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# Feasts of the LORD

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*A Biblical & Messianic Feast Calendar for the People of God*

5787

September 2026 – September 2027

# What Are the Biblical Feasts?

In Leviticus 23, the LORD gives Moses a list of *mo'edim* — "appointed times" — sacred rehearsals woven into the rhythm of the Hebrew calendar. Every feast here traces back to that chapter, with two later additions (Chanukah and Purim) that arose from Israel's history and are still warmly kept by Jewish people and Messianic believers today.

Each feast tells part of one continuous story: God delivering His people, dwelling among them, and calling them to Himself — a story many believers see brought into sharpest focus in the life, death, and resurrection of Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah.

## New to the Feasts?

Welcome. Each page in this calendar is written so you don't need a Hebrew day school background to follow along — you'll find the plain meaning of the feast, how it's traditionally observed, and why it still matters. Come as you are and celebrate at whatever pace feels right.

## Longtime in the Faith?

You'll find the traditional observance alongside its Messianic significance — the threads connecting Torah, the Gospels, and the Apostolic writings — offered as a starting point for your own study and family traditions, not the final word on any of it.

## The Two Seasons

**Spring Feasts** (Pesach, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Shavuot) fall between Nisan and Sivan and are widely understood to picture the Messiah's first coming — His death, burial, resurrection, and the giving of the Spirit. **Fall Feasts** (Yom Teruah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot) fall in Tishrei and are widely understood to picture His return, the final judgment, and God dwelling with His people forever.

# 5787 Feast Calendar

| FEAST                                       | HEBREW DATE         | GREGORIAN DATE        | CATEGORY    | BEGINS AT SUNDOWN ON |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| <b>Yom Teruah</b> (Feast of Trumpets)       | 1–2 Tishrei         | Sept 12–13, 2026      | FALL        | Sept 11, 2026        |
| <b>Yom Kippur</b> (Day of Atonement)        | 10 Tishrei          | Sept 21, 2026         | FALL        | Sept 20, 2026        |
| <b>Sukkot</b> (Feast of Tabernacles)        | 15–21 Tishrei       | Sept 26 – Oct 2, 2026 | FALL        | Sept 25, 2026        |
| <b>Shmini Atzeret</b>                       | 22 Tishrei          | Oct 3, 2026           | FALL        | Oct 2, 2026          |
| <b>Chanukah</b> (Feast of Dedication)       | 24 Kislev – 2 Tevet | Dec 4–12, 2026        | TRADITIONAL | Dec 4, 2026          |
| <b>Purim</b>                                | 14 Adar II          | March 23, 2027        | TRADITIONAL | March 22, 2027       |
| <b>Pesach</b> (Passover)                    | 15 Nisan            | April 22, 2027        | SPRING      | April 21, 2027       |
| <b>Chag HaMatzot</b> (Unleavened Bread)     | 15–21 Nisan         | April 22–28, 2027     | SPRING      | April 21, 2027       |
| <b>Yom HaBikkurim</b> (Firstfruits)         | 16 or 17 Nisan*     | April 23 or 25, 2027* | SPRING      | see note*            |
| <b>Shavuot</b> (Feast of Weeks / Pentecost) | 6 Sivan             | June 10–11, 2027      | SPRING      | June 9, 2027         |

\*Firstfruits is dated two ways among Bible-believers. Rabbinic tradition counts it as 16 Nisan, the day after the first day of Pesach (Friday, April 23, 2027). Those who read Leviticus 23:11 as "the morrow after the [weekly] Sabbath" count it as the Sunday within Passover week (Sunday, April 25, 2027). Both traditions are presented on the Firstfruits page — observe according to your own congregation's practice.

Dates calculated for Central Standard Time and follow the traditional evening-to-evening reckoning of the Hebrew day. Always confirm exact candle-lighting times for your location.

# Yom Teruah — Feast of Trumpets

*Also observed as Rosh Hashana, the civil New Year*

**HEBREW DATE**

1–2 Tishrei 5787

**GREGORIAN**

September 12–13, 2026

**BEGINS SUNDOWN**

September 11, 2026

**WHAT IT IS**

A sacred day announced by the blast of the shofar (ram's horn) — a call to attention, awakening, and repentance as the fall feasts begin. It is traditionally kept as Rosh Hashana, marked by festive meals, apples dipped in honey for a sweet new year, and the blowing of 100 shofar blasts in the synagogue.

**MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE**

Believers often connect the trumpet call of Yom Teruah to "the last trumpet" of 1 Corinthians 15:52 and "the trumpet call of God" in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 — pointing to the resurrection of the dead and Messiah's return. Historically this feast began at the sighting of the new moon, so no one knew the exact day or hour it would start, echoing Yeshua's words in Matthew 24:36.



