

T9.P1: Worship: Early Backgrounds and National Rites

Hebrew Calendar of the Old Testament¹

Hebrew Month	Canaanite Name	Modern Equivalent	Farm Season	Climate	Festivals
Nisan (Religious New Year)	Abib	March/April	Barley Harvest	Latter rains	14- Passover 21- First Fruits
Iyyar	Ziv	April/May	General Harvest		
Sivan		May/June	Wheat Harvest Vine Dressing	Dry Season	6- Pentecost
Tammuz		June/July	Early Grape Harvest		
Ab		July/August	Harvest: Grapes, Figs, Olives		9- Destruction of Temple
Elul		August/Sept	Summer Fruit		
Tishri (Civil New Year)	Ethanim	Sept/October	Plowing, Olive Harvest		1- New Year (<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>) 10- Atonement (<i>Yom Kippur</i>) 15- 21 Tabernacles
Marchesvan	Bul	Oct/Nov	Olive Harvest, Grain Planting	Early Rains	
Chislev		Nov/Dec	Grain Planting		25- Dedication of Temple
Tebeth		Dec/January	Late Planting, Spring Growth	Rainy Season	
Shebat		January/Feb	Late Planting, Winter Figs		
Adar		Feb/March	Pulling Flax, Almonds Bloom		
Adar Sheni (Second Adar)		Intercalate Month			

¹ Dennis Bratcher, <http://www.crivoice.org/calendar.html>

 **The Elements of Worship: Isaiah 6:1-8**

Call to worship	_____
Praise and Adoration	_____
Confession of Sin	_____
Assurance of Pardon	_____
Call to Service	_____
Response	_____
Message	_____

 **Unison Reading: Psalm 137:1-6 (NRSV)**

Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem

- ¹ By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.
- ² On the willows there
we hung up our harps.
- ³ For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
- ⁴ How could we sing the LORD’s song
in a foreign land?
- ⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!
- ⁶ Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy.