

Biblical Calendar

Civil Month	Month Number	Babylonian Month Name	Meaning of the month name	Biblical Feast	Other Holidays	Fasts (Zech 8:19) (4th, 5th, 7th, 10th)	Mentioned in the Bible	Harvests
Jan/Feb	11	Sh'vat	tribe, rod, sceptre, staff (H7626)	TuB'Shevat 15th, New year of trees				pruning vines
Feb/Mar	12	Adar	Strength	Purim 14th	Esther Fast (not mentioned in Zech 8)		Adar (Ezra 6:15) Temple completed on the third.	Almonds bloom, Citrus harvest
		Adar II, Leap year						
Mar/Apr	1	Nisan (Aviv)	Nisan: their flight; Aviv: firstfruit green ear	Passover 14th Firstfruits 17th or so	HaShoah, Holocaust 27th		Abib/Aviv (Exodus 13:4, 23:15, 34:18, Deut. 16:1); Nisan (Esther 3:7; Neh2:1).	Latter rains. Firstfruits of barley and flax
Apr/ May	2	Iyyar (Ziv)	Iyyar: (natural) healing; Ziv: brightness	Counting the Omar: 50 days	HaZikaron (Memorial Day) 4th, Ha'atmaut (Independence Day) 5th, Yom Yerushalyim 28th		Ziv (1 Kings 6:1, 6:37)	Barley harvest
May/June	3	Sivan	Bright- their covering	Shavuot (around 15th)				Wheat harvest
June/July	4	Tamuz	Hidden - giver of the vine		Fast of Tamuz 17th, breach of walls of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:3-4) (was on 9th until after 2nd Temple destroyed, then moved to 17th), Moses broke tablets. Begins 3 wks of sorrow.			
July/Aug	5	Av	Father		9th Tisha b'Av, destruction of the first and second Temple. End of 3 wks of sorrow.			
Aug/Sept	6	Elul	Acronym for <u>A</u> ni <u>L</u> 'dodi <u>V</u> 'dodi <u>L</u> i. Akkadian: harvest. Heb: nothingness.	Month of repentance. Blow shofar every day, except Shabbat.			Neh. 6:15, Jerusalem wall finished on the 25th.	
Sept/Oct	7	Tishri (Ethanim)	Tishri: beginning (from reishit); Ethanim: enduring, everflowing. (Named bc permanent streams still flow!)	Yom Teruah 1st, Yom Kippur 10th, Sukkot 15th, Shemini Atzerath (8th day), Simchat Torah	Fast Gedaliah 3rd (2 Kings 25:25) Murder of governor Gedaliah. It ended Jewish autonomy after the destruction of the First Temple.		Ethanim (1 Kings 8:2) Solomon dedicated the Temple during Sukkot	Early rains begin. Grape harvest
Oct/Nov	8	Chesvan (Bul)	Chesvan: Eighth; Bul: increase, produce				Bul (1 Kings 6:38) 1st Temple built (7 yrs), 8th yr for furnishings	Grape continues. Olives, figs
Nov/Dec	9	Keslev	Security, trust	Hanukkah 23rd-30th			Chislev (Zech 7:1; Neh. 1:1)	plowing, planting
Dec/Jan	10	Tevet	Good (from Tov)		Tenth of Tevet fast (2 Kings 25:1) Nebuchadnezzar began seige of Jerusalem			Winter. Rarely snows.