

The Torah Reading Schedule of the Ancient Synagogues: Ancient Triennial Torah Parshiyot (Portions)

Jesus attended services every Shabbat at a synagogue, as was his custom, according to Luke 4. Gentiles who became part of the Jesus Movement were expected to attend synagogues and learn the Torah and the Prophets, according to Acts 15. Synagogues followed schedules for the portions read each Shabbat, along with short portions from the Prophets. Below is the oldest Torah reading schedule known at this time.*

Today, Jewish denominations use schedules that may differ based on whether it takes one year or three years to completely read the Torah. The most important differences are in the portions from the Prophets. The schedule below existed over 800 years before modern Jewish denominations were founded. Using it to identify portions Jesus taught and the dates linked to them is an interesting exercise. And just using it to read weekly portions will definitely help you better understand the teachings of Jesus.

Comparison of Months of Jewish & Gregorian Calendars

The first month of the Jewish calendar is Nissan / Rosh Hashanah New Year celebration is in Tishri. The Hebrew calendar is based on both the lunar and the solar cycles (lunisolar calendar). Months are measured by one revolution of the moon around the earth. The common year in the Hebrew calendar includes 12 months. But there is a difference of about 11 days between 12 lunar cycles and one solar cycle. The Hebrew sages decided that leap year (Adar II) will be declared on the following years of a 19 year period: 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 19.

1 - Nissan	2 - Iyar	3 - Sivan	4 - Tammuz	5 - Av	6 - Elul
March-April	April-May	May-June	June-July	July-August	August-September
7 - Tishri	8 - Heshvan	9 - Kislev	10 - Tevet	11 - Shevat	12 - Adar*
September-October	October-November	November-December	December-January	January-February	February-March

*Adar 2 is like a leap-year that occurs in March-April

Convert dates from Jewish calendar to modern calendar.

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

Print monthly Jewish calendar with modern dates.

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

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FIRST YEAR • Ancient Torah Reading Schedule

Month	1 st Shabbat	2 nd Shabbat	3 rd Shabbat	4 th Shabbat	5 th Shabbat
NISAN March-April	Gen. 1:1-2:3 Isa. 42:5	Gen. 2:4-3:23 N/A	Gen. 3:24-4:26 N/A	Gen. 5:1-6:8 Isa. 30:8-15	
IYYAR April-May	Gen. 6:9-7:24 Isa. 54:9-10	Gen. 8:1-14 Hab. 3:1-5	Gen. 8:15-9:17 Isa. 42:7-21	Gen. 9:18-10:32 Isa. 49:9-13	Gen. 11:1-32 N/A
SIVAN May-June	Gen. 12:1-13:18 Josh. 24:3-18	Gen. 14:1-24 Isa. 41:2-14 1 Kings 10:9	Gen. 15:1-21 Zeph. 3:9-19 Isa. 1:1-17	Gen. 16:1-16 Isa. 64:1	
TAMMUZ June-July	Gen. 17:1-27 Isa. 63:10-11	Gen. 18:1-33 Isa. 33:17-34 2 Kings 4	Gen. 19:1-38 Isa. 17:14-18:7	Gen. 20:1-18 Isa. 61:9-10	Gen. 21:1-34 1 Sam 2:21-28
AV July-August	Gen. 22:1-24 Isa. 33:7-22	Gen. 23:1-20 1 Kings 1:	Gen. 24:1-41 Judges 19-20	Gen. 24:42-67 Isa. 12:2-14:2	Gen. 25:1-26:10 2 Sam. 5:17-6:1
ELUL August-September	Gen. 26:11-35 Isa. 65:23-66:8	Gen. 27:1-27 Isa. 46:3-6	Gen. 27:28-28:9 Micah 1:1; 5:7-13	Gen. 28:10-29:30 Hosea 12:13	Gen. 29:31-30:20 Isa. 60:15
TISHRI September-October	Gen. 30:21-31:2 1 Sa. 1:11	Gen. 31:3-32:3 Jer. 30:10-16; Micah 6:3-7:20	Gen. 32:4-33:17 Obadiah 1:1	Gen. 33:18-35:8 Nah. 1:12-2:5	
HESHVAN October-November	Gen. 35:9-36:43 Isa. 43:1-7	Gen. 37:1-36 Jer. 38:8	Gen. 38:1-30 Isa. 37:31-37	Gen. 39:1-40:22 Isa. 52:3-9	
KISLEV November-December	Gen. 40:23 Amos 1:3-15; 2:6	Gen. 41:1-37 Isa. 29:8	Gen. 41:38-42:17 Isa. 11:2-9	Gen. 42:18-43:23 Isa. 50:10-52:11	
TEVET December-January	Gen. 43:24-44:17 Jer. 42:12-17; 43:12-14; 1 Kings 3:15	Gen. 44:18-47:27 Josh. 14:6; Ezek. 37:10	Gen. 47:28-31* 1 Kings 13:14	Gen. 48:1-22 1 Kings 2:1	Gen. 49:1-26 Isa. 43:2
SHEVAT January-February	Gen. 49:27-50:26 Zech. 14:1; Micah 2:12	Ex. 1:1-2:25 Isa. 27:6; Ezek. 16:1; 20	Ex. 3:1-4:13 Isa. 40:11; 2 Kings 20:8	Ex. 4:14-6:1 Isa. 55:12	Ex. 6:2-7:17 Ezek. 28:25-29:21
ADAR February-March	Ex. 7:18-8:15 Joel 3:3	Ex. 8:16-9:35 Isa. 34:11	Ex. 10:1-12:12 Isa. 19; Jer. 4:6; 1 Sam. 6:6	Ex. 12:13-28 Jer. 46:13-28	

