

Beginning of the Biblical Year – Passover Date



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- **Purpose of this research**

To determine which new moon phase establishes Passover on the 14 of the first Biblical month (Abib)



- 3 New Moon Phases:
Conjunction – First Visible Crescent – New Moon Horned Crescent
- 1 Passover: Abib 14
- Test - Which phase would you choose and why?

■ Introduction

Biblical Calendar
of
the Sanctuary



“And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.” Exodus 12:1, 2



“And ye shall keep it [the lamb] up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.” Exodus 12:6

■ Introduction

Biblical Calendar

in History

and

Spirit of Prophecy



“It was the actual [**horned crescent**] new moon, not any fictitious new moon that regulated the great festivals, for it was an ‘observed moon’....

....If we accept the testimony of Aristobulos, 200 years before Christ -- that the Passover of the Jews followed the sunset of the day when the full moon rising in the east faces the setting sun in the west -- we can reasonably conclude that the Jewish Passover, which is repeatedly described in the Bible as the 14th day of Nisan [Abib] was the **day following the full moon date**, and not on it [or was] the ‘day after the evening when the moon stands diametrically opposed to the sun, as everyone can see at the time of full moon.’”

The Grace Amadon Collection, Part V, Crucifixion Date, 29, 4, 38, emphasis supplied.



“In company with His disciples, the Saviour slowly made His way to the garden of Gethsemane. **The Passover moon, broad and full**, shone from a cloudless sky. The city of pilgrims’ tents was hushed into silence.” Desire of Ages, 685, emphasis supplied

- **Presentation**

Biblical Calendar

Astronomy

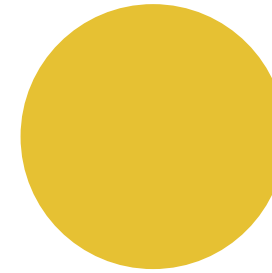
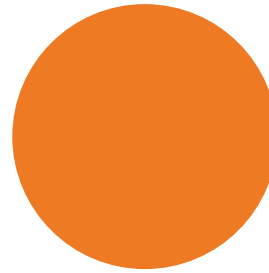
Procedure



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Data:

This research is based on 5 years data of the fraction of the moon illuminated (2011-2015) based on USNO.



Procedure:

After computing all the data of the fraction of the moon illuminated for the Conjunction, First Visible Crescent and New Moon Horned Crescent, for the 12 months of the 5 years chosen, a pattern emerged as to which phase of the moon ascertains the feast of Passover on the 14th of Abib or first month of the year.

12 Months x 3 phases x 5 years = 180 data.

■ Results

12 Months x 3 phases
x 5 years = 180 data

The data show how
many days are
between the Phases of
the moon to Full Moon

From these results we
can draw
recommendations and
conclusion



Conjunction to Full Moon

- **Mainly 15 days – or Abib 15th**
- Sometimes 16 days
- Rarely 17 days

First Visible Crescent to Full Moon

- **Mainly 14 days – or Abib 14th**
- Sometimes 15 days
- Rarely 16 days

Horned Crescent to Full Moon

- **Mainly 13 days – or Abib 13th**
- Sometimes 14 days
- Rarely 15 days

Recommendations and Conclusion



■ Recommendations

This research was based on 5 years or 180 data. According to the Rule of Correspondence, the same results can be obtained when further data are analyzed.

In order to ascertain Passover on the 14th of Abib, as the day **AFTER** the full moon and not on it, the data of the New Moon **HORNED** crescent must be used.

The correct date of the New Moon Horned Crescent of the First Month of the New Year determines the Spring and Fall Feasts and 7th day Sabbaths for the whole Biblical year.

■ Conclusion

This research confirms the Biblical, Astronomical, Chronological, Historical and Spirit of Prophecy facts that the feast of Passover is on the 14th of the first month and always the day after the full moon and not on it.

It also confirms that Christ fulfilled the Passover appointed time according to the month, day and hour through the evening in the garden of Gethsemane on Abib 13th on the full moon. And His death occurred the day following the full moon date, and not on it, on Passover 14th at the 9th hour.

“It would be needful for His church in all succeeding ages to make His death for the sins of the world a subject of deep thought and study. Every fact connected with it [Passover and the Crucifixion] should be verified beyond a doubt.” *Desire of Ages*, 571



- **For Further Study**

<http://www.144000teachers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Passover-the-Key-to-Ascertain-the-New-Moon-for-the-New-Year.pdf>

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