

# 2020 HOLY DAYS AND NEW MOON CALENDAR

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## [The Seed of Abraham](#)

1. Purim .....Monday and Tuesday, March 9 and March 10, 2020
  - 14-15 *Adar*—Purim is not a holy time, but a two day holiday that commemorates God’s deliverance of the Jewish people in the Persian Empire about 470 BC (see Esther 9:1-22f.). Purim begins on Sunday night, March 8th at dark and ends on Tuesday night at dark, March 10th.
2. The First Day of the First Biblical Month of the Year .....Thursday March 26, 2020
  - 1st of *Aviv*—the first day of the first Hebrew month of the biblical year (Hebrew: Ex. 12:2; 13:4; 23:15). It begins the night before, on Wednesday night, March 25th, with the first new moon of the biblical year in Israel. This is *not* an annual Sabbath.
3. The Sacrifice of the Passover Lamb .....Wednesday, April 8, 2020
  - 14 *Aviv*—in ancient times the Passover lamb was sacrificed at the end of 14 *Aviv*, ‘between the two evenings’ (sunset to darkness). This year it will be on Wednesday late afternoon about sunset. 14 *Aviv* is *not* an annual Sabbath.
4. **The Passover Meal on the First Day of Unleavened Bread.....Wednesday night, April 8, 2020**
  - 15 *Aviv*—At darkness on Wednesday night the biblical day changes from 14 *Aviv* to 15 *Aviv* (cf. Genesis 1:3-5f.; cf. Lev. 23:5-6; 32).<sup>1</sup> The Passover Meal is eaten in the evening of Wednesday night, April 8th, which is the beginning of the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This holy day lasts unto Thursday night at dark, April 9th. It’s the **1st annual Sabbath** (Lev. 23:7).<sup>2</sup>
5. First Sheaf .....Sunday, April 12, 2020
  - 18 *Aviv*—First Sheaf (also known as First Fruits) is *not* an annual Sabbath, but it is the day when the High Priest of Israel lifted up a handful of the ‘first fruits’ of the spring harvest (barley grain) to Yahveh (Lev. 23:9-11). In 30 AD it was the day when Yeshua rose from the dead and was first seen alive, and consequently, it was also the day of His first ascension into Heaven (Jn. 20:17; cf. Acts 1:1-12). Yeshua is the *First Sheaf (First Fruits)* to rise from the dead, glorified (1st Cor. 15:20, 23).
6. **The Seventh Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread .....Wednesday, April 15, 2020**
  - 21 *Aviv*—the 7th day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Lev. 23:9) is the **2nd annual Sabbath**. It begins the evening before at darkness on Tuesday night, April 14th.
7. Holocaust Remembrance Day .....Monday, April 20, 2020
  - This day is known in Hebrew as Yom HaShoah, which means the Day of the Whirlwind. It was established in Israel in 1959 on the 27th of Nissan, and hence, every year it’s a different Gregorian, as is the next two Israeli days and all the holy days. It begins the night before. At 10:00 AM Israeli time everything stops and everyone is silent for two minutes as Israelis remember the tragedy. Let’s do the same in our time zones.
8. Israeli Mourning for the Dead Lost in Wars and Terrorism Attacks .....Tuesday, April 28, 2020
  - *Yom HaZikaron* (the Day of Remembrance) begins the evening before (Monday night, April 27th).

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<sup>1</sup> See [When Does The Sabbath Begin?](#), for why the biblical day ends at darkness, and not sunset (which is Jewish tradition).

<sup>2</sup> See [Passover and Jesus](#), [Passover](#), [The Passover Ceremony](#), [Passover—How to Prepare](#), [First Sheaf](#) and [The Feast of Unleavened Bread](#) for its symbolism and how and why we should keep Passover, etc.

This is a time of remembering and honoring all those Jewish men and women who died defending Israel from Arab wars and aggression, and also those Jewish civilians; men, women and children who have died from Arab and Palestinian terrorist attacks. It was established in Israel in 1963. It's always the 4th day of Iyar, the second Hebrew month. On this day, too, everything stops in Israel for two minutes in respect and remembrance of the dead. Let's do that too, in our times zones.

