

Hebrew Calendar Primer

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Month	Length	Date	Holidays	2010	2011
*Nisan	30 days	Nisan 14 Nisan 15 - 21 Sunday following Shabbat after Passover	Passover (Pesach) Feast of Unleavened Bread (Chol Moed) Feast of Firstfruits (Yom Bikkerim)	March 29, 2010 March 30-April 5, 2010 April 4, 2010	April 18, 2011 April 19-April 25, 2011 April 24, 2011
Iyar	29 days				
Sivan	30 days	50 days after Feast of Firstfruits	Feast of Weeks (Shavuot)	May 23, 2010	June 12, 2011
Tammuz	29 days				
Av	30 days	Av 9	Tisha B'Av	July 20, 2010	August 9, 2011
**Elul	29 days				
***Tishri	30 days	Tishri 1 Tishri 10 Tishri 15-21	Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah) Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) Feast of Tabernacles (Succot)	September 9-10, 2010 September 18, 2010 September 23-29, 2010	September 29-30, 2011 October 8, 2011 October 13-19, 2011
Heshvan	29-30 days				
Kislev	29-30 days	Kislev 25 - Tevet 2 or 3	Festival of Light (Hanukkah)	December 12-19, 2009	December 21-28, 2011
Tevet	29 days				
****Shevat	30 days				
Adar	29 days	Adar 14	Purim	February 28, 2010	March 20, 2011
Adar II	30 days (leap years only)				

* The Hebrew Religious Year begins on the 1st of Nisan, the season of redemption (from Egypt).

** The new year for determining cattle tithing started on the 1st of Elul.

*** The Hebrew Civil Year or new year for seasons starts on the 1st of Tishri, Feast of Trumpets.

**** The new year for determining the Orlah trees and tithing for fruit starts on the 1st of Shevat.

Passover (Pesach)	...speaks of redemption from Egypt or the world. The 1st Passover and all the ensuing dress rehearsals point (forward and backward) to the Messiah who is the Passover Lamb who has paid the penalty we deserve.
Feast of Unleavened Bread (Chol Moed)	...speaks of sanctification. Leaven represents the corruption or sin where we reside (temple, home, body). Messiah's body did not decay in the grave.
Feast of Firstfruits (Yom Bikkerim)	...speaks of resurrection. Messiah rose triumphantly from the grave on the third day.
Feast of Weeks or Pentecost (Shavuot)	...speaks of the personal intimacy in a relationship with Him. God sent his Holy Spirit after the ascension of the Living Word as just as He did when he gave the written and spoken Word on Mt Sinai
Tisha B'Av (<i>fast day</i>)	<p>...speaks of consistency in God's plan. From the time of Moses (1312 BCE), the children of Israel accepted the slanderous report from 10 of the 12 spies. Basically, it was slanderous of God's Word and promise. He said He would go before them; fight their battles and deliver them into the land. As a result, we see this very same day cursed throughout history:</p> <p>#2/586 BCE - the 1st Temple was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar (100,000 Jews died/Millions exiled);</p> <p>#3/70 CE - the 2nd Temple was destroyed by General Titus (2 Million Jews died/1 Million exiled);</p> <p>#4/135 CE - the Bar Kochba revolt was crushed by the Emperor Hadrian (100,000 Jews slaughtered);</p> <p>#5/136 CE - General Turnus Rufus leveled Jerusalem, rebuilt it as a pagan city to be called Aelia Capitolina and forbade Jews to enter.</p> <p>#6/1095 CE - Pope Urban declared the 1st Crusade (Thousands of Jews died/many communities obliterated);</p> <p>#7/1492 CE - Spanish Inquisition & the expulsion of Jews from Spain;</p> <p>#8/1914 CE - WWI started, stemmed the resentment for the Holocaust;</p> <p>#9/1935 CE - Hitler enacted a law that propelled the nation toward the infamous Nuremberg Laws of the Holocaust</p> <p>#10/1943 CE - the beginnings of the deportation of the Warsaw Ghetto to Treblinka.</p> <p><i>Jeremiah 31:10-13, Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.</i></p>
Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah)	...speaks of the day when the Messiah will return where His feet will land on the Mt of Olives.

Day of Atonement (<i>fast day</i>) (Yom Kippur)	...speaks of the day when Israel turns to her Messiah: <i>And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.</i> Zechariah 12:10
Feast of Tabernacles or Booths (Succot)	...speaks of the day when the Messiah sets up the Messianic Kingdom to rule, reign and tabernacle among men.
Festival of Light (Hanukkah)	...speaks of the season when the Light of the World was conceived.
Purim	...speaks of the season when once and for all, the iniquity of this world is dealt with and the earth is made safe again.

There is so much to say about them and this chart is the "front end" of a work in progress; but here is a brief overview of these perpetual dress rehearsals that are the Feasts of the Lord in Prophecy!

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