

AVIV - SIVAN 34 C.E. THE SEVEN SABBATHS

March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SABBATH
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	Aviv <sup>1</sup> 11 (new moon)	12	13
14	15	16	17	<sup>8</sup> 18	19	20
21	22	23	<sup>14</sup> 24 (Prep)	<sup>15</sup> 25 (Passover)	<sup>16</sup> 26	27 (First)
28	29	30	31			

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SABBATH
				<sup>22</sup> 1	2	3 (second)
4	5	6	7	<sup>29</sup> 8	Ziv <sup>19</sup>	10 (third)
11	12	13	14	15	<sup>8</sup> 16	17 (fourth)
18	19	20	21	22	<sup>15</sup> 23	24 (fifth)
25	26	27	28	29	<sup>22</sup> 30	

May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SABBATH
				6	<sup>29</sup> 7	Sivan <sup>18</sup> (seventh)
2	3	4	5	<sup>6</sup> 13	<sup>7</sup> 14 (Pentecost)	15
<sup>29</sup>	<sup>3</sup> 10	<sup>4</sup> 11	<sup>5</sup> 12	22	23	24
18	19	20	21			

**§69** Aviv was on March 11, 34 A.D., and Passover fell on March 25th. The seven Sabbaths are enumerated on the calendar according to Leviticus 23:15. "Billerbeck points out that according to Leviticus 23:15 the days and weeks were numbered from the offering of the first-fruits to Pentecost, so that the second Sabbath after the first<sup>§71</sup> would be the second between the Passover and Pentecost" (TDNT, Vol. VII, pg. 23, note 183)<sup>§71.5</sup>.

**§70** Pentecost is marked at Sivan 7 on the 14th of May, which is after the seventh Sabbath on Sivan 1, the 8th of May. The Sadducees theoretical Pentecost would be on May 18, Sunday, however, they could not enforce it in the First Temple Period. Their 'first' Sabbath would be April 3rd, hence the designation 'second-first Sabbath' (Luke 6:1).

## Notes

**§71** BAG also mentions this first Sabbath (see §66).

**§71.5** As authoritative as TDNT (*The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*) is to the Christian World, it should be noted that its chief editor, Gerhard Kittel was a member of the Nazi Party, that he used his considerable scholarship ability to de-Judaize German Christianity, and justify the holocaust, and that for this he was tried, convicted, and sent to prison for war crimes after World War II. "Grundmann and Bertram," heavy contributors to TDNT, "theologians, whose stated goal was 'dejudification of Church and Christianity,' wrote a total of 39 articles in the first four volumes of the dictionary" (pg. 7, vol. 3, no. 3, *Gates of Eden*, May-June, 1997). Having passed under the editorial pen of its worst enemies, the truth has escaped!