## Nisan Notes 2023 Calendar

Calendar uses Jerusalem as a base for New Moon Phases as found at: https://www.timeanddate.com/moon/phases/israel/jerusalem
The New Moon is sometimes observed at night, sometimes in early am, and sometimes around midday.
Dates begin in the evening at sunset which yields 12 hours of darkness and 12 hours of daylight afterwards

Weekly Sabbath Days are the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th of each Hebrew month. The 8th of each month (top left block) contains the Day of Week for the Sabbaths for that month. Note that a Hebrew/Jewish month is either 29 or 30 days where the 30th day is often a $1 / 2$ day rather than a whole 24 -hour day.. When the previous month has 30 days the New Moon feast takes place over 2 days before starting the next month. Thus the extra time beyond 29 days gives extra worship and rest time which would be welcomed.

The four primary phases of the moon (new moon, first quarter, full moon, last quarter) occur about a week apart, with the full moon its most dazzling stage.
The problem to solve is how did they communicate when the New Moon was observed as therefore the start of the year, of the month,of the start of the week.
But then they could count 4 Sabbaths and know the end of the month and start of the next month is imminent. So they could watch intensively for the New Moon and blow the trumpet in the various geographies for all to know that the new moon has arrived. (Psa 81:3) Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. They would also know that a certain number of sabbaths had passed and the end of the year iwas imminent so they would know when the first month of the New Year came. And of course, the agricultural elements would also be indicative of the times
http://lunar-sabbath.org/
https://sciencing.com/moon-phases-7843582.html
Legend for abbreviations used in the calendar follows:
Feast of Unleavend Bread (FUB); Holy Convocation (HC); Feast of Tabernacles (FOTB); Day of Atonement-Yom Kippur (DOT); Pentecost (PC); Feast of First Fruits (FOFF)















