

## Hebraic Calendar according to scripture

The Hebraic calendar that observed by Ancient Israel is a lunisolar calendar and the months begin in spring with years consisting of 12 lunar months, each beginning when a **new crescent moon** was first sighted low on the horizon at sunset.

<b>Month #</b>	<b>Month name</b>	<b>Gregorian equivalent</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Origin</b>
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1	Abib	March - April	<i>Exodus 12:2</i> <i>Exodus 13:4</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> month of the Hebraic calendar as Abib is in reference to Barley (meaning to be tender) i.e. a young ear of grain
1	Nisan	March - April	<i>Nehemiah 2:1</i> <i>Esther 3:7</i>	This name also referred to as the 1 <sup>st</sup> month of the Hebraic calendar. This name derived from the Babylonian month name Nisannu. The name was adopted during exile in Babylon.
2	Zif	April - May	<i>1 Kings 6:1, 37</i>	brightness; splendour; i.e. (figuratively) the month of flowers
3	Sivan	May - June	<i>Esther 8:9</i>	Sivan originated in Babylonian exile. This word derived from Simanu meaning "Season; time" in Babylonian. Simanu was also referred to be named after the Babylonian Moon God called Sim
4	Month name not specified in scripture	June - July	No Month name	Only fourth month is mentioned in <i>Zechariah 8:19</i>
5	Month name not specified in scripture	July - August	No Month name	Only the name fifth month is mentioned in <i>Ezra 7:9</i>

6	Elul	August - September	<i>Nehemiah 6:15</i>	Elul originated in Babylonian exile. This word derived from Ulûlu, which was dedicated to many Babylonian gods. One of them was Ishtar, goddess of fertility.
7	Ethanim	September - October	<i>1 Kings 8:2</i>	Definition for Ethanim is strong / valiant
8	Bul	October - November	<i>1 Kings 6:38</i>	Definition for bul is old age
9	Chisleu	November - December	<i>Zechariah 7:1</i> <i>Nehemiah 1:1</i>	Chisleu originated during Babylonian exile from the original word Kislîmu.
10	Tebeth	December - January	<i>Esther 2:16</i>	Tebeth originated during Babylonian exile from the original word Tebêtu
11	Sebat	January - February	<i>Zechariah 1:7</i>	Sebat originated during Babylonian exile from the original word Sebat
12	Adar	February - March	<i>Esther 3:1</i> <i>Esther 8:12</i>	Adar originated during Babylonian exile from the original word Addaru