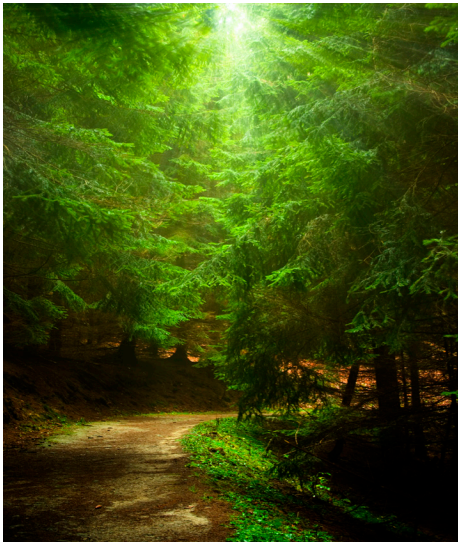


*Lighted Way Ministries*  
**Biblical Calendar-2018**

- New Moon Eve (sighting)
- New Moon Day
- Tekufah* (see back side)
- Feast Day, non-Sabbath
- Feast Sabbath (annual)
- Seventh-day Sabbath
- Passover

**KEY DATES:**  
**March 17 - Tekufah** (see back)  
**April 1 - Passover**  
**April 2-8 - Unleavened Bread**  
**April 8 - First Fruits**  
**May 27 - Pentecost (Shavuot)**  
**Sept. 11 - Feast of Trumpets**  
**Sept. 20 - Day of Atonement**  
**Sept. 25-Oct 1 - Tabernacles Feast**  
**Oct. 2 - The Last Great Day**



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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 in Bible times the New Moon was “sighted”. If there is no moon at all, there is nothing to sight. Also, the fact that the New Moon was the first visible sliver is demonstrated in the Bible term for New Moon, which is (in 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 sliver becomes visible, *following* the conjunction. In order for a New Moon to actually be visible, the elongation (the distance from the sun) needs to be at least 9.5 degrees and it should be at least 1.5%. This also has to do with age of the New Moon (in hours).

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 *Tekufah* which marks the end of the Biblical Year. Like the New Moon, the astronomical *Equinox* and the sightable *Tekufah* are on different days. The astronomical Vernal Equinox, as dictated by the Council of Nicea, takes place on March 20 or 21. 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 older *Farmer’s Almanacs* listed 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 doesn’t Biblically end until March 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 the year, 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) March 19. 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**. This same verse is translated as “end of the year” and “spring” in other Bible versions, one of which is the RSV. For more information on the Biblical calendar, please visit our website at [www.lightedway.org](http://www.lightedway.org)