

Stewarton Bible School

The Annual Sabbaths of Yahweh

Years 2011 - 2025

CIVIL YEAR	New Moon (conjunction) Times		A likely first sighting at Jerusalem on	New Year's Day	First Day of Unleavened Bread	Last Day of Unleavened Bread	Feast of Pentecost	Feast of Trumpets	Fast of Atonement	First Day of Tabernacles	Last Great Day of Tabernacles
	Abib	Ethanim									
2011	Abib	April 3 rd @ 16:32	April 4 th	April 5 th	April 19 th	April 25 th	June 8 th	Sept. 29 th	Oct. 8 th	Oct. 13 th	Oct. 20 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 27 th @ 13:09	Sept. 28 th								
2012	Abib	March 22 nd @ 16:37	March 23 rd	March 24 th	April 7 th	April 13 th	May 27 th	Sept. 17 th	Sept. 26 th	Oct. 1 st	Oct. 8 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 16 th @ 04:11	Sept. 17 th								
2013	Abib	March 11 th @ 21:51	March 13 th	March 13 th	March 27 th	April 2 nd	May 16 th	Sept. 7 th	Sept. 16 th	Sept. 21 st	Sept. 28 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 5 th @ 13:36	Sept. 6 th								
2014	Abib	March 30 th @ 20:45	April 1 st	April 1 st	April 15 th	April 21 st	June 4 th	Sept. 26 th	Oct. 5 th	Oct. 10 th	Oct. 17 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 24 th @ 08:14	Sept. 25 th								
2015	Abib	March 20 th @ 11:36	March 21 st	March 22 nd	April 5 th	April 11 th	May 25 th	Sept. 15 th	Sept. 24 th	Sept. 29 th	Oct. 6 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 13 th @ 08:31	Sept. 14 th								
2016 *	Abib	March 9 th @ 03:54	March 10 th	March 10 th	March 24 th	March 30 th	May 13 th	Sept. 3 rd	Sept. 12 th	Sept. 17 th	Sept. 24 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 1 st @ 11:03	Sept. 2 nd								
2017	Abib	March 28 th @ 04:57	March 29 th	March 29 th	April 12 th	April 18 th	June 1 st	Sept. 22 nd	Oct. 1 st	Oct. 6 th	Oct. 13 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 20 th @ 07:30	Sept. 21 st								
2018	Abib	March 17 th @ 15:11	March 18 th	March 19 th	April 2 nd	April 8 th	May 22 nd	Sept. 11 th	Sept. 20 th	Sept. 25 th	Oct. 2 nd
	Ethanim	Sept. 9 th @ 20:01	Sept. 11 th								
2019 *	Abib	March 6 th @ 18:04	March 7 th	March 8 th	March 22 nd	March 28 th	May 11 th	Sept. 1 st	Sept. 10 th	Sept. 15 th	Sept. 22 nd
	Ethanim	August 30 th @ 12:37	August 31 st								
2020	Abib	March 24 th @ 11:28	March 25 th	March 26 th	April 9 th	April 15 th	May 29 th	Sept. 19 th	Sept. 28 th	Oct. 3 rd	Oct. 10 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 17 th @ 13:00	Sept. 18 th								

2021	Abib	March 13 th @ 12:21	March 14 th	March 15 th	March 29 th	April 4 th	May 18 th	Sept. 8 th	Sept. 17 th	Sept. 22 nd	Sept. 29 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 7 th @ 02:52	Sept. 8 th								
2022	Abib	April 1 th @ 08:24	April 2 nd	April 3 rd	April 17 th	April 23 rd	June 6 th	Sept. 27 th	Oct. 6 th	Oct. 11 th	Oct. 18 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 25 th @ 23:54	Sept. 27 th								
2023	Abib	March 21 st @ 19:23	March 23 rd	March 23 rd	April 6 th	April 12 th	May 26 th	Sept. 16 th	Sept. 25 th	Sept. 30 th	Oct. 7 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 15 th @ 03:40	Sept. 16 th								
2024 *	Abib	March 10 th @ 11:00	March 11 th	March 12 th	March 26 th	April 1 st	May 15 th	Sept. 4 th	Sept. 13 th	Sept. 18 th	Sept. 25 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 3 rd @ 03:55	Sept. 4 th								
2025	Abib	March 29 th @ 12:58	March 30 th	March 31 st	April 14 th	April 20 th	June 3 rd	Sept. 23 rd	Oct. 2 nd	Oct. 7 th	Oct. 14 th
	Ethanim	Sept. 21 st @ 21:54	Sept. 23 rd								

Conjunction times are reproduced from data supplied by the U.S. Naval Observatory

NOTE: An asterisk (*) beside the years 2016, 2019 & 2024 in the chart above, means, the sacred calendar year will start one month earlier than in the popular Jewish calendar. See below for **Alternative Dates**.

Why the Difference?