9. Israeli Independence Day .....Wednesday, April 29, 2020
  - *Yom HaAtzma'ute* begins the evening before (Tuesday night, April 28, 2020). For more than 1,800 years (since 135 AD) the Jewish people didn't have their homeland and wandered the Earth, but on May 14, 1948 the Third Commonwealth of Israel was established. Israeli Independence Day is truly a miracle of God and is similar to Hanuka and Purim, where God made a way for His people Israel to survive wrath of the peoples who hated and wanted to destroy them, and as such, we rightly recognize this divine miracle that is Israel. It's always the 5th day of Iyar, the celebration of the establishment of the State of Israel coming immediately after the day of mourning for the loss of her people in their wars against the Arabs and Palestinian terrorism.
10. **The Feast of Weeks (*Shavu'ot*—Pentecost) .....Sunday, May 31, 2020**
  - **The annual Feast of Weeks (*Shavu'ot*—Pentecost)** will be on Sunday, May 31st, 2020. (Ex. 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21; Num. 28:26; Dt. 16:10). It's known as Pentecost from the Greek New Testament; Acts 2:1; 20:16; 1st Cor. 16:8). It comes 50 days after First Sheaf on the Sunday of Passover Week, and it's the **3rd annual Sabbath**. It begins the evening before at darkness (Saturday night, May 30th) when the weekly 7th day Sabbath ends. *Shavu'ot* ends at darkness on Sunday night.<sup>3</sup>
11. **The Feast of Trumpets (*Yom Tru'ah*) .....Shabat, September 19, 2020**
  - 1 *Aetanim*—the first day of the 7th Hebrew month (Lev. 23:24; 1st Kings 8:2). It's the **4th annual Sabbath**. This year the 7th New Moon over Israel coincides with the weekly Sabbath and begins on Friday night at darkness.<sup>4</sup>
12. **The Day of Atonement (*Yom HaKipurim*) .....Monday, September 28, 2020**
  - 10 *Aetanim*—the Day of Atonement. It's the 10th day of the 7th Hebrew month (Lev. 23:27-32). This is the **5th annual Sabbath**. It begins the evening before at darkness.<sup>5</sup>
13. **The Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukote*) .....Shabat, October 3, 2020**
  - 15 *Aetanim*—*Sukote* (The Feast of Tabernacles) is the 15th day of the 7th Hebrew month (Lev. 23:34f.). The first day is the **6th annual or yearly Sabbath**. It begins on Friday night at darkness.<sup>6</sup>
14. **The Eighth Day (*HaYom HaShmoni*) .....Shabat, October 10, 2020**
  - 22 *Aetanim*—The Eighth Day (of *Sukote*, even though it's not officially part of *Sukote*). It's the 22nd day of the 7th Hebrew month (Lev. 23:39). This is the **7th and last annual Sabbath** of the biblical year. This year it begins on Friday night at darkness.
15. Hanuka .....Friday, December 11, 2020
  - 25 *Kislev*—This year Hanuka<sup>7</sup> begins on Thursday night, Dec. 10th. It's not a holy day or time, but an 8 day holiday that commemorates God's deliverance of the Jewish people in Israel with their

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<sup>3</sup> See [Pentecost—Shavu'ot](#).

<sup>4</sup> See [The Feast of Trumpets](#).

<sup>5</sup> See [The Day of Atonement](#).

<sup>6</sup> See [The Feast of Tabernacles](#).

<sup>7</sup> To understand why the Lord wants all Christians to celebrate Hanuka (Purim and Israeli Independence Day), see [Hanuka—Should We or Shouldn't We?](#)

victory over the Syrian king Antiochus IV. He presented himself as the incarnation of Zeus and he wanted to be worshipped as God in the flesh (an anti-Christ). In the Temple of Yahveh he had pigs sacrificed on the Altar of Sacrifice, which defiled it) and forbid the keeping of Mosaic Law (i.e. the Sabbath and circumcision of Jewish baby boys 8 days old). In 165 BC the Temple in Jerusalem was retaken and cleansed and the Altar torn down and a new one built in its place and rededicated to the God of Israel. The Maccabees had defeated the enemy.

- The New Testament speaks of the Lord Yeshua being in Jerusalem for ‘the Feast of Dedication’ (John 10:22; *Hanuka* is Hebrew for dedication). This year the 8th day of Hanuka begins on Thursday night, December 10, 2020 and ends at dark on Friday night, Dec. 18, 2020.

## **NEW MOONS 2020 AND 2021**

10. The 10th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Friday night .....December 27, 2019
11. The 11th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Saturday night .....January 25, 2020
12. The 12th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Monday night .....February 24, 2020
  
1. The 1st New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Wednesday night .....March 25, 2020
2. The 2nd New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Friday night .....April 24, 2020
3. The 3rd New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Saturday night.....May 23, 2020
4. The 4th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Monday night .....June 22, 2020
5. The 5th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Tuesday night .....July 21, 2020
6. The 6th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Wednesday night .....August 19, 2020
7. **The 7th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Friday night .....September 18, 2020**
8. The 8th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Saturday night .....October 17, 2020
9. The 9th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Monday night .....November 16, 2020
10. The 10th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Tuesday night.....December 15, 2020
  
11. The 11th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Thursday night .....January 14, **2021**
12. The 12th New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Friday night .....February 12, **2021**
13. The 13th New Moon of the biblical year will be on<sup>8</sup> .....Sunday night .....March 14, **2021**
  
1. **The 1st New Moon of the biblical year will be on .....Tuesday night .....April 13, 2021**

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<sup>8</sup> Revised on Monday, May 25, 2020.