

God's Holy Day Calendar

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In order to correctly observe God's Holy Days, a calendar must begin on the day of a New Moon conjunction prior to the Passover (Ex. 12:1-2). The Passover itself should occur on or after the Vernal Equinox symbolizing that no new harvest is possible without Christ fulfilling his commission as the Lamb of God (Lev. 23:14; 1Cor. 5:7). This is memorialized each year during the Passover service that takes place toward the end of the 14th day of the first month (Lev. 23:5).

The first New Moon of the year must be calculated from one's local time zone and it is to be observed from evening to evening, as all of God's Holy Days are (Lev. 23:32). Therefore, if the New Moon conjunction occurred at 6:57 pm on March 27, 2017 (Pacific Standard Time) and darkness fell at 7:43 pm, the New Moon would be observed from the beginning of March 27th, which started when March 26th ended at dark, until the evening of March 27th (evening to evening). The term "End Evening Nautical Twilight" can be used to describe when a new day commences (EENT). Be careful to put all time in standard time as some websites will put Daylight Savings on calculations when appropriate. The following links are meant as aides to make determinations for EENT and New Moon conjunctions:

http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneYear.php

<https://www.timeanddate.com/>

To calculate when the Passover service is to be observed, one must count to the 14th day of the first month, which occurs in "the spring" and not in the dead of winter (i.e. January). Using the dates mentioned previously, here is the long form calculation from the first day of the first month:

March 26/27 -	Day 1
March 27/28 -	Day 2
March 28/29 -	Day 3
March 29/30 -	Day 4
March 30/31 -	Day 5
March 31/April 1-	Day 6
April 1/2	Day 7
April 2/3	Day 8
April 3/4	Day 9
April 4/5	Day 10
April 5/6	Day 11
April 6/7	Day 12
April 7/8	Day 13
April 8/9	Day 14 (Passover)

Therefore, the Passover service would commence later in the day on April 9th. When darkness falls at the end of April 9th, the first High Day of Unleavened Bread would commence (Lev. 23:6) and this festival would continue until the last High Day on April 16th, for a total of seven days. During this festival, the count to Pentecost would begin with the day after the weekly Sabbath (Lev. 23:15). Using the dates previously mentioned, the weekly Sabbath would fall on April 15, 2017 and first day counted would be Sunday, April 16th. Consequently, the fiftieth day would fall on Sunday, June 4th (Lev. 23:16). Therefore, June 4, 2017 would be observed as Pentecost starting at the end (evening) of June 3rd.

The correct timing of the next sequence of God's Holy Days commences with the seventh New Moon conjunction (Lev. 23:23ff). All dates vary from year to year and require thoughtful consideration by those who wish to worship God in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24). The Head of God's Church, Jesus Christ, is in attendance with those of like mind during every appointed Holy Day and festival period (Php. 2:5),

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them (Mt. 18:20; NKJV).

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