

4Winds Fellowships

2017AD / 5980-81AM Calendar of the Festivals of the Lord

I. Spring Feasts of the Lord (5980AM)

A. **Passover** (1 day), Nisan 14 begins at sunset (4/11) and concludes at sunset (4/12). 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 (4/12) and continues until sunset (4/19).

2. **Firstfruits** (1 day) Resurrection Day, always falls on the first day of the week within the 7 days of Unleavened Bread. This year it begins at sunset (4/15) and ends at sunset (4:16).

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 (6/3) and ends at sunset (6/4).

III. Fall Feasts of the Lord (5981 AM)

A. **Rosh Hashanah** (1 day) begins at sunset (9/21) through sunset (9/22).

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

C. **Yom Kippur** (1 day) FAST DAY begins at sundown (9/30) through sundown (10/1).

D. **Sukkot** (Tabernacles) begins sunset (10/5) through sunset (10/12).

IV. Winter Celebration

A. **Hanukkah** (8 days) begins at sunset (12/13) until sunset (12/21). Menorah lamps lit each evening after sundown on 12/13 – 12/20.

All dates are calculated from when the new moon will be **visible** over Jerusalem (at least 12 degrees above the horizon after sunset) using the astronomy program, Redshift 7. The modern Jewish calendar uses the astronomical new moon instead and various other rules that were developed after the destruction of Jerusalem, which is why the feasts sometimes begin a day earlier on the Jewish calendar.