

GOD'S ETERNAL CALENDAR *according to the Bible*

“These are the LORD’s appointed festivals, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times” Lev 23:4

Weekly Shabbat

Shabbat (שַׁבָּת aka Shabbat, God’s ordained Shabbat). Shabbat is used 170 times in Scripture.

- Occurs weekly, every Friday sundown until Saturday sundown.
“Remember the day, Shabbat, to set it apart for God,” Ex 20:8 CJB.

Spring Festival Shabbats (Gregorian month: March or April; Biblical/Lunar month: Nisan (aka Aviv))

Passover (פֶּסַח aka Pesach).

- God’s date: 14 Nisan, which is the Day of Preparation for Hag HaMatzot (Mark 15:42).
- Passover is mentioned 57 times in the TaNaKh (OT) & in the Apostolic Scriptures (NT).
“Now this day will be a memorial to you, & you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance,” Ex 12:14 NASB. (Also, mentioned in Lev 23:4-14; Ex 12:15-28, 23:15; Num 9:13; Eze 45:21; Luke 22:15; 1Cor 5:7; etc.)

#1&2 Feast of Unleavened Bread (חַג הַמַּצּוֹת aka Hag HaMatzot).

- God’s dates: 15-21 Nisan (The 15 Nisan & the 21 Nisan are Festival Shabbats).
“And on the fifteenth day of the same month [is] the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread,” Lev 23:6 KJV. (also Lev 23:4-8; Deut 16:3; Ex 12:8, 12:15, 13:3, 34:18, 1Cor 5:8)
“On the 1st day [15 Nisan] you shall have a holy assembly, & another holy assembly on the 7th day [21 Nisan]; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten by every person, that alone may be prepared by you,” Ex 12:16.

First Fruits - Resurrection (Yom HaBikurim יוֹם הַבִּכּוּרִים: Day of First Fruits).

- God’s date: 16 Nisan
“Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the sons of Israel & say to them, ‘When you enter the land which I am going to give to you & reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest,’” Lev 23:9-14
“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep,” 1Cor 15:20-21.

Summer Festival Shabbat (Gregorian months: May or June; Biblical/Lunar month: Sivan)

#3 Feast of Weeks (חַג הַשָּׁבֻעֹת aka Hag HaShavuot/Pentecost)

- God’s date: 6 Sivan (Festival Shabbat)
- Pentecost means 50, because Pentecost is 50 days after Passover: The Feast of Weeks (aka Pentecost) is mentioned 5 times in the TaNaKh (OT) & 3 times in the Apostolic Scriptures (NT).
“You shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks, that is, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, & the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year,” Ex 34:22 (also mentioned in Lev 23:15-22; Deut 16:10,16; 2 Chron 8:13; Num 28:26; Acts 2:1, etc.)

Fall Festival Shabbat (Gregorian month: September or October; Biblical/Lunar month: Tishrei)

#4 Day of Trumpets (יוֹם תְּרוּעָה aka Yom Tru’ah).

- God’s date: 1 Tishrei (Festival Shabbat)
“Say to the Israelites: ‘On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of shabbat rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present a food offering to the LORD,’” Lev 23:24-5. (Also, it is mentioned in Num 10:10, 29:1-6.)

#5 Day of Atonement (יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים aka Yom Kippur).

- God’s date: 10 Tishrei (Festival Shabbat)
“The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present a food offering to the LORD. Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the LORD your God,” Lev 23:27-8. (Also, mentioned in 16:29-34, 23:27-32, 25:9; Num 29:7; Heb 9:11-14, 22-24, 10:1-25.)

#6&7 Feast of Booths (חַג הַסֻּכּוֹת aka Hag Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles).

- God’s date: 15-21 Tishrei (The 15 Tishrei is a Festival Shabbat)
“On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD’s Festival of Tabernacles begins & lasts for seven days. The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work,” Lev 23:34-5. (Also, it is mentioned in verses 36-44; Num 29:12; Deut 16:13-15; Zech 14:16-19; consequences for not celebrating the festival; John 7:2-52.)

Sh’mini Atzeret (שְׁמִינִי עֲצָרַת: the 8th day of Sukkot)

- God’s date: 22 Tishrei (Festival Shabbat)
“On the 8th day you shall have a holy convocation & present an offering by fire to the LORD; it is an assembly. You shall do no laborious work,” Lev 23:36b-c.

