

# 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

## *Weekly Sabbath*

**Sabbath** (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 Festival Sabbaths (Gregorian month: March or April; Biblical/Lunar month: Nisan (aka Aviv))*

**Passover** (פֶּסַח aka Pesach).

- God’s date: 14 Nisan, which is the Day of Preparation for Hag HaMatzot (Mark 15:42).
- 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.)

**#1&2 Feast of Unleavened Bread** (חַג הַמַּצּוֹת aka Hag HaMatzot).

- God’s date: 15-21 Nisan (Festival Sabbaths: 15 Nisan & 21 Nisan.)

“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 [15 Nisan] you shall have a holy assembly, & another holy assembly on the 7<sup>th</sup> day [21 Nisan]; 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.

**First Fruits - Resurrection** (Yom HaBikurim יוֹם הַבִּכּוּרִים: Day of First Fruits).

- God’s date: 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 23:9-14

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep,” 1Cor 15:20-21.

## *Summer Festival Sabbath (Gregorian months: May or June; Biblical/Lunar month: Sivan)*

**#3 Feast of Weeks** (חַג הַשָּׁבֻעוֹת aka Hag HaShavuot/Pentecost)

- God’s date: 6 Sivan (Festival Sabbath: 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 Festival Sabbath (Gregorian month: September or October; Biblical/Lunar month: Tishrei)*

**#4 Day of Trumpets** (יוֹם תְּרוּעָה aka Yom Tru’ah).

- God’s date: 1 Tishrei (Festival Sabbath: 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.)

**#5 Day of Atonement** (יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים aka Yom Kippur).

- God’s date: 10 Tishrei (Festival Sabbath: 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.)

**#6&7 Feast of Booths** (חַג הַסֻּכּוֹת aka Hag Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles).

- God’s date: 15-22 Tishrei (Festival Sabbaths: 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.)

**Sh’mini Atzeret** (שְׁמִינִי עֲצָרֶת) the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sukkot)

- God’s date: 22 Tishrei (Festival Sabbath: 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.

# 2021 Gregorian Calendar Dates for the Festivals

Festival Sabbath & Festival difference: →A Sabbath is a time to cease from your normal routine. →A Festival is a memorial and may or may not fall on the weekly Sabbath.	Weekly Sabbath (Weekly Sabbath occurs every week.)  Festival Sabbaths or Annual High Sabbaths or Shabbat Shabbatons (High Sabbaths can fall on any day of the week.)	Days of Observance (Remember, the Biblical day begins at sundown.)	Dates of CFS Celebrations
<b>Weekly Sabbath</b>			
<b>Sabbath</b>	<b>YES</b> This is a Weekly Sabbath. (Shabbat is every week from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown.)	every week	every Shabbat @ 10:30am
<i>erev</i> Purim	<b>NO</b> Purim is <u>non-Biblical</u> Festival, & it does not fall on a Festival Sabbath. Purim commemorates a Biblical event.	Purim is not a High Sabbath	Friday, Feb 26 @ 5:00
<b>Spring Festival Sabbaths</b>			
<i>erev</i> Pesach (Day of Preparation)	<b>NO</b> Pesach is a Festival, & it does not fall on a Festival Sabbath. (While Pesach is not a Festival Sabbath, it is a memorial. Pesach is the night the Bible instructs that we are to eat the LORD's Passover, Ex 12:14.)	The Festival Sabbath is actually the next day, Hag HaMatzot.	Sat, March 27 @ 5:00 (CFS Congregational Seder)
<b><i>erev</i> Hag HaMatzot</b>	<b>YES</b> Hag HaMatzot is a Festival Sabbath.	2021: from March 28 sundown until April 4 sundown	Sun, March 28: (Home Seders)
First Fruits	<b>NO</b> First Fruits is a Festival, & it does not fall on a Festival Sabbath. Lev 23:9-10; 1Cor 15:20-21; Mt 28:6.	The Festival Sabbath is the day before on Hag HaMatzot.	Mon, March 29 @ 5:45
<b><i>erev</i> 7th Day of Hag HaMatzot</b>	<b>YES</b> 7th Day of Hag HaMatzot is a Festival Sabbath.	2021: from April 2 sundown until April 3 sundown	Fri, April 2 @ 5:00
<b>Summer Festival Sabbaths</b>			
<b><i>erev</i> Hag HaShavu'ot</b>	<b>YES</b> Hag HaShavu'ot is a Festival Sabbath.	2021: from May 16 sundown until May 17 sundown	Sun, May 16 @ 6:15
<b>Fall Festival Sabbaths</b>			
<b><i>erev</i> Yom Tru'ah</b>	<b>YES</b> Yom Tru'ah is a Festival Sabbath.	2021: from Sept 6 sundown until Sept 7 sundown	Mon, Sept 6 @ 5:45
<b><i>erev</i> Yom Kippur</b>	<b>YES</b> Yom Kippur is a Festival Sabbath.	2021: from Sept 15 sundown until Sept 16 sundown	Wed, Sept 15 @ 5:45 (No dinner; <i>erev</i> Yom Kippur begins our Yom Kippur fast.)
Break-the-Fast	<b>NO</b> Break-the-fast is not a Festival nor a Festival Sabbath. (It concludes the Yom Kippur fast)	Break-the-fast is not a Festival Sabbath.	Thurs, Sept 16 @ 5:45 (We break our fast together.)
<b><i>erev</i> Hag HaSukkot</b>	<b>YES</b> Hag HaSukkot is a Festival Sabbath.	2021: from Sept 20 sundown until Sept 21 sundown	Mon, Sept 20 @ 5:45
<b><i>erev</i> Sh'mini Atzeret</b>	<b>YES</b> Sh'mini Atzeret is a Festival Sabbath.	2021: from Sept 27 sundown until Sept 28 sundown	Mon, Sept 27 @ 5:45
Hanukkah	<b>NO</b> Hanukkah is <u>non-Biblical</u> Festival and does not fall on a Festival Sabbath. It commemorates God's saving His people.	2021: from Nov 28 sundown until Dec 6 sundown	Fri, Dec 3 @ 5:45 (6th candle)

## NOTES:

Below are listed the 4 Festivals which are not Festival Sabbaths (aka Holy Convocations). These do, however, celebrate God's intervention and His saving His people.

- Purim** Purim is a Festival but does not fall on a Festival Sabbath celebrates the Biblical event of God's using Queen Esther to spare the Jewish people.
- Pesach** YHVH did not establish Pesach a Festival Sabbath; He did declare that "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. Yeshua was crucified that all might be saved. (2Cor 5:21; 1Pet 2:23-24; Is 53:4-5; Heb 9:22)
- First Fruits** Like Pesach, First Fruits is a Festival but does not fall on a Festival Sabbath. We celebrate Yeshua's resurrection, 1Cor 15:20.
- Hanukkah** Like Purim, Hanukkah is a Festival but does not fall on a Festival Sabbath. It celebrates God's using the Maccabees to save the Jewish people and restore the Temple.

Also note: outside the Land of Israel, some Festivals are observed an extra day. At CFS, we follow the Biblical/Israeli days of observance.