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*"Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day."*

PSALM 81:3

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*Leviticus 23:23–25 · Numbers 29:1–6*



יום כּפּוּר

# Yom Kippur — Day of Atonement

*The holiest day of the biblical year*

HEBREW DATE  
10 Tishrei 5787

GREGORIAN  
September 21, 2026

BEGINS SUNDOWN  
September 20, 2026

## WHAT IT IS

A solemn 25-hour fast of self-examination, repentance, and reconciliation. In Temple times, the High Priest alone entered the Holy of Holies once a year to make atonement for the sins of the whole nation. Today it is kept with prayer, fasting, and the Kol Nidre and Neilah services.

## MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE

Hebrews 9 presents Yeshua as the great High Priest who entered the true Holy of Holies once for all, with His own blood, securing eternal redemption. The fast itself remains a powerful yearly rhythm for believers to examine the heart, confess sin, and seek reconciliation with God and with one another.



*"For on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you; you shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins."*

LEVITICUS 16:30

Leviticus 16 · Leviticus 23:26–32



# Sukkot — Feast of Tabernacles

*Includes Shmini Atzeret, the Eighth Day of Assembly*

## HEBREW DATE

15–21 Tishrei 5787

## GREGORIAN

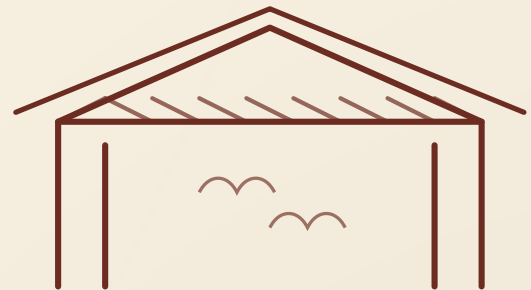
Sept 26 – Oct 2, 2026

## SHMINI ATZERET

October 3, 2026

## WHAT IT IS

A joyful seven-day pilgrimage feast when families build and dwell in temporary booths (sukkot) covered with branches, remembering God's provision during Israel's wilderness wanderings. The four species — palm, myrtle, willow, and citron (lulav and etrog) — are waved in celebration and thanksgiving for the harvest.



## MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE

John 1:14 says the Word "tabernacled" (eskēnōsen) among us — many believe Yeshua was born during Sukkot. The feast also points forward to God dwelling with His people forever (Revelation 21:3) and to the Messianic Kingdom, when "everyone who is left of all the nations" will go up to Jerusalem to keep Sukkot (Zechariah 14:16).

*"You shall dwell in booths for seven days... that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of Egypt."*

LEVITICUS 23:42–43

*Leviticus 23:33–43 · Deuteronomy 16:13–15 · Zechariah 14:16*



# Chanukah — Festival of Dedication / Lights

*Not commanded in Torah, but kept by Yeshua Himself*

## HEBREW DATE

24 Kislev – 2 Tevet

## GREGORIAN

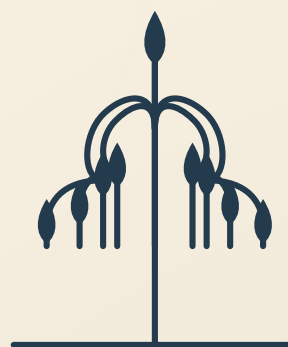
December 4–12, 2026

## BEGINS SUNDOWN

December 4, 2026

## WHAT IT IS

An eight-day celebration of the rededication of the Second Temple after the Maccabean revolt against religious persecution, when a single day's supply of oil miraculously burned for eight nights. Families light one additional candle on the chanukiah (nine-branched menorah) each night, spin the dreidel, and eat foods fried in oil.



## MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE

John 10:22–23 records Yeshua Himself walking in the Temple during "the Feast of the Dedication," where He declared "I and the Father are one." Believers often reflect on Yeshua as the "light of the world" (John 8:12) during this Festival of Lights.

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*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

JOHN 8:12

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*John 10:22–23 (referenced as "Feast of Dedication")*



# Purim — Feast of Lots

*Celebrating deliverance recorded in the Book of Esther*

| HEBREW DATE     | GREGORIAN      | BEGINS SUNDOWN |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 14 Adar II 5787 | March 23, 2027 | March 22, 2027 |

## WHAT IT IS

A joyous festival celebrating the deliverance of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot to destroy them, as recorded in the Book of Esther. Observance includes reading the Megillah (Scroll of Esther), giving gifts of food to friends, charity to the poor, a festive meal, and costumes and celebration.



## MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE

God's name never appears in Esther, yet His providence runs through every page — a reminder that even when His presence feels hidden, He is faithfully at work preserving His people and the promised line of the Redeemer.

