

2012 Biblical Calendar

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JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 New Moon	26	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 New Moon	25
26	27	28	29			

MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Tekufah
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 New Moon
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6 Passover	7 U.B. Sabb
8 First Fruits	9 Unleavened Bread	10 Retreat	11	12	13 U.B. Sabb	14 Retreat End
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 New Moon	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 New Moon	24	25	26
27 Pentecost	28	29	30	31		

JUNE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 New Moon	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 New Moon
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 New Moon	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Trumpets	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27 Atonement	28	29

OCTOBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2 Tab Sabb	3 Feast of Tabernacles	4 Retreat	5	6
7	8	9 Great Day	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 New Moon	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 New Moon	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 New Moon
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

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ABOUT THE *TEKUFAH* AND NEW MOON DATES

NEW MOONS – The astronomical New Moon, which is the phase when the moon is completely dark (technically called the “conjunction”) is actually not the time of the Biblical New Moon. When a normal calendar lists New Moon dates that are 1-2 prior to our calendar New Moon dates it is a possible cause of confusion, to say the least! So why are our calendar New Moon dates different from the astronomical New Moon dates given by the US Naval Observatory? The reason for the difference is that the conjunction (dark phase) is not the New Moon, biblically. How can we be sure? Because the Bible term for New Moon is (Hebrew) Rosh Khodesh. **The root meaning of this is “renewed” or “rebuilt” moon. The moon is not renewed or rebuilt while it is in the conjunction (dark) phase. It is “renewed” and “rebuilt” when the first visible sliver becomes visible, FOLLOWING the conjunction.** The New Moon **sliver** becomes visible 1-2 days following the conjunction phase. In Bible times, there were 2-3 witnesses who would watch for the New Moon sliver. When they glimpsed it, they would tell the priests of Israel that the New Moon sliver had been sighted. The priests would calculate the timing (29-30 days from one New Moon to another). And then in the mouth of 2-3 witnesses the New Moon was established. The evening of the New Moon sighting preceded the Day of the New Moon. Thus, the New Moon Day is always the day AFTER the night when the first visible New Moon sliver was sightable. On our calendar, the evening when the New Moon sliver can be sighted is shown in light green. The Day of the New Moon (which is the first day of the new Biblical Month) is shown in darker green on Lighted Way Ministries Biblical Calendar.

TEKUFAH – *Tekufah* (also spelled *Tequphah*) (March 17th on our Calendar) is the Hebrew term for the four heavenly events now called Vernal Equinox, Summer Solstice, Autumnal Equinox, and Winter Solstice. Of these, the spring *Tekufah* is the end of the Biblical Year. Like the New Moon, the astronomical *Tekufah* and the sightable *Tekufah* are on different days. The astronomical Vernal Equinox, as dictated by the Council of Nicea, takes place on March 20. But, the visual *Tekufah* (the day when the hours of daylight and darkness are both 12 hours) is actually on March 17. This is why the Farmer’s Almanac lists March 17, not March 20, as the Vernal Equinox, or *Tekufah* in Hebrew. The *Tekufah* is a significant date because it is the Biblical END of the YEAR. In other words, the year 2011 doesn’t Biblically end until March 17 (the +333330. Now in the Western, Gentile, way of thinking, the New Year should begin the next day. But, this is not how things work, Biblically. Just as the end of time is not a single day, but a period of time, there is a shadow picture given of this every year. March 17 IS the last day of 2011, but the period of the end continues until the next New Moon, following the *Tekufah*. So, the first day of the New Biblical Year is actually (New Moon Day) Sunday, March 25. With this date as the first day, Passover is the fourteenth day, or thirteen days later. How do we know that the *Tekufah* is the End of Year, Biblically? The word *Tekufah* (spelled *tequphah*) is **Strong’s Concordance** number 8622. It appears four times in the Bible. In 2 Chronicles 24:23, we find the term *Tekufah* connected with being the end of the year, occurring in the Spring: “And it came to pass at the **END** (H8622) of the year, *that* the host of Syria came up against him...” (KJV). This same verse is translated as “end of the year” and “spring” in other Bible versions, one of which is the RSV. So, as shown on this calendar, Biblically, 2011 ends on March 17. And the New Year begins on March 25. For more information on the Biblical calendar, please visit our website at www.lightedway.org (follow the links to the Bible studies – Sabbath More Fully study #8).