



# MEETING JESUS IN THE HEBREW CALENDAR

## 1. GOD CREATED TIME

**Genesis 1:14** (NASB) Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and they shall serve as signs and for seasons, and for days and years.”

God meets people, moves in power, and reveals Himself at very specific times and seasons.

**1 Chronicles 12:32** (NASB) From the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do.

## 2. GOD WORKS IN APPOINTED TIMES

God moves in appointed times that repeat across generations. He moves intentionally, not randomly. God moves with rhythm.

**Exodus 12:2** (NASB) This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year for you.

The Hebrew Months: **Nissan, Iyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Av, Elul, Tishrei, Cheshvan, Kislev, Tevet, Shevat, Adar.**

The Seven Feasts of the Lord (Leviticus 23): **Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles.**

The Three Major Feasts (Exodus 23:14–17): **Passover (Pesach), Pentecost (Shavuot), and Tabernacles (Sukkot).**

**Leviticus 23:2** (KJV) Concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are **My** feasts.

The KJV uses the word **feast** and the NASB says **appointed times**. The word for feast is the Hebrew word **mo'ed**. The word **mo'ed** means an appointment, or an appointed time.

## 3. JESUS IS THE CENTER OF EVERY FEAST

**John 5:39** (NASB) It is those very Scriptures that testify about Me.

### 1. Passover (14 Nissan)

Paul said, “For Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed” (1 Corinthians 5:7 AMP).

### 2. Unleavened Bread (15-22 Nissan)

Jesus declared in John 6:35 that He was the bread of life. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:21, “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” God removed our sin through the sinless life of Jesus.

### 3. Firstfruits (16-17 Nissan)

Jesus prophesied in Luke 24:46 that he would rise from the dead on the third day. Paul said, "Christ has been raised from the dead, the *first fruits* of those who are asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20).

### 4. Pentecost (6 Sivan)

Celebration of the Giving of the Torah (Law of Moses) - John 1:14 declared that Jesus who is the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Then Jesus himself said, "Do not think that I came to do away with or undo the Law [of Moses] or the [writings of the] Prophets; I did not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17 AMP).

Celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit - Jesus said in Luke 24:49, "I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Holy Spirit came like a rushing mighty wind and filled the people in Acts 2.

### 5. Feast of Trumpets (1 Tishrei)

Some Bible scholars believe that Jesus will return on the Feast of Trumpets. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 says, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord."

### 6. Day of Atonement (10 Tishrei)

To atone in the Old Testament was to cover. Atonement had to be done every year because "...it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4).

But God had a permanent solution. Hebrews 9:12 says, "and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all time, having obtained eternal redemption."

### 7. Feast of Tabernacles (15-22 Tishrei)

Some Bible scholars believe Jesus was born on the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus is called Emmanuel which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

John 1:14 says, "And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us" AMPC.

## 4. GOD USES HIS CALENDAR

When you look at the timing of the life of Jesus, especially His final week, you begin to see how precise God is.

#### Passover Instruction

Lamb chosen on 10 Nissan  
Lamb examined for 4 days  
Lamb without blemish  
Lamb killed at twilight (~3 PM)  
Blood brings deliverance

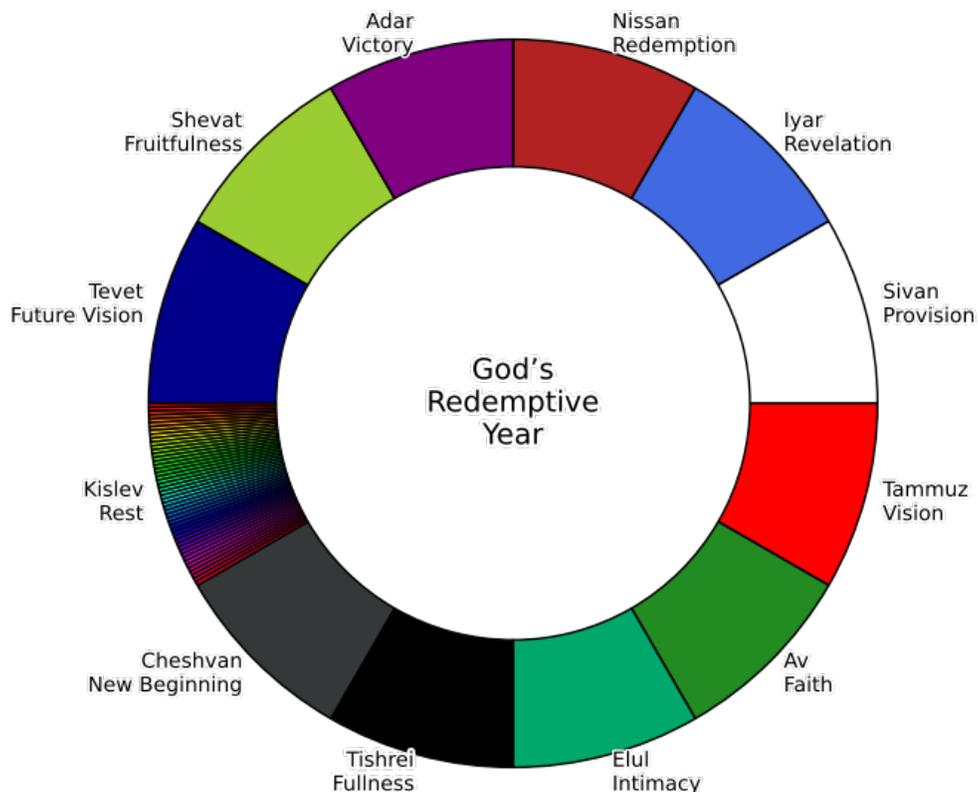
#### Jesus Fulfillment

Jesus entered Jerusalem  
Jesus questioned and tested  
No fault found in Him  
Jesus died at 3 PM  
His blood brings salvation

All these events occurred on 17 Nissan:

- The ark rested on Mt. Ararat after the flood.
- The Israelites crossed the Red Sea.
- Manna disappeared and the Israelites ate fruit from the Promised Land for the first time.
- God used Queen Esther to deliver the Jews from death.
- Jesus was resurrected from the dead.

## 5. HEBREW MONTHS – GOD’S REDEMPTIVE CYCLE



## 6. WALKING UPWARD WITH GOD

A Greek mindset tends to see life as moving in a straight line. A Hebraic mindset sees life as moving in cycles, but those cycles move upward.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** says that we are being transformed from glory to glory.

**Psalms 84:7** says that we go from strength to strength.

**Proverbs 15:24** says, "The way of life winds upward for the wise."

## 7. A SIMPLE WAY TO START WALKING IN GOD'S CALENDAR

Let's reconnect to our Hebraic roots.

### 1. Pay attention to God's Feasts: Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles.

God works in seasons in our lives just like He does in Scripture.

**Psalms 1:3** says that a person planted by God brings forth fruit in its season.

**Galatians 6:9** says that in due season we will reap if we do not lose heart.

### 2. Align your heart

Ask: What is God doing now?

### 3. Walk with Jesus daily

You can use the daily devotional that Melanie Henry and I have written and follow along every day through each month and the year. Our book is called, ***Meeting Jesus in the Hebrew Calendar: A Daily Devotional Revealing Christ in the Months, Feasts, and Seasons of God.***