

4Winds Fellowships

2020AD / 5983-84AM Calendar of the Festivals of the Lord

For the sake of simplicity and everyone being on the same page, we are no longer using our own calculations based on new moon sightings using an astronomy program. Instead we are using the dates provided by the modern Jewish calendar, with two exceptions:

1. The modern Jewish calendar does not provide the appropriate date for "Firstfruits" (which is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection), and must always fall on the first day of the week. Instead they place it on the 16th of Nisan, which is not linked to a weekday. Lev. 23:10-11 states that this festival occurs on "*the day after the Sabbath*," which we interpret as **the weekly Sabbath** during Unleavened Bread. But the modern Jewish reckoning considers the first day of Unleavened Bread (Nisan 15) as the "Sabbath" referred to in this passage. Thus on the modern Jewish calendar "Firstfruits" is always on the 16th of Nisan regardless of weekday. But the careful student should notice that if this method is followed, then Pentecost will not always be the 50th day as required by Lev. 23:15-16, thus exposing the flaw in this interpretation. We believe that the changes were intentionally made long ago in order to disassociate the feasts from Jesus' resurrection.

2. Because of the above change, the modern Jewish calendar does not always place Pentecost (Shavout) on a Sunday as Scripture requires, because they changed the day on which the 50-day countdown to Pentecost begins.

I. Spring Feasts of the Lord (5983AM)

A. **Passover** (1 day), Nisan 14 begins at sunset (4/9). The lamb was to be slaughtered between sunset and dark, and the Passover meal must be eaten before morning (Ex. 12:5-10). The daylight hours following were used for clean-up and preparation for the seven days of 'Unleavened Bread.'

1. **Unleavened Bread** (7 days), Nisan 15-21 begins at sunset (4/10) and continues until sunset (4/16).

2. **Firstfruits** (1 day) Resurrection Day, **always falls on the Sunday** following the first day of Unleavened Bread. This year it begins at sunset (4/11) and ends at sunset (4/12).

II. Summer Feast of the Lord

A. **Pentecost** "50th" (1 day) is seven full weeks after Firstfruits, and always falls on the first day of the week, the 50th Day. This year it begins at sunset (5/30) and ends at sunset (5/31).

III. Fall Feasts of the Lord (5984 AM)

A. **Rosh Hashanah** (1 day) begins at sunset (9/19) through sunset (9/20).

B. **Days of Awe** (10 days) includes Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur.

C. **Yom Kippur** (1 day) **FAST DAY** begins at sundown (9/27) through sundown (9/28).

D. **Sukkot** (Tabernacles) begins sunset (10/3) through sunset (10/10).

IV. Winter Celebration

A. **Hanukkah** (8 days) begins at sunset (12/11) until sunset (12/19). Menorah lamps lit each evening after sundown on 12/11 – 12/18.