

# 2021 HOLY DAYS AND NEW MOONS CALENDAR

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The dates listed are the actual days of the event. The biblical events begin the evening before at darkness, which is when a biblical day begins.<sup>1</sup> The words below in **bold** speak of holy days (e.g. #8. The Passover Meal).

1. Judah Maccabee's miraculous victory over Nicanor .....Friday, February 26, 2021
  - 13 *Adar*—In the Book of Maccabees 13 *Adar* is the day of celebration of Judah Maccabee over the army of Nicanor (163 BC), who vowed to destroy the land of Judah and the Temple in Jerusalem (1st Mac. 7, esp. v. 50) and so it's a day we recognize as part of our (Jewish and Gentile) Family History (cf. Jn. 10:16; Rom. 11:11f.; Eph. 2:11f.) because God gave the victory to Judah (see vv. 36-43). Israel's history is part of every Christian's divine Family History. How to celebrate? Read the 7th chapter of Maccabees and thank Yeshua for His deliverance of His people Israel and eat! It's a celebration!
2. Purim.....Sabbath and Sunday, February 27-28, 2021
  - 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 through Mordecai and Esther, about 470 BC (see the Book of Esther for the full story, and Esther 9:1-22f., for Purim's dates).
  - Purim begins on Friday night, Feb. 26, at dark, and ends on Sunday night at dark, February 28.
3. The Vernal Equinox .....Sabbath, March 20, 2021
  - It is the New Moon on, or after, the Vernal (Spring) Equinox that determines the first New Moon for the biblical year.
4. *Yom HaShoah* (The Day of Destruction, also known as The Holocaust) .....Thursday, April 8, 2021
  - The commemoration for *Yom HaShoah* begins the night before, Wednesday night, April 7 and commemorates the brutal annihilation of more than six million European Jews; one and a half million of which were children, from newborn babies to 10 year olds. At 10:00 AM Israeli time sirens blow and everything stops and everyone is silent for two minutes as Israelis remember the tragedy. Let's do the same in our time zones.
  - The day was established in Israel in 1959 on 27 Nissan, and hence, every year (like the biblical holy days), it's a different Gregorian date, as are all the biblical and Israeli dates.
5. The First Day of the First Biblical Month of the New Year .....Wednesday, April 14, 2021
  - 1st of *Aviv*—The first day of the first Hebrew month of the new biblical year (Exodus 12:2; 13:4; 23:15). It begins the night before at dark, on Tuesday night, April 13, with the first New Moon of the biblical year in Israel. This is *not* an annual Sabbath.
6. *Yom HaZikaron* (The Day of Remembrance) .....Wednesday, April 14, 2021
  - *Yom HaZikaron* begins the night before, Tuesday night, April 13. It remembers and honors all who have fallen in battle for Israel, and all who have been murdered in Arab and Palestinian terrorist at-

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<sup>1</sup> See Genesis 1:3-5f. Also, read [When Does The Sabbath Begin?](#), for why the biblical day ends at darkness, and not sunset (which is Jewish tradition).

tacks. On this day, too, everything stops at 10:00 AM in Israel for two minutes in respect and remembrance of the dead. Let's do that too, in our times zones.

- It was established in Israel in 1963 and it's always on Iyar 4.

7. *Yom HaAtz'ma'ute* (Israeli Independence Day).....Thursday, April 15, 2021
  - The day begins the evening before (Wednesday night at dark, April 24, 2021). For more than 1,800 years (since 135 AD) the Jewish people didn't have their homeland and wandered the Earth, but on Friday, May 14, 1948 (5 *Iyar* 5708) 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 the hatred of various people who wanted to destroy them. As such, we rightly recognize this divine miracle that is Israel. This celebration, of the establishment of the State of Israel, comes immediately after the day of mourning for the loss of her people in their wars against the Arab and Palestinian terrorism. It's always Iyar 5 in the Israeli calendar.
8. The Sacrifice of the Passover Lamb .....Tuesday, April 27, 2021
  - 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 Tuesday afternoon about sunset. 14 *Aviv* is *not* an annual Sabbath.
9. **The Passover Meal & the First Nite/Day of Unleavened Bread.....Tuesday night, April 27, 2021**
  - 15 *Aviv*—At darkness on Tuesday night the biblical day changes from 14 *Aviv* to 15 *Aviv*. The Passover Meal is eaten in the evening of Tuesday night, April 27, which is the beginning of the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This holy day lasts to Wednesday night at dark, April 28. It's the **1st annual (yearly) Sabbath** (Lev. 23:7).<sup>2</sup>
10. First Sheaf .....Sunday, May 2, 2021
  - 19 *Aviv*—First Sheaf (also known as First Fruits) is *not* an annual Sabbath, but 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).
11. **The Seventh Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread .....Tuesday, May 4, 2021**
  - 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 Monday night, May 3.
12. Jerusalem Day .....Monday, May 10, 2021
  - Jerusalem Day commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in the aftermath of the Six Day War in June 1967. It also marks the regaining of Jewish access to the Western Wall.
13. **The Feast of Weeks (*Shavu'ot*—Pentecost) .....Sunday, June 20, 2021**
  - *Shavu'ot*—Is also known as the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) (Ex. 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21; Num. 28:26; Dt. 16:10). Pentecost ('50') comes from the Greek New Testament (Acts 2:1; 20:16; 1st Corinthians 16:8). *Shavu'ot* comes 50 days after First Sheaf in the Sunday of Passover Week, and it's the **3rd annual Sabbath**. It begins the evening before at darkness (Saturday night, June 19) when the weekly 7th day Sabbath ends. *Shavu'ot* ends at darkness on Sunday night.<sup>3</sup>

