

2008 Biblical Calendar

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JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 New Moon	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 New Moon	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 New Moon	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Tekufah	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 New Moon	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Pass-over	21 U.B. Sabbath	22	23	24	25	26
27 U.B. Sabbath Firstfruits	28	29	30			

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 New Moon	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5 New Moon	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Pentecost	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4 New Moon	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2 New Moon
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 New Moon	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Trumpets New Moon	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Atonement	11
12	13	14	15 Taber- nacles	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Taber- nacles	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 New Moon	31	

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 New Moon
30						

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 New Moon	30	31			

Light orange boxes indicate Annual Sabbaths. New moon days are purple. New moons are calculated by the day of the first visible sliver – not the conjunction.

Tekufah is the end of the Biblical year (2 Sam. 11:1 – in Hebrew) – The Biblical year, 2008 begins with the new moon after the *Tekufah*.

For more information about how to calculate the annual Sabbaths, see the back of this calendar and/or our website at www.lightedway.org.

A Few Words About the Calendar

At Lighted Way Ministries, we believe the end of the Biblical year takes place on *Tekufah*. This Hebrew word is translated in English in the Bible as "the end of the year" (see 2 Samuel 11:1). In the Hebrew language, the Spring *Tekufah* is "Vernal Equinox." Just as Josephus (the Jewish Historian) explained the Jews did in the time of Christ, and the book of Enoch states was done (located with the Dead Sea Scrolls), we start the Biblical year with the first new moon following the *Tekufah* (Vernal Equinox). This is also in accordance with Genesis 1:14, which states that the heavenly lights are used for determining days and years. What about the Abib? We believe that the Abib is the second witness to the timing of the beginning of the year. Abib does not mean "barley" as some have believed. It literally means "greening" or "spring". So in literal translation, the beginning of the year happens in the month of the "greening." We all know that Spring is a season that lasts three months, not one. Thus the precise "month of Abib" can be calculated most precisely by finding the *Tekufah*. The first month of Spring cannot take place until the first new moon after *Tekufah*. This gives us precise timing.

Obviously the barley played a vital role in the timing of Passover and Unleavened Bread as the barley had to be used for the wave sheaf on the day of Firstfruits. But, having barley for wave sheaf isn't the same as starting the year by waiting for the new moon after the barley is ripe in Jerusalem.

The following are several reasons we do not believe that the barley was the primary source for determining the beginning of the Biblical year.

1. The Bible never states to start the year by the barley harvest! It does state that the heavenly lights are to be used to determine the years (Genesis 1:14).
2. The Bible states that the Biblical year ends at *Tekufah* or the equinox of Spring (2 Samuel 11:1). (The word *Tekufah* is translated from Hebrew on a total of four different occasions in the Scripture.) This corresponds to the way the year was begun according to the historical sources of Josephus and the writings of Philo Judaeus
3. For two successive growing seasons (the Sabbath and Jubilee years), no grain was to be planted and, therefore, no maturing barley was available to consult (Lev. 25:1-24). True, barley sometimes sprouts and grows voluntarily with no cultivation, but this was less likely in the second year. It was illegal to reap volunteer grain in the 50th year, so Israel probably allowed their flocks to graze the fields. This was legal (Lev. 25:7,11).
4. During the flood, Noah was apparently able to determine the first day of the year without consulting the barley harvest.
5. During the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness (a desert), Israel kept a careful record of the months and years - apparently without consulting the barley harvest in Canaan.

What about the Jews today? The Jews largely determine the beginning of the year by the new moon CLOSEST to the vernal equinox. In 2008, the *Tekufah* or Vernal Equinox takes place on March 20. The first new moon (visible sliver) takes place on April 7, 2008. Thus, by counting from the new moon of April 7, 14 days brings us to April 20th as Passover. This year, our calculation for Passover happens to align with the Jews' calculations. But, this is not always so.

For more information, view the DVD titled: "Sabbath More Fully Series #8: Timing and Calculating the Holy Days." This DVD is available on our website at www.lightedway.org. You may also read this Bible study on our [webpage](#). (Note: We are simply Bible students. This calendar represents our understanding of truth in timing and calculating the annual Sabbaths. This subject is an area of considerable controversy. Please know that we love and support our annual Sabbatarian brothers and sisters however they calculate the year.)