

GOD'S ETERNAL CALENDAR *according to the Bible*

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

Shabbat (שַׁבָּת aka Shabbat, God's ordained Sabbath). Sabbath is used 170 times in Scripture.

- Occurs weekly, every Friday sundown & until Saturday sundown.
“Remember the day, Shabbat, to set it apart for God,” Ex 20:8 CJB.

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

I. **Passover** (פֶּסַח 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. **^{1&2}Unleavened Bread** (חַג הַמַּצּוֹת aka Hag HaMatzot).

- God's date: 15-21 Nisan (Biblical Shabbat: 15 Nisan & 21 Nisan, Passover 7th Day.)
“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 1st day you shall have a holy assembly, & another holy assembly on the 7th 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** (יּוֹם הַבִּכּוּרִים aka Yom HaBikurim). *the beginning of the harvest aka Yom HaBikurim*

- God's date: 16 Nisan (Biblical Shabbat: 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.

Summer Festival (Gregorian months: May or June; Lunar month: Sivan)

IV. **³Feast of Weeks** (חַג הַשָּׁבֻעֹת aka Hag HaShavuot/Pentecost)

- God's date: 6 Sivan (Biblical Shabbat: 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. **⁴Feast of Trumpets** (יּוֹם תְּרוּעָה aka Yom Teru'ah/Rosh HaShanah).

- God's date: 1 Tishrei (Biblical Shabbat: 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. **⁵Day of Atonement** (יּוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים aka Yom Kippur).

- God's date: 10 Tishrei (Biblical Shabbat: 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. **^{6&7}Feast of Booths** (חַג הַסֻּכּוֹת aka Hag Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles).

- God's date: 15-22 Tishrei (Biblical Shabbat: 15 Tishrei & 22 Tishrei, Sh'mini Atzeret/ 8th 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.)

⁷Sh'mini Atzeret (שְׁמִינִי עֶצְרַת: the 8th day of Sukkot)

- God's date: 22 Tishrei (Biblical Shabbat: 22 Tishrei)
“On the 8th 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.

2019 FESTIVALS according to the Gregorian Calendar

NOTE: the Biblical day begins at sundown and continues until sundown on the following day; unlike the Gregorian calendar's day which begins at midnight.

Festival	Festival Date(s)	Biblical Shabbat	CFS Celebration & dinner
<i>Weekly Festival</i>			
Shabbat	every week	YES (from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown)	Shabbat morning @ 10:30am*
<i>¹Non-Biblical Holiday</i>			
erev Purim	evening before March 21	NO	Wednesday, March 20 @ 5:45
<i>Spring Festivals</i>			
erev Passover	evening before April 20	YES (from April 19 sundown until April 20 sundown)	Friday, April 19 @ 5:45
erev Passover 7th Day	evening before April 26	YES (from April 25 sundown until April 26 sundown)	Thursday, April 25 @ 5:45
<i>Summer Festival</i>			
erev Shavu'ot	evening before June 9	YES (from June 8 sundown until June 9 sundown)	Shabbat, June 8 @ 6:15
<i>Fall Festivals</i>			
erev Yom Teru'ah	evening before Sept 30	YES (from Sept 29 sundown until Sept 30 sundown)	Sunday, Sept 29 @ 5:45
erev Yom Kippur	evening before Oct 9	YES (from Oct 8 sundown until Oct 9 sundown)	Tuesday, October 8 @ 5:45*
Break-the-Fast		NO	Wednesday, October 9 @ 5:45
erev Sukkot	evening before October 14	YES (from Oct 13 sundown until Oct 14 sundown)	Sunday, October 13 @ 5:45
erev Sh'mini Atzeret	evening before October 21	YES (from Oct 20 sundown until Oct 21 sundown)	Sunday, October 20 @ 5:45
<i>¹Non-Biblical Holiday</i>			
Hanukkah	December 22 – 29	NO	Friday, December 27 @ 5:45

Notes:

* Dinner is not included after Shabbat services nor Yom Kippur.

¹ *Non-Biblical Holidays*: Since these are not Biblical festivals, they are not followed by Shabbat Shabbatons. They do, however, celebrate God's intervention and His saving the Jews.

Purim פּוּרִים: Purim celebrates the Biblical event of God's using Queen Esther to spare the Jewish people.

Hanukkah חֲנֻכָּה: Like Purim, Hanukkah is not a Biblical festival. It celebrates God's using the Maccabees to save the Jewish people and restore the Temple.

Also note: Some Festivals outside of the Land of Israel have an extra day of celebration. However, at CFS, we have chosen to follow the Biblical/Israeli celebration dates.

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