

# CALCULATION OF THE HOLY DAYS

There are 8 annual Biblical Holy Days... None of which were ritualistic celebrations, but evidence of divine instruction in the everyday lives and well-being of a people who had not previously known freedom.

## 1 + 13 | PESACH

Known as "**Passover**", it is literally "**hop over**". It's the memorial of the emancipation of children of Israel from Egyptian captivity.

It is the **14th day of the 1st New Moon**. It is observed exactly **2 weeks after Reshown Chedesh**.

**Ref:** Exo 12:11, 27, 43, 48, 34:25 | Lev 23:5 | Num 9:1-14, 28:16, 33:3

## 1 + 49 | HHEG HAKUTSIR

The "**Feast of First Fruits**" is similar to the family cookouts in the park that most southern black families participate in on this day to celebrate the extra-biblical Easter Sunday.

Its a gathering in celebration of the end of the first grain harvest of the season which occurs on the **1st Sunday after Pesach**. This is also the 2nd day of the Hheg Hamatsowt (Feast of Unleavened Bread).

**Ref:** Exo 23:16 | Lev 23:16-22

## 7 N.M. + 8-9 | YOM HACAFAREEM

The "**Day of Coverings**", often called the "**Day of Atonement**", is a daytime fast spent at home away from others.

It occurs from the **evening of the 9th day of 7th New Moon to the evening of the 10th day**.

**Ref:** Lev 23:6-32 | Num 29:7-11

## 1 RESHOWN CHEDESH

Literally, the "**first new moon**". It's the biblical **new year** which marks the the month Israel was brought out of Egyptian captivity.

It is **the first new moon in spring**, measured today by the spring (the grain harvest season) equinox.

**Ref:** Exo. 12:1, 13:4 | Num 10:10, 33:3, 28:11-15 | Deut 16:1

## 1 + 14 - 1 + 20 | HHEG HAMATSOWT

This is the "**Feast of Unleavened Ones**" although we say the "**Feast of Unleavened Bread**".

It is **7 days beginning on the 15th day of the 1st New Moon and ending on the 22nd day**.

**Ref:** Exo 23:15 | Lev 28:17-25 | Deut 16:3-7

## 7 NEW MOON.DAY 1 | SHABATOWN ZACAROWN

The "**Sabbath of Remembrance**" is a **day of remembering, grieving, preparing goats hair coverings and cooking**. It marks a change in season.

It's the day of the **7th new moon of the biblical year** which occurs in September or October on the Gregorian calendar.

**Ref:** Lev 23:23 - 25 | Num 23:1-6

## 7 N.M. + 14-21 | HHEG HASACCOWT

The "**Feast of the Coverings**", often called the "**Feast of Tabernacles**" is the last day of the harvest year and a time of preparation for the winter season, hence the coverings.

It is on the **15th through the 22nd day of the 7th New Moon**.

**Ref:** Lev. 23:33-43 | Num 29:12-40 | Deut 16:13-15