



## THE MINOR JEWISH HOLY DAYS

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#### B. *Rosh Chodesh* in the Scriptures

1. Leviticus 23:23-25
2. Numbers 10:10
3. Numbers 28:11-15
4. I Samuel 20:5, 18, 24, 27
5. II Kings 4:23
6. I Chronicles 23:31
7. II Chronicles 2:4
8. II Chronicles 8:13
9. II Chronicles 31:3
10. Psalm 81:3
11. Isaiah 1:13-14
12. Isaiah 66:23
13. Ezekiel 45:17

14. Ezekiel 46:1, 3
15. Ezekiel 46:6-8
16. Amos 8:5
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  - g. The Sabbath of Blessing
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  - b. *Orlah*
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