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“We are a unified body of Believers who is bearing witness while the Master is away.”

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April 2025 – Nisan /Iyyar 5785

SPRING BIBLICAL FESTIVALS

04/12/2025 (Shabbat) 5:00p – Passover Seder & Hag HaMatzot -- zoom
 04/13/2025 (Sun) 5:45p – Yom HaBikurim -- zoom
 04/18/2025 (Fri) 5:45p – Hag HaMatzot, 7th day – zoom

TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SHABBAT	
March 30 8 th Nisan		March 31 9 th @ sundown		April 1 10 th @ sundown		April 2 11 th @ sundown		April 3 12 th @ sundown	
April 6 15 th Nisan *Matzot, day 1		April 7 16 th @ sundown *Matzot, day 2 Omer count 1*		April 8 17 th @ sundown *Matzot, day 3 Omer count 2*		April 9 18 th @ sundown *Matzot, day 4 Omer count 3*		April 10 19 th @ sundown *Matzot, day 5 Omer count 4*	
April 13 22 nd Nisan Omer count 7*		April 14 23 rd @ sundown Omer count 8*		April 15 24 th @ sundown Omer count 9*		April 16 25 th @ sundown Omer count 10*		April 17 26 th @ sundown Omer count 11*	
April 20 29 th Nisan Omer count 14*		April 21 30 th @ sundown Omer count 15*		April 22 1 st Iyyar @ sundown Omer count 16*		April 23 2 nd @ sundown Omer count 17*		April 24 3 rd @ sundown Omer count 18*	
April 27 April 28		April 29 May 1		April 30 May 2		May 1 May 3		May 2 May 3	

← ²Feast of Unleavened Bread (Hag HaMatzot): begins sundown April 12 & ends sundown April 19 →

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Explanation of calendar:

- #1 The Gregorian date.
- #2 Hebrew calendar month & day.
- #3 The Biblical day begins at sundown (rather than at midnight, as it does with the Gregorian calendar).
- #4 The blue tint illustrates the festival days AND Shabbat from the beginning on Friday to the ending on Saturday at sundown.



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קריאת התורה -- Called for public reading (of the Torah)

Date	Torah Portion (reading cycle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torah (first 5 books of the Tanach / Old Testament) • Haftarah (Prophets & Writings in the Tanach / Old Testament) • AS: Apostolic Scriptures (New Testament) 	Welcome	Shema Liturgy	Assistant Gabbai	Torah Reading (Hebrew)	Drash: Torah (Interpretation of Parasha reading)	Drash: Haftarah (Interpretation of Haftarah reading)	Message
04/05/2025 <i>Shabbat morning</i> 10:30 AZ/12:30 OK 7 Nisan Zoom service	24Vayikra (And he called) Torah: Lev 1:1-5:26 (*Lev 1:1-6:7, Eng Bible) Haftarah: Is 43:21-44:23 AS: Rom 8:1-13; Heb 10:1-14, 13:10-16 25Tzav (Command) Torah: Lev 6:1-8:36 (*Lev 6:8-8:36, Eng Bible) Haftarah: Jer 7:21-8:3, 9:22-23* (*Jer 9:23-24) AS: Mk 12:28-34; Ro12:1-2; 1Cor 10:14-23	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	Lev 1:1 Les'a Cole -----&----- Lev 6:1 (6:8) Frank Madrigal Lev 6:2 (6:9) CJ Corbett	Torah Drash Vayikra Norman George	Torah Drash Tzav Fie Duykers	Don Cole
<p><i>“This is [YHVH’s festivals are] to be a lasting ordinance for generations to come, wherever you live.” Lev 23:21</i></p> <p>↓↓ 1Passover Seder (end of 14 Nisan) & 2Hag HaMatzot (beginning of 15 Nisan) – Saturday at 5pm 04/12/2025 ↓↓</p>								
04/12/2025 <i>Shabbat</i> 5pm AZ/7pm OK 14/15 Nisan Zoom	1Passover Special Reading: 1st Day: Torah: Ex 12:21-51; Nu 28:16-25 Apostolic Scriptures: Mt 26-28; Mk 14-16; Lk 22-24; Jn 13-21; 1Cor 5:6-8 SPECIAL Lev reading: Lev 23:1-5, esp 23:4-5	1PASSOVER Seder & 2Hag HaMatzot Seder: Saturday evening, 04/12/2025 at 5:00 AZ // 7:00 OK						Don Cole
04/13/2025 <i>Sunday</i> 5:45pm AZ/7:45pm OK 16 Nisan Zoom	3Yom HaBikurim Special Reading: Torah: Lev 23:9-14 Apostolic Scriptures: 1Cor 15:20-21 SPECIAL Lev read: Lev 23:9-14, esp 23:9-10	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	Lev 23:9 Frank Madrigal Lev 23:10 Les'a Cole	Torah Drash Lev 23:9-14 Norman George	Drash Lev 23:9-10 & 1Cor 15:20-21 Fie Duykers	Don Cole
04/18/2025 <i>Friday</i> 5:45pm AZ/7:45pm OK 21 Nisan Zoom	2&4Hag HaMatzot, 7th Day Special Reading: Torah: Ex 13:17-15:26; Nu 28:18-25 SPECIAL Lev reading: Lev 23:1-2 and 6-8	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	Lev 23:1 – 2 – Denise Howell Lev 23:6 - Les'a Cole Lev 23:8 - Norman George		Drash Lev 23:1-2 & 6-8 Fie Duykers	Don Cole
04/26/2025 <i>Shabbat morning</i> 10:30 AZ/12:30 OK 28 Nisan zoom	26Sh'mini (Eighth) Torah: Lev 9:1-11:47 Haftarah: 2Sam 6:1-7:17 **AS: Mk 7:1-23; Acts 5:1-11, 10:1-35	Jim Robeson	Jim Robeson	Norman George	Norman George	Josiah Robeson	Fie Duykers	Jim Robeson

