~ZIV (114)

- The name of the second lunar month of the sacred calendar, the eighth of the secular calendar of the Israelites.
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- In the fourth year the house of Yehowah had its foundation laid, in the lunar month of **Ziv**. (1 Kings 6:37)
- It corresponds to part of April and part of May. The comment on,
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- In the Soncino Books of the Bible says concerning the month of Ziv: Now known as Iyyar, the second month after Nisan.
- It was called *Ziv*, brightness because it falls at the time of the year when the earth is brightened with blossoms and flowers. [Edited by A. Cohen, London, 1950]. The name Iyyar is found in the Jewish Talmud and other postexilic works.
- By this month the barley harvest has reached up into the hill country and the wheat harvest is under way in the lowlands. The hills of Galilee are ablaze with flowers.
- The dry season begins during this month, and the early morning clouds soon disappear in the heat of the day. During this time the plants depend upon the nightly dews that form, and they await the end of the dry season in October.
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- For this is what Yehowah has said to me; I will keep undisturbed and look upon my established place, like the dazzling heat along with the light, like the cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. (Isaiah 18:4)
- The 14th day of Ziv provided a second opportunity for the Israelites to celebrate the Passover in the event they, because of absence or ceremonial uncleanness, had been prevented from doing so on Nisan 14.
- Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (Numbers 9:9)
- Speak to the sons of Israel, saying; Although any man of you or of your generations should happen to be unclean by a soul or off on a distant journey, he too must prepare the Passover sacrifice to Yehowah. (Numbers 9:10)
- In the second month, on the fourteenth day between the two evenings, they should prepare it. Together with unfermented cakes and bitter greens they should eat it. (Numbers 9: 11)
- They must not let any of it remain until morning, and they should break no bone in it. According to the whole statute of the Passover they should prepare it. (Numbers 9:12)
- But when the man was clean or did not happen to be off on a journey and neglected to prepare the Passover sacrifice, that soul must then be cut off from his people, because the offering of Yehowah he did not present at its appointed time. For his sin that man will answer. (Numbers 9:13)
- However, the king and his princes and all the congregation in Jerusalem resolved to hold the Passover in the second month. (2 Chronicles 30:2)
- For they had not been able to hold it at that time, because not enough priests, on the one hand, had sanctified themselves and the people, on the other hand, had not gathered themselves to

Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 30:3)

- It was in the month of **Ziv** that Solomon began the construction of the temple, and nearly 500 years later in the same month, **Zerubbabel** initiated the work of rebuilding the temple.
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- And in the second year of their coming to the house of the true God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jehozadak and the rest of their brothers, the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem started, and they now put in positions the Levites from twenty years of age upward to act as supervisors over the work of the house of Yehowah. (Ezra 3:8)