

## The Biblical Calendar and Appointed Times (Leviticus 23)

#	Name	Length	Gregorian Equivalent	Appointed Times
1	Nissan	30 days	March-April	Passover, Unleavened bread, Firstfruits
2	Iyar	29 days	April-May	
3	Sivan	30 days	May-June	Shavuot (Pentecost)
4	Tammuz	29 days	June-July	
5	Av	30 days	July-August	Tish B'Av (Day the Temple was destroyed in 586 BCE and 70 CE)
6	Elul	29 days	August-September	
7	Tishri	30 days	September-October	1 <sup>st</sup> Day: Rosh Ha Shannah (New Year) 10 <sup>th</sup> Day: Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) 15 <sup>th</sup> Day: Succoth (Booths) 23 <sup>rd</sup> Day: Simcha Torah
8	Cheshvan	29 or 30 days	October-November	
9	Kislev	30 or 29 days	November-December	
10	Tevet	29 days	December-January	
11	Shevat	30 days	January-February	
12	Adar	29 or 30 days	February-March	14 <sup>th</sup> Day: Purim (The Feast of Esther)
13	Adar II	29 days	March-April	

### Cycles of Time in the Bible

The day- begins at sunset, because there was darkness and then light on the first day.

The week- ends with the Sabbath because God created in six days and then rested.

The year- begins with Tishri 1 because that is the day that God created the world.

The year- also begins with Nissan because that is the month when God brought Israel out from Egypt.

The Sabbatical Year- every seven years the land rests

The Year of Jubilee- The year after the seventh seven, all debts are released.

Though there are now 28 fasts on the Jewish calendar, at least four of them go back as far as the days of Zechariah (see Zech 8:19)

Fast of the Fourth Month- Jer. 39:2 the breaching of the wall of Jerusalem

Fast of the Fifth Month- Tish B'Av, Jer. 52:4 the destruction of the Temple

Fast of the Seventh Month- Yom Kippur

Fast of the Tenth Month – The nature of this fast is uncertain, but there is a fast listed on the ninth of Tevet, which oddly frequently falls on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>.