

The Feasts of the Lord

Colossians 2:16-17

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; *the reality, however, is found in Christ.*

SPRING FEASTS			
Feast	Israel	Celebration	Jesus
Passover <i>Pesach</i> —At twilight on the 14 th day of the 1 st month, Nisan, first full moon after the spring equinox.	Father of the house sacrificing a spotless lamb for his family at twilight, painting the blood of the lamb on their doorposts as death passed them over. (Exod. 12:1-13)	The sharing of the Passover lamb as a remembrance of their deliverance—later replaced by unleavened bread and wine. (Lev. 23:4-5; Num. 28:16; Deut. 16:1-2; Josh. 5:10)	<i>On Passover</i> , after partaking with his disciples, the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, was shed for our victory over death. (John 1:29; 19:14-16; 1 Cor. 5:7; 11:23-26; 1 Pet. 1:18-19;)
The Feast of Unleavened Bread <i>Hag HaMatsah</i> —Seven days beginning the 15 th day of the 1 st month.	Leaving Egypt in haste without leavening for their bread—leaving their life of bondage behind. (Exod. 12:14-20; Num. 33:3)	Sweeping the house clean of all leaven (sin), destroying it by fire, and eating unleavened bread for 7 days. (Lev. 23:6-8; Num. 28:17-25; Deut. 16:3-4; Josh. 5:11)	<i>During Unleavened Bread</i> , Jesus, The Bread of Life, took our sin upon Himself, destroying our bondage to sin by paying the price in the fires of Hades. (1 Cor. 5:6-8; 2 Cor. 5:21)
The Feast of Firstfruits <i>Bikurim</i> —The third day of Passover, the 16 th or 17 th Day of the 1 st month.	Dedicating the first of the harvest of the Promised Land after having lived on manna for 40 years. (Exod. 16:35; Josh. 5:10-12)	Dedicating the firstfruits of the barley harvest, and counting off 7 weeks in the promise of the rest of the harvest coming in. (Lev. 23:9-14; Num. 28:26-31)	<i>On the Third Day</i> , Jesus, the Firstfruits of the Resurrection, was raised from the dead as a promise of our eventual resurrection. (John 6:48-50; 11:25-26; Rom. 11:16; 1 Cor. 15:20-23)
	<i>(Alternatively)</i> The crossing of the Red Sea. (Exod. 14:13-22)	Through baptism, we pass through the waters of death and are raised to life. (Romans 6:4)	<i>Our final crossing</i> , will be when we are redeemed from the earth for eternal life. (Rev. 15:2-3)
The Day of Pentecost/The Feast of Weeks <i>Shavout</i> —Seven weeks from the Firstfruits, or the 50 th day.	About 50 days after leaving Egypt, the Lord descending on Mt. Sinai in fire to meet with the people and reveal the Ten Commandments. (Exod. 19:16-19; 20:1-17)	Counting 50 from the Firstfruits to present a wave offering of two loaves, leaving the gleanings of the harvest for the poor and the alien. (Lev. 23:15-22; Deut. 16:9-12; Ezek. 1:4)	<i>On Pentecost</i> , Jesus, the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, poured out the Spirit on the Upper Room in fire and revealed a spiritual prayer language. (Matt. 3:11; Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-4)

FALL FEASTS			
Feast	Israel	Celebration	Jesus
The "Teshuva" period (repent or return) between the Spring and Fall Feasts Between the former and latter rains (first and second coming) Preparation for the "High Holy Days" or "Days of Awe"			
The Feast of Trumpets <i>Rosh HaShana</i> —The Jewish New Year, the 1 st day of the 7 th month, Tishrei.	The trumpets being blown in the camp to call all the tribes together and signal them to depart. (Num. 10:1-7)	The holding of a sacred assembly commemorated by trumpet blasts, names are written in the Book of Life. (Lev. 23:23-25; Num. 29:1-6)	<i>With a Trumpet Call</i> , Jesus, The Soon Coming King, will return and gather His elect from the four corners of the earth. (Matt. 24:31; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16)
The Day of Atonement <i>Yom Kippur</i> —The 10 th day of the 7 th month.	The appointment of a High Priest to enter the Most Holy Place and make atonement for the people once a year. (Lev. 16:29-34)	The people forbidden to do any work while atonement was being made for them on this most holy of all days. (Lev. 23:26-32; Num. 29:7-11)	<i>For Our Atonement</i> , Jesus, The Great High Priest, shed His own blood to take our sins away once and for all. (Heb. 6:19-20; 7:27; 9:14, 25-29)
The Feast of Tabernacles <i>Sukkot</i> —Seven days beginning the 15 th day of the 7 th month.	People worshipping by their tents as Moses fellowshiped with God in the tent of meeting. (Exod. 33:7-11)	The people gathering together, living in booths made of leaves, and celebrating the harvest with a great feast. (Lev. 23:33-36; 39-43; Num. 29:12-38)	<i>Our Eternal Dwelling</i> , will be with Jesus, the Temple of God, enjoying His fellowship and celebrating with one another. (John 1:14; 14:2-3; Rev. 21:3; 22:1)
	<i>(Alternatively)</i>	This feast was also a great water drawing ceremony. (Ps. 118:26-27; Zech. 14:16-17)	During Tabernacles, Jesus promised the crowd "streams of living water." (John 7:37-39)