

## Background for the Old Testament Holy Days

The Jewish Months and Holy Days			
Nisan (1) Mar/Apr <b>14 Passover</b> <b>15-22 Unleavened Bread</b> <b>16 Firstfruits</b>	Iyyar (2) Apr/May	Sivan (3) May/June <b>6 Weeks (Pentecost)</b>	Tammuz (4) Jun/Jul
Ab (5) Jul/Aug	Elul (6) Aug/Sep	Tishri (7) Sep/Oct <b>1 Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah)</b> <b>10 Atonement</b> <b>15-22 Booths</b>	Heshvan (8) Oct/Nov
Kislev (9) Nov/Dec <b>24 Hanukkah</b>	Tebeth (10) Dec/Jan	Shebat (11) Jan/Feb	Adar (12) Feb/Mar <b>14 Purim</b>

<http://www.hebcal.com/holidays/> lists 45 current holidays, including twelve first days of the months.

The Gezer Calendar (ca. 1000 BC)		
Sept/Oct- Oct/Nov Nov/Dec- Dec/Jan	ירחו אסך ירחו ז	The (two) months of harvest, the (two) months of so-
Jan/Feb- Feb/Mar	רע ירחו לקש	wing, The (two) months of late planting
Mar/Apr	ירח עצר פשת	The month of reaping flax
Apr/May	ירח קצר שערמ	The month of reaping barley
May/June	ירח קצר וכל	The month of reaping and measuring
Jun/Jul- Jul/Aug	ירחו זמר	The (two) months of (vine)-tending
Aug/Sept	ירח קצ	The month of summer (-fruit)

