

# GOD'S ETERNAL CALENDAR

*“These are the LORD’s appointed festivals, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times” Lev 23:4*

Spring Festivals (Gregorian month: March or April; Lunar month: Nisan)

I. **Passover** (פסח aka Pesach). Note: the Spring Festivals fall on 3 consecutive days.

- God’s date: 14 Nisan.
- Passover is mentioned 57 times in the TaNaKh (OT) & in the Apostolic Scriptures (NT).

*“Now this day will be a memorial to you, & you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance,” Ex 12:14 NASB. (Also, mentioned in Lev 23:4-14; Ex 12:15-28, 23:15; Num 9:13; Eze 45:21; Luke 22:15; 1Cor 5:7; etc.)*

II. <sup>1&2</sup>**Unleavened Bread** (חג המצות aka Hag HaMatzot).

- God’s date: 15-21 Nisan (Shabbat Shabbatons: 15 Nisan & 21 Nisan, the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread.)

*“And on the fifteenth day of the same month [is] the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread,” Lev 23:6 KJV. (also Deut 16:3; Ex 12:8, 12:15, 13:3, 34:18, 1Cor 5:8)*

*“On the 1<sup>st</sup> day you shall have a holy assembly, & another holy assembly on the 7<sup>th</sup> day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten by every person, that alone may be prepared by you,” Ex 12:16.*

III. **First Fruits** (ראשית ציר: the beginning of the harvest aka Yom HaBikurim יום הבקורים).

- God’s date: 16 Nisan (Shabbat Shabbaton: 16 Nisan)

*“Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the sons of Israel & say to them, ‘When you enter the land which I am going to give to you & reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest,” Lev 23:9-10.*

During the summer (Gregorian months: May or June; Lunar month: Sivan)

IV. <sup>3</sup>**Feast of Weeks** (חג השבועות aka Hag HaShavuot/Pentecost)

- God’s date: 6 Sivan (Shabbat Shabbaton: 6 Sivan.)
- Pentecost means 50, because Pentecost is 50 days after Passover: The Feast of Weeks is mentioned 5 times in TaNaKh (OT); & Pentecost is 3 times in Apostolic Scriptures (NT).

*“You shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks, that is, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, & the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year,” Ex 34:22 (also mentioned in Deut 16:10,16; 2 Chron 8:13; Num 28:26; Acts 2:1, etc.)*

Fall Festivals (Gregorian month: September or October; Lunar month: Tishrei)

V. <sup>4</sup>**Feast of Trumpets** (יום תרועה aka Yom Teru’ah/Rosh HaShanah).

- God’s date: 1 Tishrei (Shabbat Shabbaton: 1 Tishrei)

*“Say to the Israelites: ‘On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present a food offering to the LORD,” Lev 23:24-5. (Also, it is mentioned in Num 10:10, 29:1-6.)*

VI. <sup>5</sup>**Day of Atonement** (יום הכפרים aka Yom Kippur).

- God’s date: 10 Tishrei (Shabbat Shabbaton: 10 Tishrei)

*“The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present a food offering to the LORD. Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God,” Lev 23:27-8. (Also, mentioned in 16:29-34, 23:27-32, 25:9; Num 29:7; Heb 9:11-14, 22-24, 10:1-25.)*

VII. <sup>6&7</sup>**Feast of Booths** (חג הסוכות aka Hag Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles).

- God’s date: 15-22 Tishrei (Shabbat Shabbatons: 15 Tishrei & 22 Tishrei, Sh’mini Atzeret/ 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sukkot)

*“On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD’s Festival of Tabernacles begins, & lasts for seven days. The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work,” Lev 23:34-5. (Also, it is mentioned in verses 36-44; Num 29:12; Deut 16:13-15; Zech 14:16-19: consequences for not celebrating the festival; John 7:2-52.)*

<sup>7</sup>**Sh’mini Atzeret** (שמיני עצרת : the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sukkot)

