



The Convergent Factor

“The Seven Feasts of Israel”

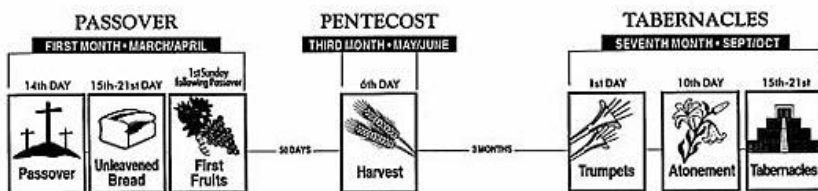
Leviticus 23:1-44

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By not consistently teaching about The Seven Feasts of Israel, not only in terms of their historical background, but also in their prophetic context, I believe we have failed to teach a very significant part of the heritage of our Christian Faith, especially how its roots are firmly planted in Judaism.

- In Colossians 2:16-17, Paul said Christians are not “required” to celebrate the Jewish Feasts, for they were all fulfilled (or will be) in Jesus Christ!
- In Romans 15:4, Paul also said that those things that were written before our time were written for our learning, so that we could understand the future.
- The church should follow the pattern of these seven feasts as a tool to teach children the wonderful story of God’s amazing grace, and how those feasts have been, are being, and will be fulfilled in and through the Person and work of Christ.

The Christian Meaning Of The Jewish Feasts



| FEAST | CHRISTIAN EVENT | KEY CONCEPT |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Passover | Crucifixion of Jesus | Justification |
| Unleavened Bread | Burial of Jesus | Sanctification |
| First Fruits | Resurrection of Jesus | Glorification |
| Harvest | Descent of Holy Spirit | Power |
| Interval of 3 Months | Current Age of the Church | Church Kingdom |
| Trumpets | Gathering of the Church (?) | Rapture |
| Day of Atonement | Second Coming of Jesus (?) | Jewish Remnant |
| Tabernacles | Inauguration of the Millennium | Earthly Kingdom |

The Seven Feasts of Israel serves as God's prophetic calendar to carry out His plan for our redemption. Each Feast pointed to and finds its fulfillment in the Person and work of Jesus

“The LORD spoke again to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD’s appointed times which you shall proclaim as holy convocations—My appointed times are these”
 Leviticus 23:1-2

The Spring Feasts – The Suffering Savior

The Feast of Passover – Leviticus 23:4 –

- Commemorated the provision God made for the Israelites when the death angel struck all the firstborn in Egypt. The angel of death passed over the Israelite houses that had been marked by the blood.
- Fulfilled in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. God's judgment of eternal death will not affect those who are covered under the blood of Jesus Christ.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread – Leviticus 23:6-8

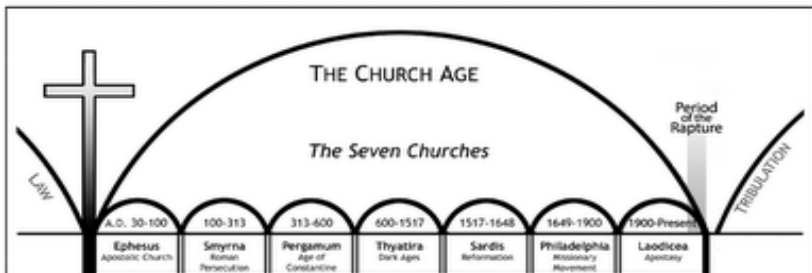
- Commemorated the night God told the Jews not use any “leaven” in their bread, for they would not have time for it to rise before they left Egypt. Leaven is symbolic for “sin”!
- Fulfilled as the sinless Lamb of God was buried in the tomb to rise again in three days.

The Feast of First-fruits – Leviticus 23:9-14.

- Commemorated the beginning of the spring barley harvest, followed by the harvest of all other grains.
- Fulfilled when Jesus rose from the grave, the “firstfruits of those who are asleep”! (1 Cor. 15:20)

The Feast of Pentecost – Leviticus 23:15-21.

- Marked the end of the spring harvest – observed by offering 2 loaves of “leavened” bread unto the Lord.
- Fulfilled 50 days after the ascension of Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit came and baptized “two sinful loaves” – Jews and Gentiles, into one body; the Church



The Fall Feasts

The Feast of Trumpets - Leviticus 23:23-25

- Marked the end of the summer harvest with the blowing of the “shofar” (trumpets) a hundred times, with the “last trumpet” a long, extended blast known as the “tekiah gedolah”, or the “great blast”!
- Will be fulfilled on the day of the Rapture of all of those who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior since the Church began at Pentecost.

The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) – Leviticus 23:26-32

- Commemorating a “day of solemnity” – all Israelites afflicted their souls for their own sins, and the sin of their nation. A goat was sacrificed and its blood poured out upon the altar. A second goat was held by the priest and then driven into the wilderness as their “scapegoat” to “take their sins away!”
- Will be fulfilled at the end of the Tribulation period when the Jews will stand in awe at God’s grace and they will receive Jesus Christ as their Messiah: the One whom God sent to atone for their sins.

The Feast of Tabernacles – Leviticus 23:33-44.

- Commemorating the 40 years their forefathers dwelled in tents in the wilderness.
- Will be partially fulfilled when the Jews who are saved during the Tribulation will live in the Promised Land with the Lord Jesus for 1,000 years. Zechariah 14:16, Amos 9:11, Isaiah 65:17-20, 2:2-4, 11:11-12, 27:12-13.
- Will be finally fulfilled in eternity – Revelation 21:3-5 as “the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people!”

The seven feasts are bound together by “the Sabbath” – which means to “cease work” or to “rest from one’s labor”!

- When we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior, we can rest from our labor of trying to earn our acceptance with God. This “Sabbath rest” will last for all eternity.