SECOND YEAR • The Torah Reading Schedule

Month	1 st Shabbat	2 nd Shabbat	3 rd Shabbat	4 th Shabbat	5 th Shabbat
NISAN March-April	Ex. 12:29-51 Isa. 21:11	Ex. 13:1-20 Isa. 46:3	Ex. 13:21-15:20 Isa. 45:24	Ex. 15:21-16:24 Isa. 49:10	
IYYAR April-May	Ex. 16:25-17:16 Isa. 58:13	Ex. 18:1-20:22 Isa. 6; 61:6-10	Ex. 21:1-22:25 Jer. 34:1	Ex. 22:26-23:33 Isa. 49:3	
SIVAN May-June	Ex. 24:1-18 Isa. 60:17-61:9	Ex. 25:1-26:30 Isa. 66	Ex. 26:31-27:19 Ezek. 16:10-19	Ex. 27:20-28:43 Hos. 14:7; Ezek. 43:10	Ex. 29:1-46 Isa. 61:6
TAMMUZ June-July	Ex. 30:1-11 Mal. 1:11-2:7	Ex. 30:12-38 2 Kings 12:5	Ex. 31:1-32:13 Isa. 43:7-21	Ex. 32:14-34:26 2 Sam. 22:10-51	
AV July-August	Ex. 34:27-36:38 Jer. 31:33-40; 1 Kings 18:27-39	Ex. 37:1-38:20 1 Kings 8:8-22	Ex. 38:21-31 Jer. 30:18	Ex. 39:1-40:38 Isa. 33:20-34:8; 1 Kings 7:13	
ELUL August-September	Lev. 1:1-2:16 Isa. 43:21; Jer. 21:19; Mal 6:9-7:8	Lev. 3:1-17 Ezek. 44:11; 20:41	Lev. 4:1-35 Ezek. 18:4-17	Lev. 5:1-26 Zech. 5:3-6:19	Lev. 6:1-11 Jer. 7:21
TISHRI September-October	Lev. 6:12-7:38 Mal. 3:9	Lev. 8:1-36 Ezek. 43:27	Lev. 9:1-11:47 1 Kings 8:56-58	Lev. 12:1-13:28 Isa. 66:7	
HESHVAN October-November	Lev. 13:29-59 2 Kings 5	Lev. 14:1-57 2 Kings 7:8	Lev. 15:1-33 N/A	Lev. 16:1-34 Ezek. 44:1	
KISLEV November-December	Lev. 17:1-16 N/A	Lev. 18:1-30 Ezek. 22:1	Lev. 19:1-20:27 Amos 9:7	Lev. 21:1-24 Ezek. 44:25	
TEVET December-January	Lev. 22:1-23:44 N/A	Lev. 24:1-23 N/A	Lev. 25:1-38 Jer. 36:6; Ezek. 34	Lev. 25:39-26:2 Isa. 24:2	
SHEVAT January-February	Lev. 26:3-27:34 Jer. 16:19; Ezek. 12:20	Num. 1:1-2:13 Hos. 2:1	Num. 2:14-3:13 N/A	Num. 3:14-4:16 Isa. 43:9	
ADAR February-March	Num. 4:17-20 1 Sam. 6:10	Num. 4:21-5:10 Judg. 13:2-25	Num. 5:11-31 Hos. 4:14	Num. 6:1-21 Judg. 13:2	

