

THE FEASTS OF THE LORD

- God ordained seven annual feasts for Israel as listed in chronological order in Leviticus 23.
- As the Jews made pilgrimage to Jerusalem, they would sing “The Ascent Psalms” (i.e., Ps. 120-134). Going to worship in Jerusalem was always a “GOING UP” experience, both physically and spiritually.

The 7 Feasts of the LORD – God’s Redemptive Program (cf. Lev. 23)

Spring Feasts typify Christ’s First Coming

1. **Passover** – Salvation (Lev. 23:4-5; 1 Cor. 5:7) Jewish Calendar: ***Nisan 14*** (Christ was crucified ON PASSOVER – Matt. 26:2).

2. **Unleavened Bread** – Holiness (Lev. 23:6-8; 1 Cor. 5:7-8) Jewish Calendar: ***Nisan 15*** (Holiness follows salvation).

3. **First fruits** – Resurrection (Lev. 23:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-23) Jewish Calendar: ***Nisan 16*** (THREE DAYS after Passover came the first-fruits of Christ’s resurrection).

Summer Feast - 50 days later (Typifies the Church)

4. **Pentecost** – Undefined (Lev. 23:15-17; Acts 2) Jewish Calendar: ***Sivan 6***

- Institution of the Church – Hidden in the O.T.
- 2 Loaves offered – typifies Jews and Gentiles
- Leaven present – typifies sin
- Leaven present – typifies expanding influence (cf. Acts 1:8)

Fall Feasts typify Christ’s Second Coming

5. **Trumpets** – “A call to...” (Lev. 23:23-25; 1 Cor. 15:52, Joel 2) - Jewish Calendar: ***Tishri 1***

- a. Assemble (Church – Rapture)
- b. Alarm! (Israel, Nations)

6. **Atonement** – Repentance (Lev. 23:26-32; Zech. 12:10-13:9) – Jewish Calendar: ***Tishri 10***

7. **Tabernacles** – Dwelling (Lev. 23:34, 40-43; Zech. 14, Rev. 19-20) - Jewish Calendar: ***Tishri 15***

Summary:

Just as the key events related to Messiah's First Coming (i.e., Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First-fruits), and the institution of the Church Age (i.e., Pentecost), were precisely portrayed in the chronological feasts on the Jewish calendar, and prophetically fulfilled; so also will be the key prophetic events related to His Second Coming (i.e., Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles). There is a mystery in the mix as no man knows the day nor the hour when our Lord will come (Mt. 25:13), but the pattern related to the Spring and Summer feasts saw precise fulfillment, and consistency means that likewise will the Fall feasts, yet be fulfilled with the same precision.

Leviticus 23 is God's "Inspired Calendar". These "***appointed times***" (cf. Lev. 23:4) have a precise fulfillment related to the Messiah, both in terms of type and timing. Stay tuned – THE BEST IS YET TO BE!