

4Winds Fellowships

2024AD / 5987-88AM Calendar of the Festivals of the Lord

Calculations are based on virtual "sightings" of the new moon using astronomy program Redshift 7 as viewed from Jerusalem. The standard is that the moon must set behind the sun by at least 12 deg. The modern dates on the Jewish calendar are not based on the sighting of the new moon and also may differ for the following reasons:

1. The Modern Jewish calendar has the Passover Seder on Nisan 15, but the Scripture places it at the beginning of the 14th (Lev. 23:5). This is the date that the early Christians observed Passover.

2. The modern Jewish calendar does not provide the correct date for "First-fruits" (which is the anniversary of Jesus' resurrection), Lev. 23:10-11 states that this festival occurs on "*the day after the Sabbath*" following Passover, which we interpret as the weekly Sabbath, thus always placing First-fruits on the first day of the week. But the modern Jewish interpretation considers the first day of Unleavened Bread (Nisan 15) to be an additional "Sabbath" referred to in this passage. Thus on the modern Jewish calendar "First-fruits" 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 any connection with Jesus Christ.

3. Because of the change of First-fruits, the modern Jewish calendar does not always place Pentecost (Shavout) on a Sunday as Scripture requires, because they changed the start-day for the countdown of the 50-days, defined as 7 full Sabbaths + 1 day = 50 days.

I. Spring Feasts of the Lord (5987AM)

A. **Passover** (1 day), Nisan 14 begins at sunset (4/24). The lamb was to be slaughtered and prepared immediately (between sunset and dark) and the Passover meal must be eaten before dawn (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 (4/25) and continues until sunset (5/02).

2. **First-fruits** (1 day) Resurrection Day, always falls on the Sunday following the first day of Unleavened Bread. This year it begins at sunset (4/27) and ends at sunset (4/28).

II. Summer Feast of the Lord

A. **Pentecost** "50th" (1 day) is seven full weeks after First-fruits, and always falls on the first day of the week, the 50th Day. This year it begins at sunset (6/15) and ends at sunset (6/16).

III. Fall Feasts of the Lord (5988 AM)

A. **Rosh Hashanah** (1 day) Tishri 1 begins at sunset (10/05) through sunset (10/06).

B. **Days of Awe** (10 days) Tishri 1-10 includes Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur.

C. **Yom Kippur** (1 day) Tishri 10 FAST DAY begins at sundown (10/14) through sundown (10/15).

D. **Sukkot** (Tabernacles) Tishri 15-21 begins sunset (10/19) through sunset (10/26).

IV. Winter Celebration

A. **Hanukkah** (8 days) begins at sunset (12/27) until sunset (01/04/25). Menorah lamps to be lit each evening after sunset on 12/27 – 01/03/25.