THIRD YEAR • The Torah Reading Schedule

Month	1 st Shabbat	2 nd Shabbat	3 rd Shabbat	4 th Shabbat	5 th Shabbat
NISAN March-April	Num. 6:22-7:89 N/A	Num. 8:1-9:21 Zech. 4:14	Num. 9:22-10:36 N/A	Num. 11:1-35 N/A	
IYYAR April-May	Num. 12:1-16 N/A	Num. 13:1-33 Josh. 2:1; Judg. 18:7	Num. 14:1-45 N/A	Num. 15:1-41 N/A	Num. 16:1-17:15 1 Sam. 11
SIVAN May-June	Num. 17:16-18:24 Ezek. 44:15	Num. 18:25-20:13 Ezek. 44:29	Num. 20:14-22:1 Judg. 11	Num. 22:2-23:1 Micah 5:6	
TAMMUZ June-July	Num. 23:2-25:9 N/A	Num. 25:10-26:51 Mal. 2:5	Num. 26:52-27:23 Josh. 17:4	Num. 28:1-29:39 Ezek. 45:12	
AV July-August	Num. 30:1-31:54 Jer. 4:2	Num. 32:1-42 Jer. 2	Num. 33:1-56 N/A	Num. 34:1-34:8 Ezek. 45:1; Josh. 21:41	Num. 35:9-36:13 Josh. 20:1
ELUL August-September	Deut. 1:1-46 Jer. 30:4; Amos 2:9	Deut. 2:1-3:22 N/A	Deut. 3:23-29 Jer. 32:16	Deut. 4:1-49 N/A	
TISHRI September-October	Deut. 5:1-6:3 N/A	Deut. 6:4-7:26 1 Kings 10:39	Deut. 8:1-20 Jer. 9:22-24	Deut. 9:1-29 Jer. 2:1; 2 Kings 8:30	
HESHVAN October-November	Deut. 10:1-11:25 2 Kings 13:23	Deut. 11:26-12:19 Isa. 54:11-55:6	Deut. 12:20-15:6 Jer. 23:9	Deut. 15:7-17:13 Isa. 61:1-2	
KISLEV November-December	Deut. 17:14-23 1 Sam. 8:1	Deut. 17:24-20 1 Sam. 10:24	Deut. 18:1-20:9 Jer. 29:8	Deut. 20:10-21:9 Josh. 24:1	
TEVET December-January	Deut. 21:10- N/A Isa. 54:1-10	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	Deut. 26:1-29:8 Isa. 60:1-22	
SHEVAT January-February	Deut. 29:9-30:20 Isa. 55:6-58:8 Micah 7:18-20	Deut. 31:1-13 Jer. 12:15	Deut. 31:14-30 Judg. 2:7	Deut. 32:1-52 Ezek. 17:22	
ADAR February-March	Deut. 33:1-29* Josh. 1:1-18	Deut. 34:1-12* N/A	1 Samuel 15:1-34	Ezekiel 36:16-38	

* Not included in later Torah reading schedules.