

## ISRAEL'S LITURGICAL AND CIVIL CALENDAR YEAR

| Month                | Liturgical year order | Civil year order | Modern equivalent | Feast days & Agricultural Season<br>(+ = God-ordained annual and<br>++ pilgrim feasts<br>* = national feasts)  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|
| Aviv/Abib<br>(Nisan) | 1                     | 7                | March/April       | +Passover 14 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>++Unleavened Bread<br>15-21 <sup>st</sup> (sacred assembly on 15 <sup>th</sup><br>and 21 <sup>st</sup> ),<br>+Firstfruits = day after Sabbath<br>of Unleavened Bread holy week;<br>“Latter rains”/flood season;<br>beginning of barley and flax<br>harvest |
| Ziv (Iyyar)          | 2                     | 8                | April/May         | Dry season, apricots ripen   |
| Sivan                | 3                     | 9                | May/June          | ++Weeks (Pentecost) 50 days<br>from Firstfruits; wheat harvest,<br>dry winds, early fig harvest,<br>grapes ripen   |
| Tammuz               | 4                     | 10               | June/July         | Hot, dry season: grape harvest   |
| Ab                   | 5                     | 11               | July/Aug.         | Hot, olive harvest   |
| Elul                 | 6                     | 12               | Aug./Sept.        | Dates and summer figs  |
| Ethanim<br>(Tishri)  | 7                     | 1                | Sept./Oct.        | +Trumpets = 1 <sup>st</sup><br>+Day of Atonement = 10 <sup>th</sup><br>++Shelters (Booths/Tabernacles)<br>= 15-21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> sacred<br>assembly;<br>Fall equinox 15 <sup>th</sup> ;<br>“Former (early) rains,” plowing<br>& seed time                                |
| Bul<br>(Heshvan)     | 8                     | 2                | Oct./Nov.         | Rains, winter figs, sowing of<br>wheat and barley  |
| Chislev              | 9                     | 3                | Nov./Dec.         | *Hanukkah (feast of dedication);<br>winter begins  |
| Tebeth               | 10                    | 4                | Dec./Jan.         | Coldest month; rains and snow<br>in mountains  |
| Sebat                | 11                    | 5                | Jan./Feb.         | Growing warmer; almond trees<br>in bloom   |
| Adar                 | 12                    | 6                | Feb./March        | *Purim; spring: “Latter rains”<br>begin, citrus & fruit harvest  |

Seven annual feasts are God-ordained feasts (Ex 12:1-28; 43-51; 13:1-10; Lev 23:5-44; Num 28:16-29:39) including three pilgrim feasts (Unleavened Bread, Weeks, and Shelters). \*Hanukkah and Purim are national feasts proclaimed by the people and are not God-ordained (1 Mac 4:36-61; 2 Mac 10:1-8; Esth 9:20-32). The Feasts of Unleavened Bread and Tabernacles fell respectively near the spring and fall equinoxes. Ancients counted without the concept of a zero place-value.