*Explanation of Terms for YHVH's spring calendar (note: Terms below are listed in order they appear on the calendar.)

¹Passover (פסח aka Pesach). 14 Nisan



- The first spring festival is Passover.
- Passover is mentioned 57 times in the TaNaKh (OT) & in the Apostolic Scriptures (NT).

Yeshua said, “I desire to eat this Passover with you.” (Luke 22:15)

“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 Ex 12:1, 11, 15-28, 42, 43, 48; 23:15. Lev: 23:4-8, 14. Deut 16. Num 9:13. 28:16, 33:33; Josh 5:10)

- The English name is Passover; the Hebrew, *Pesach* (meaning “to passover” or “to skip over”); and the Greek word is *Pascha* (which unfortunately is often mistranslated as Easter in the NT).
- *Seder* is Hebrew word for order; the Seder dictates the arrangement of the Passover ceremony. The Haggadah is the telling of the story of Passover.

^{2&4}Hag HaMatzot (חג המצות aka, Feast of Unleavened Bread). 15-21 Nisan



- The second spring festival is Unleavened Bread.

○ “Then on the 15th day of the same month there is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for 7 days you shall eat unleavened bread.” (Lev 23:6; also Deut 16:3; Ex 12:8, 12:15, 13:3, 34:18, 1Cor 5:8)

- “On the seventh day (21 Nisan) you shall have a holy assembly; you shall do no laborious work.” (Lev 23:6-8; Ex 12:16; Nu 28:18-25)
- Matzah (bread without leavening) is eaten during the 7 days of Hag HaMatzot. (Matzah pictures the haste with which the Hebrews left Egypt. (Ex 12:11, 17-18)

Shabbat Shabbaton (aka Holy Convocation & Holy Assembly). 15 Nisan

- The spring Holy Assemblies (aka Holy Convocations & Shabbat Shabbaton) fall on the Gregorian-calendar day following erev Pesach (Seder) and the 7th Day of Pesach.

“On the first day you shall have a holy assembly [holy convocation; מִקְרָא־קֹדֶשׁ], and another holy assembly on the seventh day; 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, 23:7; Num 28:18 NASB).

³Yom HaBikurim (יום הבכורים aka first fruits). 16 Nisan



This is the 3rd of the 7 Feasts which God commanded the Israelites observe annually, during the barley harvest.

(NOTE: The “Feast of First Fruits” is not to be mistaken with the “Feast of Harvest with the first fruits.” Ex 23:16 NIV. The Feast of Harvest or Ingathering is also called the Feast of Shavuot, or Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost.)

- The Priests waved the first sheaf (omer) before the Lord (Lev 23:9-14).

“This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.” (Lev 2:14, 23:14c; Nu 28:26)

“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 23:9-10). “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep,” 1Cor 15:20-21.

Counting the Omer. From 16 Nisan until 5 Sivan

- From Hag HaBikurim, the 16th of Nisan, through the day before Shavuot (Feast of Weeks or Pentecost). An omer (or sheaf is a unit of measure) of barley is counted and was taken daily to the Temple.

- These 49 days serve as a reminder of the connection between the deliverance during slavery at Passover and the giving of Torah at Shavuot. (Lev 23:15-16)