

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

Weekly Sabbath

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

- Occurs weekly, every Friday sundown & until Saturday sundown.
“Remember the day, Sabbath, to set it apart for God,” Ex 20:8 CJB. (Also Lev 23:3)

Spring Festivals

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 12:1-30 NASB. (Also, mentioned in Lev 23:4-14; Ex 12:15-28, 23:15; Num 9:1-14; Eze 45:21-22; Luke 22:15; 1Cor 5:7; etc.)

#1&2 Feast of Unleavened Bread -- 1st Day & 7th Day (חַג הַמַּצּוֹת aka Hag HaMatzot).

- God’s date: 15-21 Nisan (Annual Festival Sabbaths: 15 Nisan & 21 Nisan.)
“On the 1st day [15 Nisan] you shall have a holy assembly, & another holy assembly on the 7th 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.
“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 Lev 23:4-8; Ex 12:1-51, 13:1-16, 34:18; Dt 16:1-8, 1Cor 5:8)

First Fruits - Resurrection (Yom HaBikurim יוֹם הַבִּקּוּרִים 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; Mt 28:6.

Summer Festival

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

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

- God’s date: 6 Sivan (Annual 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 Lev 23:15-22; Deut 16:9-10, 16; 2 Chron 8:13; Num 28:26; Acts 2:1, etc.)

Fall Festivals

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: 1Tishrei (Annual Festival Sabbath: 1Tishrei)
“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 23:24-25. (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 (Annual 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 23:26-32. (Also, mentioned in Lev 16:1-34, 25:9; Num 29:7-11; Rom 3:21-26; Heb 7-8, Heb 9:11-14, 9:22-24, 10:1-25.)

#6 Feast of Booths (חַג הַסּוּכּוֹת aka Hag Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles).

- God’s date: 15-22 Tishrei (Annual 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 23:34-44. (Also, it is mentioned in verses Num 29:12-40; Deut 16:13-17; 2Chron 8:13; and John 7. (consequences for not celebrating the festival: Zech 14:1-21);

#7 BaYom HaSh’mini (בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁמִינִי / שְׁמִינִי עֶצְרַת aka Sh’mini Atzeret/the 8th day of Sukkot)

- God’s date: 22 Tishrei (Annual Festival Sabbath: 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. (and Mk 12:28-34)

