

God's Holy Days and "Appointed Times" for 2015

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English Name/ Hebrew Name	Gregorian Date/ Hebrew Date	No. of Days	Purpose	Tone / Spirit	A Sabbath (No Work)	A Gathering (Holy Convocation)	An Offering	Other Commands
Weekly Time								
7 th Day of each Week / Shabbat	Sundown Friday to Sundown Saturday	1	Rest and focus on God	Joy, peace	X	X		
Spring Times								
<i>Purim (Lots)</i>	<i>Sundown 3/5 to Sundown 3/6 Adar 14</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Remember God's deliverance from Persia</i>	<i>Victory</i>				<i>Option of fasting to commemorate the Jews' 3- day fast at Esther's request.</i>
Passover / Pesach	Sundown 4/3 to Sundown 4/4 Nissan 14	1	Remember God's deliverance from Egypt and Yeshua's atoning death	Victory over bondage				Eat the Passover Seder meal described in Exodus 12.
Feast of Unleavened Breads / Hag haMatzot	Sundown 4/4 to Sundown 4/11 Nissan 15-21	7	Remember the hasty exodus from Egypt and purging of sin from our lives	Mindful of sin to be purged	Day 1 & Day 7	Day 1 & Day 7	Daily	Eat unleavened bread Do not eat leavened bread Purge all leavened foods and leavening ingredients from your home
Feast of First Fruits / Yom haBikkurim	Sundown 4/4 to Sundown 4/5 Nissan 15	1	Remember Yeshua's resurrection	Joy			X	
Waving of the Sheaf / Lag B'Omer	4/5 – 5/23 Nissan 15 – Sivan 4	49	Remember the process from Passover to the Giving of the Torah	Joy			Day 1	Count each day for 50 days
Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) / Hag Shavuot	Sundown 5/23 to Sundown 5/24 Sivan 5	1	Remember the giving of the Torah and Holy Spirit	Thanksgiving	X	X	X	

These dates follow the Messianic Calendar put out by Lion and Lamb Ministries. Here is how the dates are calculated: The Gregorian calendar is overlaid by the Jewish Diaspora calendar and modified to incorporate God's appointed times as given by Moses and synchronized to start each Hebrew month on the new moon as it would be seen from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. This new moon is calculated using lunar phase software that can pinpoint the moon's position and phase at any time from any latitude/longitude on earth. I echo the statement included in their calendar, "Our calendar is not perfect, but our hope is that all Messianic believers who use our calendar will learn to keep the Sabbaths and the feasts in the way that the Lord has impressed upon us individually."

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Fall/Winter Times								
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Feast of Trumpets / Yom Teruah (Rosh Hashanah)	Sundown 9/14 to Sundown 9/15 Tishrei 1	1	Preparation for the coming of the Messiah	Anticipation	X	X	X	Blow the shofar
Day of Atonement / Yom Kippur	Sundown 9/23 to Sundown 9/24 Tishrei 10	1	Repentance from sin and remembering Yeshua's gift of atonement on the day of judgment	Solemn Repentance and Reflection	X	X	X	Fast and rest
<i>Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem</i>	<i>October 4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>To align with God's heart for Jerusalem and Israel</i>	<i>Supplication</i>				
Feast of Tabernacles / Sukkot	Sundown 9/28 to Sundown 10/5 Tishrei 15-21	7	Our beginnings - Remember how God provided for us in the desert	Thanksgiving	Day 1	Day 1	Daily	Present fruit, palm fronds, woody branches and green branches to God each day. Live in a sukkah/tent (in Israel).
The 8 th Day / Shimini Atzeret	Sundown 10/5 to Sundown 10/6 Tishrei 22	1	New beginnings – How God brought us into the Promised Land	Celebration	X	X	X	
<i>Festival of Dedication / Hanukkah</i>	<i>Sundown 12/6 to Sundown 12/14 Kislev 25-Tivet 2</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Remember the recla- mation and rededica- tion of the temple</i>	<i>Victory and Rededication</i>				