

CALENDAR OF CONVOCATIONS IN THE LAW OF MOSES

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Frequency	Title	Date	Purpose	Significance	New Testament
Weekly	Sabbath (<i>sabbāt</i>) <i>Lev 23:3</i>	7 th day	Worship & Rest (<i>sabbāt sabbātōn</i>): Exod 31:15; 35:2; cp. Lev 25:4	Recognition of God as the Sovereign Creator and Lord	Salvation by faith, not by works. cp. Heb 4:1-11
Annually GEZER CALENDAR: “month of barley harvest” = 1st month cp. Ruth 1:22 GEZER CALENDAR: “month when everything [else] is harvested” = 2nd month GEZER CALENDAR: “two months of ingathering” = 6th & 7th months cf. Exod 23:16; 34:22 Note: The Hebrew calendar was based upon the lunar month (= 29 days, 12 hours, and a fraction). Months alternated between 30 and 29 days in length. Together with the 7-day week, the lunar calendar resulted in the festivals falling on different days of the week each year.	Passover (<i>pesah</i>) Exod 12; Josh 5:10-12; 2 Chr 30; 2 Kgs 23:21-23 = 2 Chr 35:1-19; Ezra 6:19-22; Ezek 45:21-25	1st Month (Abib/Nisan = Mar-Apr), 14th-21 st Days			
	1. Passover <i>Lev 23:5</i> ; Num 28:16	14th Day	Worship & Remembrance	Recognition of God as the Redeemer/Savior (esp. out of Egypt)	<i>Christ died:</i> John 19:14, 36 (cf. Exod 12:46); 1 Cor 5:7
	2. Feast of Unleavened Bread (<i>ḥag hammaṣṣôt</i>) <i>Lev 23:6-8</i> ; Num 28:17-25	15th Day	<i>In Egypt:</i> Readiness/Obedience <i>In the Wilderness:</i> Provision of Manna	Recognition of God as the Provider and Lord Dedication of the Firstborn (cf. Exod 34:19-20; also, 12:29)	<i>(Christ in Hades)</i> 1 Cor 5:8 <i>Christ resurrected:</i> cf. Rom 8:29; Col 1:15,18
	3. Firstfruits (<i>rē’sīt haqqāšîr</i>) <i>Lev 23:10-14</i> ; Num 28:26a	1st Day of the week after the Sabbath following the Passover	<i>In the Land:</i> Rejoicing & Thanksgiving <i>Barley Harvest – Latter Rain</i>	Recognition of God as the Provider cf. Joel 2:23	<i>Christ resurrected:</i> 1 Cor 15:20, 23 Giving to God: 2 Cor 8–9
	Weeks (<i>ḥag s̄ābū’ôt</i>) <i>Lev 23:15-22</i> ; Exod 34:22; Deut 16:16 or Feast of Firstfruits (<i>bikkûrîm</i>) Num 28:26b-31 or Pentecost	50 Days after the Firstfruits of Abib/Nisan – sometime in the 3rd Month (Sivan = May-June)	Rejoicing & Thanksgiving Arrival at Sinai(?) cf. Exod 19:1 Covenant at Sinai(?) cf. 2 Chr 15:10-15 Day of Fellowship Lev 23:16, 18, 20, 22 <i>End of the Wheat Harvest</i>	Recognition of God as the Provider and Sustainer Theophany(!)	<i>Commencement of the New Testament Church:</i> Acts 2:1 cf. Jas 1:18; 1 Pet 2:9-10 cf. 1 Cor 10:16-17; 11:23-34
	Feast of Trumpets (<i>terû’āh = terû’at ḥassôpārôt</i>) or (Civil) New Year (<i>rô’s ḥassānāh</i>) <i>Lev 23:24-25</i> ; Num 29:1-6	7th Month (<i>Ethanim/Tishri</i> = Sept-Oct), 1 st Day	Sabbatical Month: Worship & Rest <i>Former Rain</i> cf. Lev 26:4; Deut 11:14	Recognition of God as the Creator, Refresher, and Restorer	<i>Call for the Church to enter the full Sabbath rest for wholehearted worship.</i> 1 Thess 4:16; 1 Cor 15:51-58
	Day of Atonement (<i>yôm kippur</i>) – Lev 16 ; <i>23:27-32</i> ; Num 29:7-11	7th Month (<i>Ethanim/Tishri</i>), 10th Day	Renewal of the Covenant and Rest (<i>sabbāt sabbātōn</i> , Lev 16:31; 23:32)	Recognition of God as the Holy & Faithful One	cf. Heb 8–10; 1 John 1:9
	Feast of Booths (<i>sukkôt</i> or <i>ḥag hassukkôt</i>) or Feast of Ingathering (<i>ḥag hā’asîp</i>) <i>Lev 23:34-43</i> ; Num 29:12-39	7th Month (<i>Ethanim/Tishri</i>), 15th-21 st Days	Remembrance, Rejoicing, & Thanksgiving cf. Neh 8:13-18 <i>Final Harvesting</i> Exod 34:22	Recognition of God as the Provider cf. Deut 8:7-18; Neh 9:15, 21; Hab 3:17-18	Matt 6:19-21; Luke 12:16-31; 1 Tim 6:6-12, 17-19