

Hebrew Calendar

Understanding Bible Times

- A Hebrew month began in the middle of a month on our calendar today.
- Years are strictly lunar, broken into 12 new moons (avg. 29.5 days/month, 354 days)
- The sacred year begins with the new moon of spring (between March 22 and April 25)
- For lost time, the calendar has a 13th month (Veadar), 7 times out of 19 years
- A day began at sunset of the previous day

Sacred Year	Civil Year	Hebrew Month	English Months	Hebrew Festivals
1	7	Nisan (Abib) 30 Days	March—April	1 — New Moon 14 — Passover (<i>Lev. 23:5</i>) 15-21 — Unleavened Bread (<i>Lev. 23:6</i>) 15-21 — First Fruits (<i>Lev. 23:10</i>)
2	8	Iyyar (Ziv) 29 Days	April—May	1 — New Moon 14 — Second Passover (<i>Num. 9:10, 11</i>)
3	9	Sivan 30 Days	May—June	1 — New Moon 6 — Pentecost (<i>Lev. 23:16</i>)
4	10	Tammuz (29)	June—July	1 — New Moon
5	11	Ab (30 Days)	July—August	1 — New Moon
6	12	Elul (29 Days)	August—Sept	1 — New Moon
7	1	Tishri (Ethanim) 30 Days	Sept—October	1 — New Moon (New Year) 1 — Day of Trumpets (<i>Lev. 29:1; 23:24</i>) 10 — Day of Atonement (<i>Lev. 16; 23:27</i>) 15-21 — Feast of Booths (<i>Lev. 23:24</i>)
8	2	Marchesran (Bul) 29 Days	October—Nov	1 — New Moon
9	3	Chislev (30 Days)	Nov—December	1 — New Moon 25 — Feast of Dedication (<i>John 10:22, 29</i>)
10	4	Tebeth (29 Days)	Dec—January	1 — New Moon
11	5	Shebat (30 Days)	January—Feb	1 — New Moon
12	6	Adar 29 Days	Feb—March	1 — New Moon 13 — Fast of Esther 14, 15 — Feast of Purim (<i>Esther 9</i>)
13		Veadar (Adar, Sheni) Leap Year	March—April	