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<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 year *Shavu'ot* comes on the 9th day of the third Hebrew month.

**14. *Tisha B'Av* (the 9th of *Av*) .....Sunday, July 18, 2021**

- Beginning the evening of July 17, the 9th of *Av* is a day that acts as a magnet for the destruction of the First and the Second Temples in Jerusalem, in 586 BC and 70 AD, respectively:
- The First Temple was destroyed on the 7th of *Av* (2nd Kings 25:8; cf. Jeremiah 39:1-2, 8).
- The Second Temple was destroyed a few days before or after the 9th of *Av*.
- *Tisha B'Av* has come to be a Jewish day of mourning, not only for those two catastrophic events, but also for later tragedies which occurred on or near the 9th of *Av*:
  1. 1096 August 15 (the 24th of *Av*), the First Crusade officially commenced, murdering 10,000 Jews in its first month and destroying Jewish communities in France and the Rhineland.
  2. 1290 July 18 (the 9th of *Av*), the Jews were expelled from England.
  3. 1306 July 22 (the 10th of *Av*), the Jews were expelled from France.
  4. 1492 July 31 (the 7th of *Av*), the Jews were expelled from Spain by King Ferdinand.
  5. 1942 July 23 (the 9th of *Av*), mass deportations of Jews began from the Warsaw Ghetto destined for Treblinka, a Nazi concentration camp, which murdered about 800,000 Jews.
- *Tisha B'Av* is a day of fasting and mourning in Judaism. We don't necessarily fast, but it's good to recognize the day and its mournful character among Orthodox and other Jews, and pray for Israel; not only the nation, but the people (i.e. Jews everywhere who need Yeshua; cf. Rom. 11:25-27).

**15. The Feast of Trumpets (*Yom Tru'ah*) .....Friday, October 8, 2021**

- 1 *Aetanim*—The first day of the 7th Hebrew month (Lev. 23:24; 1st Kings 8:2). It's the **4th annual Sabbath**. It begins on Thursday night, October 7, at dark.<sup>4</sup>

**16. The Day of Atonement (*Yom HaKipurim*) .....Sunday, October 17, 2021**

- 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 Saturday night, October 16, at dark.<sup>5</sup>

**17. The Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukote*) .....Friday, October 22, 2021**

- 15 *Aetanim*—*Sukote* (The Feast of Tabernacles) begins on the 15th day of the 7th Hebrew month (Lev. 23:34f.). The first day is the **6th annual or yearly Sabbath**. It begins on Thursday night, October 21, at dark.<sup>6</sup>

**18. The Eighth Day (*HaYom HaSh'moni*) .....Friday, October 29, 2021**

- 22 *Aetanim*—The Eighth Day (of *Sukote*, even though it's not officially part of *Sukote* because *Sukote* is only 7 days). 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. It begins on Thursday night, Oct. 28, at dark.

**19. Hanuka .....Wednesday, December 29, 2021**

- 25 *Kislev*—This year Hanuka<sup>7</sup> begins on Tuesday night, Dec. 28. It's not a holy day or time, but an

<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?](#)

8 day holiday that commemorates God's deliverance of the Jewish people in Israel with their victory over the Syrian king Antiochus IV. He presented himself as the incarnation of Zeus and he demanded worship as God in the flesh (an anti-Christ).

- In the Temple of Yahveh he ordered pigs to be 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; cf. Gen. 17:10-14). In 162 BC the Temple in Jerusalem was retaken and cleansed (exactly three years to the day; 25 Kislev, from when it had first been desecrated. The Altar on which pigs had been sacrificed was torn down and a new one built in its place and rededicated to the God of Israel. The Maccabees had defeated the enemy. There was more to do, but this is what Hanuka, which means 'dedication,' is all about: serving God His Way, even to the putting of one's life on the line to do it.
- The New Testament speaks of the Lord Yeshua being in Jerusalem for 'the Feast of Dedication' or Hanuka (John 10:22). This year the 8th day of Hanuka begins on Tuesday night, January 4, 2022 and ends at dark on Wednesday night, January 5, 2022.

## NEW MOONS 2021

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

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