- God’s date: 22 Tishrei (Shabbat Shabbaton: 22 Tishrei)

*“On the 8<sup>th</sup> day you shall have a holy convocation & present an offering by fire to the LORD; it is an assembly. You shall do no laborious work,” Lev 23:36b-c.*

# FESTIVALS DAYS for 2017

*Unlike the Gregorian calendar whose day begins at midnight, the Biblical day begins at sundown and continues until sundown on the following day.*

**Passover:** begins sundown 04/10 & Hag HaMatzot lasts until sundown 04/17  
(*Shabbat Shabbatons: 1<sup>st</sup> day & final day. The days between are not Shabbat Shabbatons.*)

- 04/10 Monday: Passover begins at sundown  
CFS Passover Seder begins at 5:45pm
- 04/11 Tuesday: *Shabbat Shabbaton (begins at sundown Monday & ends at sundown Tuesday)*
- 04/16 Sunday: CFS 7<sup>th</sup> Day Holy Convocation & supper begin at 5:45pm
- 04/17 Monday: *Shabbat Shabbaton (begins at sundown Sunday & ends at sundown Monday)*

**Shavu'ot:** begins sundown 5/30 & lasts until sundown 5/31

- 05/30 Tuesday: Shavu'ot begins at sundown  
CFS Shavu'ot celebration & dinner begin at 5:45pm
- 05/31 Wednesday: *Shabbat Shabbaton (begins at sundown Tuesday; ends sundown Wednesday)*

**Yom Teru'ah:** begins sundown 9/20 & lasts until sundown 9/21

- 09/20 Wednesday: Yom Teru'ah begins at sundown  
CFS Shavu'ot celebration & dinner begin at 5:45pm
- 09/21 Thursday: *Shabbat Shabbaton (begins at sundown Wednesday; ends at sundown Thursday)*

**Yom Kippur:** begins sundown 9/29 & lasts until sundown 9/30

- 09/29 Friday: Yom Kippur (*begins at sundown Friday & ends at sundown Saturday*)  
CFS service begins at 5:45pm
- 09/30 Saturday: *Shabbat Shabbaton*. CFS Break-the-Fast begins at 5:45pm

**Sukkot:** begins sundown 10/04 & lasts until sundown 10/11

(*Shabbat Shabbatons: 1st day & final day, which is Sh'mini Atzeret. The days between are not Shabbat Shabbatons.*)

- 10/04 Wednesday: Sukkot, begins at sundown  
CFS Sukkot celebration & dinner begin at 5:45pm
- 10/05 Thursday: *Shabbat Shabbaton (begins at sundown Wednesday; ends sundown Thursday)*

**Sh'mini Atzeret:** 8th day: begins sundown 10/11 & lasts until sundown 10/12

- 10/11 Wednesday: Sh'mini Atzeret begins at sundown  
CFS Sh'mini Atzeret/Simcha Torah\* celebration & dinner begin at 5:45pm  
(\*Simchat Torah **שְׂמֵחַת תּוֹרָה**)
- 10/12 Thursday: *Shabbat Shabbaton (begins sundown Wednesday; ends sundown Thursday)*

Non-Biblical festivals (Though these are not Biblical festivals, they do celebrate God's intervention.)

- **Purim:** פּוּרִים (minor festival; while it is not a Biblical holiday, Purim does celebrate the Biblical event of God's using Queen Esther to spare the Jewish people)  
03/11/2017 Shabbat: Purim begins at sundown  
CFS Shabbat service & Purim celebration & dinner begin at 3pm
- **Hanukkah:** חֲנֻכָּה (minor festival; like Purim, this is not a Biblical festival; however, it also celebrates God's intervention and sparing the Jews): Hanukkah begins sundown 12/12 & lasts until sundown 12/20  
12/16/2017 Shabbat: CFS Shabbat service & Hanukkah celebration & dinner begin at 3pm