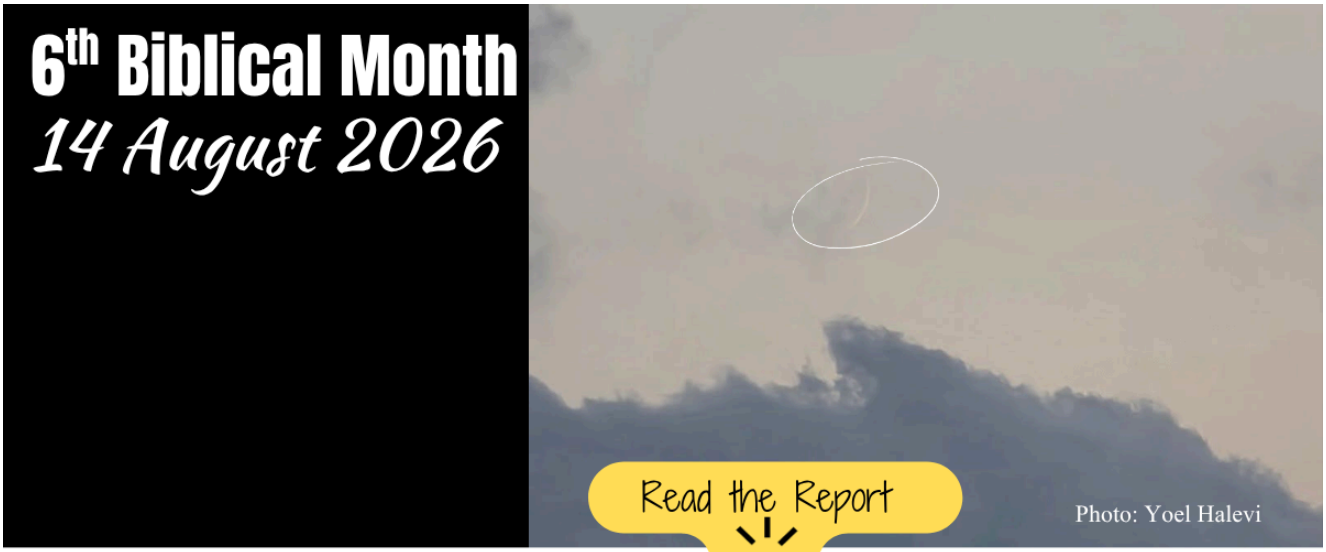

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Restoring the Biblical Calendar and Keeping the Holy Days in their Appointed Times

Dear Friends,

The 6th Biblical Month has begun!

The crescent moon was sighted on 14 August 2026 from:
* 7:23pm from the Zevulun Valley by Yoel Halevi and his son
* 7:36pm from Haifa by Kenny Russell

[The moon was too close to the sun, for it to be visible by the naked eye from the Land of Israel, on 13 August 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]; Eziekiel 46:1), from the root ch.d.sh., meaning new.

We know the Biblical Calendar is to be set according to the signs (Gen 1:14) in The Land of Israel (Dt 6:1, Dt 11:8-9, Dt 30:5), because 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). And 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 is far enough away from the sun to be visible from Israel.

The beginning of the Biblical Month is a celebratory day (Hosea 2:11), and was traditionally 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).

On behalf of all of us who keep the Biblical Calendar, we want to thank everyone who looked for the crescent moon from Israel this evening, and shared their observations in a timely manner, so they could be included in this report.

And for those that asked, the weekly sabbath isn't determined by the lunar cycle, rather by the daily cycle, as 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. 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 on Saturday at sunset. [Remember, the adjustments the Rabbinites made to the Biblical Calendar are detailed in their writings, and they didn't change the day of Shabbat.]

2026 HOLIDAY DATES

According to the Biblical Calendar

1st Month Holidays		Scenario #2 *New Moon sighted on* ***20-March-2026***
1st Day Chag HaMatzot (1 Day Unleavened Bread)	*Moon too early in it's cycle.*	Apr 3 *sunset* - Apr 4 *sunset*
Yom HaNafat HaOmer (Wave Sheaf Day)		April 5, 2025
7th Day Chag HaMatzot (7 Day Unleavened Bread)		Apr 9 *sunset* - Apr 10 *sunset*
Chag HaShavuot (Feast of Weeks)		May 23 *sunset* - May 24 *sunset*

7th Month Holidays	Scenario #1 *New Moon sighted on* ***12-September-2026***	Scenario #2 *New Moon sighted on* ***13-September-2026***
Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)	Sep 12 *sunset* - Sep 13 *sunset*	Sep 13 *sunset* - Sep 14 *sunset*
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Sep 21 *sunset* - Sep 22 *sunset*	Sep 22 *sunset* - Sep 23 *sunset*
1st Day of Chag HaSukkot (First Day Feast Booths)	Sep 26 *sunset* - Sep 27 *sunset*	Sep 27 *sunset* - Sep 28 *sunset*
Shemini Atzeret (Eighth Day of Assembly)	Oct 3 *sunset* - Oct 4 *sunset*	Oct 4 *sunset* - Oct 5 *sunset*

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]; Eziekiel 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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