BIBLE TOPICS · OLD TESTAMENT

The Seven Feasts of Israel

A Shadow of Things to Come · Colossians 2:17

Where	Spring feasts	Fall feasts	Fulfilled in
Leviticus 23	Four	Three	Christ

LEVITICUS 23

Israel's Calendar of Worship

The feasts followed the seasons of the land, from the barley harvest in spring to the fruit harvest in the fall.

EVERY WEEK

The Sabbath

The seventh day of rest behind every feast.

"but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation"

LEVITICUS 23:3

MONTH 1, DAY 14

Passover

The lamb slain in the evening.

"In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover."

LEVITICUS 23:5

MONTH 1, DAYS 15–21

Unleavened Bread

Seven days without leaven.

"seven days ye must eat unleavened bread."

LEVITICUS 23:6

SPRING · 50 DAYS

Firstfruits to Pentecost

From the first sheaf to the new loaves.

"shall ye number fifty days"

LEVITICUS 23:16

MONTH 7, DAYS 1 AND 10

Trumpets and Atonement

A holy month begins with trumpets.

"a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation."

LEVITICUS 23:24

MONTH 7, DAYS 15–22

Tabernacles

Seven days in booths, then a holy eighth day.

"Ye shall dwell in booths seven days"

LEVITICUS 23:42

KEY VERSE

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

Colossians 2:16–17 (KJV)

The Seven Feasts Chart

LEVITICUS 23 · EXODUS 12 · ACTS 2

The Seven Feasts of Israel

A shadow of things to come

The feasts of the LORD and how they point to Christ · King James Version

The Spring Feasts

Fulfilled at Christ's first coming

1 Passover

Month 1, day 14. The lamb slain; Christ our passover sacrificed (1 Corinthians 5:7)

LEVITICUS 23:5

2 Unleavened Bread

Days 15–21. No leaven; His sinless body in the tomb (1 Corinthians 5:8)

LEVITICUS 23:6–8

3 Firstfruits

The morrow after the sabbath. The first sheaf; Christ risen (1 Corinthians 15:20)

LEVITICUS 23:9–14

4 Pentecost (Weeks)

Fifty days later. New loaves; the Holy Spirit given (Acts 2:1–4)

LEVITICUS 23:15–22

The Fall Feasts

Pointing to His return

5 Trumpets

Month 7, day 1. A memorial of blowing of trumpets; the trump of God will call His people home (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

LEVITICUS 23:23–25

6 Day of Atonement

Month 7, day 10. The high priest's yearly offering; Christ's blood once for all, and Israel will look on Him whom they pierced (Zechariah 12:10)

LEVITICUS 23:26–32

7 Tabernacles (Booths)

Month 7, days 15–22. Seven days in booths; the nations will worship the King at Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:16)

LEVITICUS 23:33–43

KEY VERSE

"Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

COLOSSIANS 2:17 (KJV)

The Spring Feasts and the Cross

FULFILLED AT HIS FIRST COMING

The Spring Feasts and the Cross

Jesus died, was buried and rose again on the very feasts God had set in the spring, and the Spirit came on Pentecost.

The Feast	Fulfilled in Christ
Passover: “when I see the blood, I will pass over you” EXODUS 12:13	**“For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us”** 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7
“neither shall ye break a bone thereof” EXODUS 12:46	**“A bone of Him shall not be broken.”** JOHN 19:36
Unleavened Bread: “seven days ye must eat unleavened bread” LEVITICUS 23:6	**“with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”** 1 CORINTHIANS 5:8
Firstfruits: “a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest” LEVITICUS 23:10	**“Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at His coming.”** 1 CORINTHIANS 15:23
Pentecost: “shall ye number fifty days” LEVITICUS 23:16	**“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come”** ACTS 2:1
“two wave loaves … the firstfruits unto the LORD” LEVITICUS 23:17	**“and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”** ACTS 2:41

> *“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”*
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> John 1:29 (KJV)

The Fall Feasts and His Coming

POINTING TO HIS RETURN

The Fall Feasts and His Coming

The three feasts of the seventh month have not yet been fulfilled. They look ahead to the Lord's return for His church, Israel's turning to Him, and His reign on earth.

TRUMPETS

The Trumpet Will Sound

A memorial of blowing of trumpets.

"a memorial of blowing of trumpets"

LEVITICUS 23:24

THE TRUMP OF GOD

Caught Up to Meet Him

The Lord will come for His church.

"and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first"

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16

ATONEMENT

Once a Year

The high priest entered with blood.

"to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year."

LEVITICUS 16:34

ISRAEL'S DAY

They Shall Look upon Me

Israel will mourn and turn to Christ.

"and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him"

ZECHARIAH 12:10

TABERNACLES

Rejoice Seven Days

Booths to remember the wilderness.

"and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days."

LEVITICUS 23:40

THE KINGDOM

Worship the King

The nations will come to Jerusalem.

"to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

ZECHARIAH 14:16

> *"And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."*
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> Romans 11:26 (KJV)

The Pilgrim Feasts and Jesus

DEUTERONOMY 16 · THE GOSPELS

The Three Pilgrim Feasts and Jesus

Three times a year Israel went up to Jerusalem. The Gospels show Jesus at these feasts again and again.

THE COMMAND

Three Times a Year

Unleavened Bread, Weeks and Tabernacles.

"Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God"

DEUTERONOMY 16:16

AGE TWELVE

Jesus in the Temple

At the Passover with Mary and Joseph.

"And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast."

LUKE 2:42

TABERNACLES

Living Water

On the last great day of the feast.

"If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink."

JOHN 7:37

TABERNACLES

The Light of the World

Spoken in the temple at the feast.

"I am the light of the world"

JOHN 8:12

THE LAST PASSOVER

The Lord's Supper

He gave the bread and the cup.

"With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer"

LUKE 22:15

PENTECOST

The Spirit Poured Out

Jews from every nation in Jerusalem.

"And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven."

ACTS 2:5

What They Mean for Us and Key Themes

FOR TODAY

What the Feasts Mean for Us Today

Christians do not keep the feasts as law, but every one of them teaches us about our Saviour.

1

Trust the Lamb

Shelter under His blood.

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

JOHN 1:29

2

Remember His Death

The Lord's Supper replaces the Passover meal.

"this do in remembrance of Me."

LUKE 22:19

3

Put Away Sin

Live as a new lump without leaven.

"Purge out therefore the old leaven"

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7

4

Hope in the Resurrection

He rose first; we will follow.

"Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:23

5

Walk in the Spirit

The gift of Pentecost is for every believer.

"Walk in the Spirit"

GALATIANS 5:16

6

Look Up

The trumpet could sound any day.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout"

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16

KEY THEMES

Six Truths the Feasts Teach

The feasts were Israel's calendar of worship, and they tell the story of redemption from start to finish.

1

Saved by the Blood

The lamb died so the firstborn could live.

"when I see the blood, I will pass over you"

EXODUS 12:13

2

Called to Holiness

Put away the old leaven of sin.

"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump"

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7

3

Raised to Life

Christ is the firstfruits of the resurrection.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20

4

Filled with the Spirit

The harvest of souls began at Pentecost.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost"

ACTS 2:4

5

Waiting for the Trumpet

The Lord will come for His people.

"and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:52

6

God Dwelling with Us

The feast of tabernacles looks to His kingdom.

"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them"

REVELATION 21:3