

SUMMARY OF ISRAEL'S FEAST CALENDAR

There are seven major Feasts on the religious calendar of Israel, and as such, they reflect God's prophetic dealings with Israel in conjunction with their Messiah.

Christ's First Coming:

Spring Feasts:

Passover: Sacrificial Death
Unleavened Bread: Sinlessness
Firstfruits: Resurrection

Summer Feast:

Pentecost: Church Age (Interlude)

Christ's Second Coming:

Fall Feasts:

Trumpets: Call to Assembly – Judgment
Atonement: Repentance
Tabernacles: Kingdom Rest

Feasts of Israel – God's Redemptive Program (cf. Lev. 23)

Christ's First Coming – Spring Feasts

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| 1. Passover – Salvation (cf. Lev. 23:4-5; 1 Cor. 5:7) | <i>Nisan 14</i> |
| 2. Unleavened Bread – Holiness (cf. Lev. 23:6-8; 1 Cor. 5:7-8) | <i>Nisan 15</i> |
| 3. Firstfruits – Resurrection (cf. Lev. 23:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-23) | <i>Nisan 16</i> |

50 days later – Summer Feast

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| 4. Pentecost – Undefined (cf. Lev. 23:15-17; Acts 2) | <i>Sivan 6</i> |
| Institution of the Church – Hidden in OT | |
| 2 Loaves offered – Typifies Jews and Gentiles | |
| Leaven present – Typifies sin | |
| Leaven present – Typifies expanding influence (cf. Acts 1:8) | |

Christ's Second Coming – Fall Feasts

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| 5. Trumpets – "A call to..." (cf. Lev. 23:23-25; 1 Cor. 15:52; Joel 2) | <i>Tishri 1</i> |
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- a. Assemble (Church – Rapture)
- b. Alarm! (Israel, Nations)

- 6. **Atonement** – Repentance (cf. Lev. 23:26-32; Zech. 12:10-13:9) **Tishri 10**
- 7. **Tabernacles** – Dwelling (cf. Lev. 23:34, 40-43; Zech. 14; Rev. 19-20) **Tishri 15**

Just as sure as the cluster of feasts related to Christ's First Coming have been fulfilled, so equally as sure will be those related to His Second Coming. In the feasts, God has given us a general prophetic outline of redemptive history. It's all right here in Lev. 23. And, who says Leviticus is boring?

The feasts largely revolve around the harvest times in Israel, in the Spring, early Summer, and Fall.

The feasts largely emphasize thanksgiving for God's provision. Indeed, God's people have much for which we should be constantly thankful (cf. 1 Thess. 5:18).

The Feast of Tabernacles is also called "**The Feast of Ingathering**" (cf. Ex. 23:14-16, Deut. 16:13). In the final form of the kingdom, God will have gathered in all His children and they will forever rejoice in God's provision and blessing. We will forever "tabernacle" with God and He with us.

Revelation 21:3 (NKJV)

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the **tabernacle of God is with men**, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

And so we pray, as seen in Mt. 6:10 and Rev. 22:20: "Your kingdom come. Your will be done." "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"