2025 - Gregorian Calendar Dates for the Festivals

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekly Shabbat</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Shabbat occurs every week. Shabbat is a time to cease from your normal routine. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Festival Shabbat</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Festival Shabbat (aka Annual Shabbat) occurs once a year & may fall on any day of the week.) Festival Shabbat is a memorial & includes a *Shabbat Shabbaton, a time to cease from your normal routine. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Time of Observance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember, the Biblical day begins at sundown. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Dates & times of CFS Celebrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE: times are AZ times
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Weekly Shabbats ***NOTE: Shabbats are highlighted in grey***

Shabbat	YES This is a weekly Shabbat. (Shabbat is every week from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown.)	<i>every week</i> From sundown Fri to nightfall Sat	Shabbat services begin @ 10:30am
<i>erev Purim</i>	NO <u>Purim is not a Biblical Festival.</u> Purim commemorates a Biblical event.	Purim is not a Festival Shabbat	Shabbat, 03/15/2025, service begins @ 10:30

Spring Annual Festival Shabbats ***NOTE: *Shabbat Shabbatons (highlighted in grey) are a time to cease from your normal routine.***

Passover (Day of Preparation)	NO <u>Pesach is not a Biblical Festival.</u> (While Pesach is not a Festival, it is a memorial. Pesach is when the Bible instructs us to eat the LORD's Passover, Ex 12:14.)	Passover (the 14 th of Nisan) is a Day of Preparation --not a Festival Shabbat.	Sat evening, before sundown, 04/12/2025 (CFS Seder begins @ 5:00)
<i>erev Hag HaMatzot</i>	YES Hag HaMatzot is a Festival Shabbat. This holiday begins at sundown at the end of the Day of Preparation (Passover)	Festival Shabbat (*Shabbat Shabbaton) - begins sundown 4/12 & ends nightfall 4/13	Sat evening, after sundown, 04/12/2025
First Fruits	NO <u>First Fruits is not a Biblical Festival,</u> but it is listed & is part of Hag HaMatzot. Lev 23:9-10; 1Cor 15:20-21; Mt 28:6.	First Fruits is not a Festival Shabbat	Wed, 04/13/2025, service begins @ 5:45
<i>erev 7th Day of Hag HaMatzot</i>	YES The 7 th Day of Hag HaMatzot is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (*Shabbat Shabbaton) - begins sundown 4/19 & ends nightfall 4/20	Sun, 04/19/2025, service begins @ 5:45

Summer Annual Festival Shabbat

<i>erev Hag HaShavu'ot</i>	YES Hag HaShavu'ot is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (*Shabbat Shabbaton) - begins sundown 6/1 & ends nightfall 6/2	Sun, 06/1/2025, service begins @ 5:45
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Fall Annual Festival Shabbats

<i>erev Yom Tru'ah</i>	YES Yom Tru'ah is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (*Shabbat Shabbaton) - begins sundown 9/22 & ends nightfall 9/23	Mon, 09/22/2025, service begins @ 5:45
<i>erev Yom Kippur</i>	YES Yom Kippur is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (*Shabbat Shabbaton) - begins sundown 10/1 & ends nightfall 10/2	Wed, 10/01/2025, service begins @ 5:45 (<i>erev Yom Kippur begins our Yom Kippur fast.</i>)
Break-the-Fast	NO <u>Break-the-fast is not a Festival Shabbat.</u> (This is the conclusion of the Yom Kippur fast.)	Break-the-fast is not a Festival Shabbat	Thurs, 10/02/2025, at your home @ sundown
<i>erev Hag HaSukkot</i>	YES Hag HaSukkot is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (*Shabbat Shabbaton) - begins sundown 10/6 & ends nightfall 10/7	Mon, 10/06/2025, service begins @ 5:45
<i>erev Sh'mini Atzeret</i>	YES Sh'mini Atzeret is a Festival Shabbat.	Festival Shabbat (*Shabbat Shabbaton) - begins sundown 10/13 & ends nightfall 10/14	Mon, 10/13/2025, service begins @ 5:45
Hanukkah	NO <u>Hanukkah is not a Biblical Festival.</u> It does commemorate God's saving His people.	Hanukkah begins sundown 12/15 & ends nightfall 12/23	Fri, 12/19/2025, service begins @ 5:45 (5 th candle lighting)

Note:
 These 4 Festivals are not Festival Shabbats (aka Holy Convocations). These do, however, celebrate God's intervention and His saving His people.

Purim While Purim is not a Biblical Festival, it does celebrate a Biblical event where God used Queen Esther to spare the Jewish people.

Pesach YHVH did not establish Pesach as a Festival Shabbat; He did declare that "you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance [to celebrate the Exodus out of Egypt];" Ex 12:14. Yeshua was crucified that all might be saved. (2Cor 5:21; 1Pet 2:23-24; Is 53:4-5; Heb 9:22)

First Fruits Like Pesach, First Fruits is a Festival but does not fall on a Festival Shabbat. We celebrate Yeshua's resurrection, 1Cor 15:20.

Hanukkah Like Purim, Hanukkah is not a Biblical Festival, but it does celebrate God's using the Maccabees to save the Jewish people and restore the Temple. Yeshua was in Jerusalem during the Feast of Dedication [Hanukkah], John 10:22.

Also note: outside the Land of Israel, some Festivals are observed an extra day. At CFS, we follow the Biblical/Israeli days of observance.