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Jewish Months and Feasts

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Jewish Months and Feasts.

ABIB (ALSO CALLED NISAN), THE FIRST JEWISH MONTH

- **Leviticus 23:4-5:** In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is the LORD 's Passover.

The first Jewish month is called Abib (also called Nisan), it is the month that the children of Israel came out of Egypt, and it was for this reason that it was made the first Jewish month in the year. It answers to part of our March and part of April.

- **Exodus 13:4:** Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out (from Egypt, the house of slavery).
- **Deuteronomy 16:1:** observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

And called Nisan in the later books of Scripture.

- **Esther 3:7:** In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that is, they cast lots) before Haman day after day; and they cast it month after month till the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.
- **Nehemiah 2:1:** In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.

The focus of the Passover was the saving of their firstborn; and their deliverance out of Egypt.

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Nisan was the name given by the Persian Jews to the month previously called Abib. It is the first month of the ecclesiastical year. (March/April), and seventh month (eighth, in leap year) of the civil year. It followed the vernal equinox, and fell four months after Chisleu (Neh. 1:1).

The three feasts held in this month were:

1. Passover (14th day).
2. Unleavened Bread (15th to the 21st day).
3. The Feast of Firstfruits (16th day).

Nisan in the Hebrew and the Babylonian calendars, is the month of the barley ripening and first month of spring.

SIVAN

Sivan is third month of the ecclesiastical year. (May/June), and ninth month of the civil year. The feast held in this month was:

1. The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost).

TISHREI

Tishrei is the seventh month of the ecclesiastical year. (September/October), and first month of the civil year. The three feasts held in this month were:

1. Trumpets (1st day).
2. Atonement (10th day).
3. The Feast of Booths/Tabernacles (15th to the 22nd).

CHISLEU or KISLEV OR CISLEV

The month Chisleu is a winter month, and the third month of the civil year, and ninth month of the Jewish calendar, corresponding to the close of our November and the larger part of December.

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