

# Why Will xCoG Celebrate The Seventh Month One Day Late In 2023?

*I'm not smart. I try to observe. Millions saw the apple fall but [Newton](#) was the one who asked why.  
[Bernard Baruch](#) *New York Post* (24 June 1965)*

People tend to be sheep and follow along with what others are doing, without wondering why or investigating the substance of what they are doing.

One aspect addressed in this article is the observance of the seventh month Festival days of Leviticus chapter twenty three, sometimes as commanded, sometimes one day late, and sometimes two days late.

## Who are xCoG?

Information in this document may be new to some members in churches derived from Herbert Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God, referred to collectively in this article as xCoG. It should not be, because the data for research is readily available at public sites<sup>1</sup> through search engines such as Google.

## A day late!

In the Roman year 2023, followers of Herbert Armstrong will be observing the seventh month festival days one day late, deliberately! But few of them know of it! Their leaders do not inform them, and the sheep trust their shepherds so that they blindly follow.

Check it out for yourself. Look on the internet or an almanac for the time of the new moon. Generally this will be in Universal Time (London, UK). Add two hours to it to obtain Jerusalem non-daylight-saving time. You then have the Jerusalem time and date of the new moon. It is not hard! Don't believe the critics who try to confuse you with clever words. God has made it easy to determine when the new moon occurs, in accordance with dependable predictable laws of motion. Unbiased sources such as the Royal Observatory and the US Navy publish this data, as well as commercial sites (refer to a search engine e.g. Google).

Don't take anyone's word for it! Don't be an indolent foolish virgin, as warned in the parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25:1-13. Check it out! If you then are happy to observe the annual Holy Days of the seventh month one day late in 2023, then it's your deliberate decision, but don't ignore this information and blissfully believe you are keeping the dates as specified in Leviticus 23.

A new moon in 2023 is at 01:39 am Friday 15th September Universal Time. Add two hours, and this new moon is at 3:39 am Friday 15th September Jerusalem Standard time (non-daylight-saving). Obviously this time is between sunset Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September and sunset Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, making Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September the day of the lunar conjunction, and the first day of the lunar month.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.timeanddate.com/moon/phases/israel/jerusalem> or check Google for similar, <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/MoonPhase.php> (being upgraded, online again mid 2020) [Judaism 101: Current Calendar](#) [Jerusalem Calendar 2020](#) [Abdicate.net: Jewish Year 5780](#)

## Moon Phases for UTC, Time Zone in 2023

Showing moon phases for:

Lunation	New Moon		First Quarter		Full Moon		Third Quarter		Duration
1237					6 Jan	23:07	15 Jan	02:10	29d 10h 36m
1238	21 Jan	20:53	28 Jan	15:18	5 Feb	18:28	13 Feb	16:00	29d 10h 13m
1239	20 Feb	07:05	27 Feb	08:05	7 Mar	12:40	15 Mar	02:08	29d 10h 17m
1240	21 Mar	17:23	29 Mar	02:32	6 Apr	04:34	13 Apr	09:11	29d 10h 49m
1241	20 Apr	04:12	27 Apr	21:19	5 May	17:34	12 May	14:28	29d 11h 41m
1242	19 May	15:53	27 May	15:22	4 Jun	03:41	10 Jun	19:31	29d 12h 44m
1243	18 Jun	04:37	26 Jun	07:49	3 Jul	11:38	10 Jul	01:47	29d 13h 55m
1244	17 Jul	18:31	25 Jul	22:06	1 Aug	18:31	8 Aug	10:28	29d 15h 06m
1245	16 Aug	09:38	24 Aug	09:57	31 Aug	01:35	6 Sep	22:21	29d 16h 02m
1246	15 Sep	01:39	22 Sep	19:31	29 Sep	09:57	6 Oct	13:47	29d 16h 15m
1247	14 Oct	17:55	22 Oct	03:29	28 Oct	20:24	5 Nov	08:36	29d 15h 32m
1248	13 Nov	09:27	20 Nov	10:49	27 Nov	09:16	5 Dec	05:49	29d 14h 05m
1249	12 Dec	23:32	19 Dec	18:39	27 Dec	00:33			29d 12h 25m

Table from [TimeAndDate.com/moon/phases/timezone/utc](https://TimeAndDate.com/moon/phases/timezone/utc)

The followers of Herbert Armstrong will be observing Trumpets on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, one day late. Check it out for yourself now. You will have to give account to God at the judgement (Romans 14:12). Be able to justify what you do.

Later in the month, these trusting people will be holding other Festivals on what they believe are the days commanded for the seventh month. But they will be one day late.

### Other Days Late Too

Soon after Trumpets is the Day of Atonement, specified in Leviticus 23 as being on the tenth day of the seventh month. The Armstrong followers will hold it in 2023 on the eleventh day of the month. They will be one day late again for the start of the Feast of Tabernacles, commanded at the fifteenth of the same month. They will start theirs on the sixteenth of the lunar month.

How can this be? How can people who are devout and dedicated to observing the festivals of Leviticus 23 fall down on the dates?

The reasons for keeping the days on the wrong date of the lunar calendar are covered in earlier publications at ["God's Holy Days" Calendars](#) and are available to the public.

Many saw apples fall, but only Newton asked "why?". Many keep the days "postponed", but few ask "why?", and few even care.

### Will You Just Watch the Apples Fall, and Not Ask "WHY?"

These (Bereans) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. (Acts 17:11, KJV) [Bereans were praised for investigating if true.](#)

### Further Reading

[Why does the Jewish calendar have postponements?](#)

[Why New Moons Are Irrelevant to the Jewish Calendar](#)

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