1. ANSWER

The answer is because Stewarton Bible School (SBS) starts the year with the new moon nearest the true Spring equinox (20th March.) Several Questions concerning the sacred calendar are answered in **Part Two** of the SBS booklet entitled **The Sacred Calendar of the God of Israel**. Please study those answers before submitting further questions.

2. FIRST SIGHTINGS OF THE NEW MOON

As stated in the Calendar booklet concerning **First Visibility**:

It is not possible to infallibly predict the exact date and time of the first sighting of a new moon. Greenwich Observatory in England confirms this fact. Therefore when setting up a calendar **in advance**, it is necessary to proceed using all the known facts at one's disposal; facts such as

- Conjunction times in Jerusalem Standard Time (JST).
- New moon-rise & new moon-set times in JST.
- Full moon times in JST.

Besides these there are other factors which must be considered.

They are:

- **First Sightings of the New Moon:** The earliest recorded time a new moon has been seen with the naked eye after a **conjunction** (the astronomical new moon) is just under **15 hours**. Normally first sightings occur anytime between **15 and 48 hours after a conjunction**. This has led us to follow the '*General Guideline*' of **allowing a minimum of 24 hours after a conjunction for the new born crescent to become visible**. If a month is begun on the day of the **conjunction**, as is the case in some 40% of months in the Jewish calendar, then the month will be started **a day early!**
- **Morning Sightings:** A new moon may be looked for in the **evening** of the 29th day of each month **OR** on the **morning** of the 30th day. This was the practice of the ancient **Sanhedrin**. If on the **morning** of the 30th day the new moon was seen, then the day was reckoned as the 1st of the new month and not the 30th of old. If **morning sightings** are not undertaken, then it is possible that some months could be started **a day late!**
- **Full Moon:** Another point to be considered when setting the start date of a month in advance is the time when the **full moon** will occur. In the two festival months of **Abib** (Nisan) and **Ethanim** (Tishri) it is important to ensure that the start of the 15th day occurs as near as possible to the **full moon**. This will ensure that the **First Day of Unleavened Bread** and the **Feast of Tabernacles** (occurring as they do on the 15th days) will be observed at the '*fullness of time*,' that is when the moon is full. If these festival months are begun too late because a morning sighting was not undertaken, then these two feasts will be observed **a day late!**

3. THE YEARS 2016, 2019 & 2024

You will notice from the chart above that in these years Stewarton Bible School has started the year a month **before** the popular Jewish calendar. The reason is that we have selected the new moon **nearest the true equinox (20th March) to begin Abib** (Nisan). In year 2016 this conjunction occurs on 9th March at 03:54 hours (Jerusalem Time) and the new moon is expected to be seen on the morning of 10th, thus making 10th March the 1st Abib.

4. SIGNS IN THE SKY

Many believers become polarised about the matter of keeping the correct Feast days. It is, of course, vitally important; and that is why Stewarton Bible School make such an effort to get it right. But let no one forget that the **GREAT FEASTS (the realities to which all the current feasts point)** will be miraculously highlighted by **signs in the sun, moon and stars!** We will not then be dependant upon computer printout, or the knowledge and skill of leaders feverishly arguing amongst themselves as to who is correct.

In the near future there shall be SIGNS IN THE SKY which will clearly mark out the correct feasts, sacred seasons or Sabbatical Year just as they did when the Saviour hung on the cross. On that occasion the sun went out for **over three hours**. That was no eclipse by any means; for an eclipse only lasts a few minutes.

Matt.27: 45 *Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.*

When the Saviour died on that memorable day, even the Roman soldier confessed: "*Truly this man was the Son of God.*"

It will be the same in the near future; the promised **signs in the sun, moon and stars** will mark out the sacred times for all to see. **Look out for these celestial signs at the Feasts!**

Mark 13 23: *But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.*

24: *But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,*

25: *And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.*

ALTERNATIVE DATES

The following dates are given for those who wish to celebrate the Feasts in A.D. 2016 a month after Stewarton Bible School.

Annual Sabbaths	A.D. 2016	A.D. 2019	A.D. 2024
First Day of Unleavened Bread	April 23 rd	April 21 st	April 24 th
Last Day of Unleavened Bread	April 29 th	April 27 th	April 30 th
Feast of Pentecost	June 12 th	June 10 th	June 13 th
Feast of Trumpets	Oct. 2 nd	Sept. 30 th	Oct. 4 th
Day of Atonement (Fast)	Oct. 11 th	Oct. 9 th	Oct. 13 th
Feast of Tabernacles	Oct. 16 th	Oct. 14 th	Oct. 18 th
Last Great Day	Oct. 23 rd	Oct. 21 st	Oct. 25 th

Whichever set of dates you settle for, do make sure that you are on the lookout for the **SIGNS in the sun, moon and stars** at the Feasts! Because the Almighty will certainly keep to His promise in Genesis 1:14 to signal to the universe the most important **days, seasons and years** in His sacred calendar.

*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven
to divide the day from the night;
and let them be for **SIGNS, and for seasons, and for days, and years.**
(Genesis 1: 14)*

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