

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 Lev 23:4-8; Deut 16:3; Ex 12:8, 12:15, 13:3, 34:18, 1Cor 5:8)

"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.

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 הַשָּׁבֻעֹת 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 Lev 23:15-22; 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 אֶצֶרֶת the 8th day of Sukkot)

- God's date: 22 Tishrei (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.

2023 Gregorian Calendar Dates for the Festivals

Weekly Shabbat (Weekly Sabbath occurs every week.) →A Shabbat is a time to cease from your normal routine. Festival Shabbat (aka Shabbat Shabbaton) aka Annual High Shabbat or Shabbat Shabbaton (Festival Shabbat can fall on any day of the week.) →A Festival Shabbat is a memorial and may fall on any day.		Days of Observance (Remember, the Biblical day begins at sundown.)	Dates of CFS Celebrations
Weekly Shabbats		NOTE: Shabbat is highlighted in grey	
Shabbat	YES This is a Weekly Shabbat. (Shabbat is every week from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown.)	every week From Fri sundown to Sat sundown	every Shabbat @ 10:30am
<i>erev Purim</i>	NO Purim is non-Biblical Festival, & it does not fall on a Festival Shabbat. Purim commemorates a Biblical event.	Purim is not a Festival Shabbat	Mon, 03/08/2023, @ 5:45 (Shushan Purim)
Spring Festival Shabbats		NOTE: Shabbat Shabbatons are highlighted in grey	
<i>erev Pesach</i> (Day of Preparation)	NO Pesach is a Festival, & it does not fall on a Festival Shabbat. (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.	Wed, 04/05/2023, @ 5:00 (CFS Congregational Seder)
erev Hag HaMatzot	YES Hag HaMatzot is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (Shabbat Shabbaton) from April 6 sundown until April 7 sundown	Thurs, 04/06/2023: (Home Seders)
First Fruits	NO First Fruits is a Festival – but not a Festival Sabbath. Lev 23:9-10; 1Cor 15:20-21; Mt 28:6.	The Festival Shabbat is the day before on Hag HaMatzot.	Fri, 04/08/2023, @ 5:45
erev 7th Day of Hag HaMatzot	YES 7 th Day of Hag HaMatzot is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (Shabbat Shabbaton), day 7: from April 12 sundown until April 13 sundown	Wed, 04/12/2023, @ 5:45
Summer Festival Shabbat			
erev Hag HaShavu'ot	YES Hag HaShavu'ot is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (Shabbat Shabbaton) from May 25 sundown until May 26 sundown	Thurs, 05/25/2023, @ 5:45
Fall Festival Shabbats			
erev Yom Tru'ah	YES Yom Tru'ah is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (Shabbat Shabbaton): from Sept 25 sundown until Sept 26 sundown	Fri, 09/15/2023, @ 5:45
erev Yom Kippur	YES Yom Kippur is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (Shabbat Shabbaton): from Sept 24 sundown until Sept 25 sundown	Sun, 09/24/2023, @ 5:45 (No dinner; <i>erev</i> Yom Kippur begins our Yom Kippur fast.)
Break-the-Fast	NO Break-the-fast is not a Festival nor a Festival Shabbat. (It concludes the Yom Kippur fast)	Break-the-fast is not a Festival Shabbat.	Mon, 09/25/2023, @ 5:45 (We break our fast together.)
erev Hag HaSukkot	YES Hag HaSukkot is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (Shabbat Shabbaton): from Sept 29 sundown until Sept 30 sundown	Fri, 09/29/2023, @ 5:45
erev Sh'mini Atzeret	YES Sh'mini Atzeret is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (Shabbat Shabbaton): from Oct 6 sundown until Oct 7 sundown	Fri, 10/06/2023, @ 5:45
Hanukkah	NO Hanukkah is non-Biblical Festival and does not fall on a Festival Shabbat. It commemorates God's saving His people.	Hanukkah is from Dec 7 sundown until Dec 15 sundown	Fri, 12/08/2023, @ 5:45 (2 nd candle)

NOTES:

These 4 Festivals 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.