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*This is a supplemental document meant to assist others in calculating the calendar for themselves in the same manner that 119 Ministries does. Please see our: **Time: Our Creator's Calendar series, The Foundation Parts 1-3** linked at the bottom for further information. The only difference between this document and what is outlined in part 3 is how we calculate the first day of the month.*** – Last Updated 2-6-2024*

HOW 119 MINISTRIES CALCULATES THE CALENDAR

For those that are interested, here are the steps 119 Ministries uses to calculate the Biblical calendar:

Calculating the Spring Feasts

1. Determine Spring equinox (March 20-21).
One can also observe the annual pattern of the stars (Heavenly signs) as it relates to *aviv* (Earthly signs) to know when Spring is about to occur, but using the Spring equinox method produces the same effect and is easier for most.
2. Determine the Jerusalem new moon (lunar) conjunction before the equinox
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/moonrise.html>
3. Determine when lunar conjunction occurs that is closest to the Spring equinox.
4. The first night that the lunar conjunction can be observed (lack of moon visible after time of conjunction) is the first day of the Biblical month. (*Note: Once the sliver is observed, it validates that the first day has already occurred*)
5. Count Biblical days (sundown to sundown) until you land on the 14th Biblical night and day.
6. The 14th day of the 1st month is the day on which the lamb is to be slaughtered between the evenings (if there was a functioning temple). As the sun goes down, the Feast of Unleavened bread is eaten going into the 15th night of the 1st month (this is often called the "Passover meal" because the Passover is eaten at this time). Bitter herb, unleavened bread, and the teaching of Exodus are to be a part of this event.

7. The 15th day and 21st day of the first month are both days of rest and holy convocations. This seven-day period is also a time of eating only unleavened bread and is called the week of Unleavened Bread.
8. Determine the days of the weekly Sabbath during the seven days of Unleavened Bread. The Hebraic day after this weekly Sabbath is the day of First Fruits.
9. From the first weekly Sabbath during Unleavened Bread, count seven Sabbaths. The day after the seventh weekly Sabbath is Shavuot (Pentecost)

Calculating the Fall Feasts

1. From the established first month, determine the 7th new moon conjunction
2. Determine on which Biblical night and day (sunset to sunset) that the lunar conjunction occurs.
3. This Biblical night and day (sunset to sunset) is the first night and day of the 7th Hebraic month. This day is also the Day of Trumpets. This day the shofar is blown and is a day of rest/holy convocation. We expect that someday Yeshua might return on this day.
4. Determine the 10th night and day of the 7th month. This is Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). This day is a day of rest/holy convocation.
5. Determine the 15th night and day of the 7th month. The 15th of the 7th month is the first night and day of Sukkot (Tabernacles) which is also a rest and holy convocation. The 15th to the 21st of the 7th month is the time of dwelling in booths. The 22nd of the 7th month is the Last Great Day and is also a rest and holy convocation.

Calculating Purim and Hanukkah

Purim –

1. Calculate the 12th month in the same way that the other months were calculated.
2. Purim is on the 14th and 15th night and day of the 12th month. This is an optional festival, not a commandment.

Hanukkah –

1. Calculate the 9th month in the same way all of the months are calculated.
2. Hanukkah is on the 24th night and day of the 9th month and last for 8 nights and days. This is an optional festival, not a commandment.

Additional Resources

- For More Information on the calendar, please see our [*Time: Our Creator's Calendar Series*](#)
 - The Foundation Part 1 – <https://youtu.be/lfrer3zl-MM>
 - The Foundation Part 2 – <https://youtu.be/m-PR2oPiUj0>
 - The Foundation Part 3 – https://youtu.be/mlBvq2_2r7M

*****(Please note the following regarding the above series)**

Instead of the first day of the first month being the same Biblical day (evening to evening) of the conjunction, we now place the first day of the first month the evening following the conjunction if the conjunction occurs during the day in Jerusalem. If the conjunction occurs at night in Jerusalem, then it is that same evening/night that begins the first day of the first month. This is to take into account that the sun, moon, and stars are to be visual signs and the lunar conjunction can only be witnessed at night, which is why the Torah states “the moon rules over the night.(Genesis 1:14-18)” We did not take that into account in the calendar series and it needs to be eventually updated. This is the ONLY change for the series, and everything else is still how we teach it.

- For More Information about the appointed times themselves, please see our [The Mo'edim Series](#).
- You can view the calendar dates for this year on our website at: <http://119ministries.com/calendar>

We pray this document has been of some assistance. Remember, continue to test everything. Shalom! For more on this and other teachings, please visit us at www.testeverything.net

Shalom, and may Yahweh bless you in walking in the whole Word of God.

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