Festival Dates *according to the 2022 Gregorian Calendar*

<u><i>Shabbat (aka Weekly Sabbath)</i></u>		Days of Observance (Remember, the Biblical day begins at sundown.)	Dates of CFS Celebrations
→A Weekly Shabbat occurs every week & is a time to cease from your normal routine.			
<u><i>Shabbat Shabbaton (aka Annual Festival Sabbath)</i></u>			
→Each <i>Shabbat Shabbaton</i> occurs once a year & may fall on any day of the week. These are days YHVH instructs us to cease from our normal routine. Remember, these are YHVH's appointed times!			
<i>Weekly Shabbat (or Sabbath)</i>			
Shabbat	This day is a Weekly Shabbat (aka Sabbath). (this <i>weekly</i> Sabbath/Shabbat that occurs every week from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown.)	<i>every week</i> From Fri sundown to Sat sundown.	<i>every Shabbat @ 10:30am</i>
<i>erev</i> Purim	**Purim is not a Biblical Festival nor a Shabbat Shabbaton. Purim commemorates God's saving His people.	Purim is <u>not</u> a Shabbat Shabbaton.	Friday, March 18 @ 5:00 (Sushan Purim)
<i>Spring Shabbat Shabbaton</i>			
<i>erev</i> Pesach (Day of Preparation)	**Pesach is a Biblical Festival but not a Shabbat Shabbaton. Hag HaMatzot is the Shabbat Shabbaton. (Pesach is a memorial; it is when the Bible instructs us to eat YHVH's Passover, Ex 12:14.)	The Shabbat Shabbaton for Pesach is the next day, Hag HaMatzot.	Fri, April 15 @ 5:00 (CFS Congregational Seder)
#1 <i>erev</i> 1st Day Hag HaMatzot	Hag HaMatzot is a Shabbat Shabbaton (an <i>Annual Festival Sabbath</i>).	This Shabbat Shabbaton is from April 16 sundown until April 17 sundown.	Sat, April 16: (Home Seders)
First Fruits	**First Fruits is a Festival – but not a Shabbat Shabbaton. Lev 23:9-10; 1Cor 15:20-21; Mt 28:6.	The Shabbat Shabbaton is the day before on Hag HaMatzot.	Sun, April 17 @ 5:45
#2 <i>erev</i> 7th Day of Hag HaMatzot	7 th Day of Hag HaMatzot is a Shabbat Shabbaton (an <i>Annual Festival Sabbath</i>).	This Shabbat Shabbaton is from April 22 sundown until April 23 sundown.	Fri, April 22 @ 5:45
<i>Summer Shabbat Shabbaton</i>			
#3 <i>erev</i> Hag HaShavu'ot	Hag HaShavu'ot is a Shabbat Shabbaton (an <i>Annual Festival Sabbath</i>).	This Shabbat Shabbaton is from June 4 sundown until June 5 sundown.	Sat, June 4 @ 5:45
<i>Fall Shabbat Shabbaton</i>			
#4 <i>erev</i> Yom Tru'ah	Yom Tru'ah is a Shabbat Shabbaton (an <i>Annual Festival Sabbath</i>).	This Shabbat Shabbaton is from Sept 25 sundown until Sept 26 sundown.	Sun, Sept 25 @ 5:45
#5 <i>erev</i> Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur is a Shabbat Shabbaton (an <i>Annual Festival Sabbath</i>).	This Shabbat Shabbaton is from Oct 4 sundown until Oct 5 sundown.	Tues, Oct 4 @ 5:45 (No dinner; <i>erev</i> Yom Kippur begins our Yom Kippur fast.)
Break-the-Fast	Break-the-fast is not a Shabbat Shabbaton. (It celebrates the conclusion of the Annual Yom Kippur fast.)	Break-the-fast is <u>not</u> a Shabbat Shabbaton.	Wed, Oct 5 @ 5:45 (We break our fast.)
#6 <i>erev</i> Hag HaSukkot	Hag HaSukkot is a Shabbat Shabbaton (an <i>Annual Festival Sabbath</i>).	This Shabbat Shabbaton is from Oct 9 sundown until Oct 10 sundown.	Sun, Oct 9 @ 5:45
#7 <i>erev</i> BaYom HaSh'mini	BaYom HaSh'mini (aka Sh'mini Atzeret) is a Shabbat Shabbaton (an <i>Annual Festival Sabbath</i>).	This Shabbat Shabbaton is from Oct 16 until sundown Oct 17 sundown.	Sat, Oct 16 @ 5:45
Hanukkah	**Hanukkah is not a Biblical Festival and does not fall on a Festival Sabbath. It commemorates God's saving His people.	Hanukkah is not a Biblical Festival. It begins Dec 18 sundown & continues until Dec 26 sundown	Fri, Dec 23 @ 5:45 (6 th candle)

****NOTES:** These 4 Festivals are not Shabbat Shabbatons (aka Holy Convocations). These do, however, celebrate God's intervention and His saving His people.

Purim Purim is a Festival, not a Shabbat Shabbaton, it celebrates the Biblical event of God's using Queen Esther to spare the Jewish people.

Pesach Pesach is a Festival – not a Shabbat Shabbaton; Yeshua stated "you shall celebrate it as a feast to YHVH; 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 First Fruits is a Festival, not a Shabbat Shabbaton. As Believers, we celebrate Yeshua's resurrection on First Fruits, 1Cor 15:20; Mat 28:6.

Hanukkah Like Purim, Hanukkah is a Festival, not a Shabbat Shabbaton. 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.