*"And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

ESTHER 4:14

*The Book of Esther*



# Pesach — Passover

*Erev Pesach / Ta'anit Bechorot: April 21, 2027*

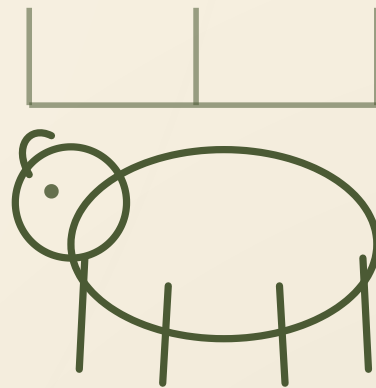
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| HEBREW DATE   | GREGORIAN      | BEGINS SUNDOWN |
| 15 Nisan 5787 | April 22, 2027 | April 21, 2027 |

## WHAT IT IS

A commemoration of Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt, when the blood of a spotless lamb on the doorposts caused the angel of death to "pass over" the homes of the Israelites (Exodus 12). Families gather for the Passover seder, retelling the Exodus story through symbolic foods, the four cups, and the afikoman.

## MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE

Paul writes, "Messiah, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). The Last Supper was itself a Passover seder, and Yeshua's death at the very hour the Passover lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple is seen by believers as the ultimate fulfillment of this feast.



*"The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you."*

EXODUS 12:13

*Exodus 12 · Leviticus 23:5 · 1 Corinthians 5:7*



# Chag HaMatzot — Feast of Unleavened Bread

*A seven-day feast immediately following Pesach*

## HEBREW DATE

15–21 Nisan 5787

## GREGORIAN

April 22–28, 2027

## BEGINS SUNDOWN

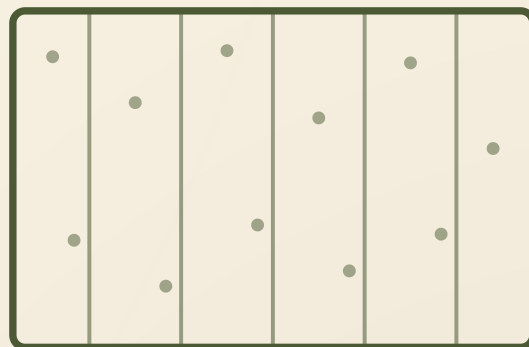
April 21, 2027

## WHAT IT IS

For seven days all leaven (chametz) is removed from the home and only unleavened bread (matzah) is eaten, recalling Israel's hurried departure from Egypt, when there was no time to let the dough rise. The first and seventh days are treated as sacred assemblies.

## MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE

Scripture often uses leaven as a picture of sin working through a community (1 Corinthians 5:6–8), so believers use this week to "purge out the old leaven" and walk in sincerity and truth. Many also see in the pierced, striped matzah a picture of Messiah's body, broken and pierced for us (Isaiah 53:5).



*"Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old leaven... but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."*

1 CORINTHIANS 5:8

Exodus 12:15–20 · Leviticus 23:6–8 · 1 Corinthians 5:6–8



יום הבכורים

# Yom HaBikkurim — Firstfruits

*The start of the 49-day counting of the Omer to Shavuot*

**RABBINIC RECKONING**  
16 Nisan — April 23, 2027

**"MORROW AFTER SABBATH" RECKONING**  
April 25, 2027 (Sunday)

## WHAT IT IS

A wave offering of the first sheaf of the barley harvest, presented before the LORD as an act of trust that the fuller harvest would follow. This day begins the 49-day counting of the Omer, culminating in Shavuot. Bible-believers date it two ways: rabbinic tradition counts it as 16 Nisan regardless of weekday; those reading Leviticus 23:11 literally count it as the Sunday within Passover week. Observe according to your congregation's practice.

## MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE

Paul calls the risen Messiah "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Just as the priest waved the first sheaf before the rest of the harvest was gathered, Yeshua's resurrection — which fell on this very feast — is understood as the first of a coming resurrection harvest of all who belong to Him.



*"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20

Leviticus 23:9–14 · 1 Corinthians 15:20–23



# Shavuot — Feast of Weeks / Pentecost

*Fifty days after Firstfruits — "Pentecost" from the Greek for "fiftieth"*

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|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| HEBREW DATE  | GREGORIAN        | BEGINS SUNDOWN |
| 6 Sivan 5787 | June 10–11, 2027 | June 9, 2027   |

## WHAT IT IS

Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and celebrates the wheat harvest with an offering of two loaves of leavened bread. Many stay up through the night studying Torah (Tikkun Leil Shavuot) and read the Book of Ruth.

## MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE

On this very feast day the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) was poured out on the disciples gathered in Jerusalem (Acts 2), empowering them to proclaim the Good News in every language. Many see this as God writing His Torah on human hearts, just as Jeremiah 31:33 promised — a New Covenant counterpart to the giving of the Law at Sinai.




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*"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

ACTS 2:4

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Leviticus 23:15–22 · Exodus 19–20 · Acts 2 · Jeremiah 31:33





## Come Celebrate With Us

Every feast of the LORD is an invitation — to remember what He has done, to rehearse what He will yet do, and to gather as a family around His appointed table. Whether you've kept these moedim your whole life or are stepping into them for the very first time, there's a place for you at Bet Ami, House of My People.

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