

UNDERSTANDING THE FEASTS OF YHWH

Leviticus 23

Month of Tishri

*Feast of Tabernacles

Day of Atonement

Feast of Trumpets

*Shavu'ot, Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)

*Required attendance of all men with gifts

Month of Nisan

Passover

*Feast of Unleavened Bread

Feast of First Fruits



Genesis 1:1-5

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TYPES & PATTERNS: FEASTS OF THE LORD - SPRING FEASTS

1. **2 Corinthians 2:14** *"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."*
2. **Genesis 1:1-5** O.T. filled with "TYPES" & PATTERNS:
 - A. **"the evening and the morning were the first day."** YHWH gives us a picture, TYPE, PATTERN: a "day" is evening and morning! **Darkness to Light!**
 - B. **Job 12:22** Job: *"He uncovers deep things out of darkness, And brings the shadow of death to light."*
 - C. **Psalms 18:28** *"For you will light my lamp; YHWH my God will enlighten my darkness."*
 - D. **Isaiah 9:2** prophesied the Christ *"The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined."*
 - E. **Ephesians 5:8** Paul, *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light"*
 - F. **Colossians 1:13** *"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,"*
3. **Another TYPE is that YHWH is the revelator, making the unseen seen!** Here in Genesis we see day to day progression:
 - A. **YHWH BRINGS ORDER TO CHAOS!** This is a "TYPE" of our salvation! Hebrews reckon a day from sunset to sunset!
 - B. **Evening is "erev":** refers to obscurity, a dimming or darkening from sight.
 - C. **Morning is "boker":** a relief from obscurity!
 - D. **Sunset marks the beginning of a NEW DAY!** It is the time when a ceremonially unclean person becomes clean!
 - E. In Genesis creation takes place day after day, evening to morning, erev to boker, chaos to order, "from confusion to profound clarity of being."
 - F. The seventh day YHWH rested. His work was done. YHWH called this day the "Sabbath, with no mention of erev or boker!"
 - G. Even Christ was crucified from the foundation of the world!
4. **Leviticus 23** YHWH continues His TYPES and PATTERNS with the **7 FEASTS OF THE LORD**. True events that foreshadow, prophesy something larger to come! If God does it once, He will do it again!
 - A. Feasts - "**HaMoyadim:**" A holy convocation; a calling together; **a rehearsal** (preparation for the future, anticipating a future event); an appointment!
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- C. Three Spring and three Fall, with one in between. Interesting!
 - D. **SPRING FEASTS:** Feast of Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of First Fruits. (**FALL FEASTS:** Feast of Tabernacles, Day of Atonement, Feasts of Trumpets).
 - E. **SHAVU'OT, FEAST OF WEEKS** falls between the two groupings.
 - F. **The Church has inaccurately lumped the SPRING FEASTS into "Easter."**
5. **PASSOVER** is the celebration of Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Predicted by Abraham 430 before. The climax of the plagues on Egypt was the death of the firstborn. Israel was to sacrifice a lamb and place its blood on the doorposts and lintel of their houses!
- A. **Exodus 12:2-13** NOTE: it was the blood, not the nationality that delivered the people!
 - B. YHWH gives a **NEW CALENDAR! Nisan**, which was the seventh month, now became the 1st month of the year in the religious calendar. **Tishri** is still the 1st in the secular calendar.
 - C. **TYPES:**
 - 1) Jesus is the lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
 - 2) On the 10th day of Nisan you shall select the lamb.
 - 3) You shall keep it to the 14th day!
 - 4) It shall be killed at twilight, the "erev"! Why are we doing this? Understanding will come in the boker!
 - 5) No bones shall be broken.
 - 6) Let none of it remain til morning.
 - 7) YHWH will strike **ALL** the gods of Egypt!
 - D. **FULFILLMENT:**
 - 1) John introduces Jesus, "*Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*" (John 1:29)
 - 2) Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the 10th day of Nisan, presenting Himself for inspection! We celebrate it as Palm Sunday - but it was the Sabbath before the Passover. Pilate declared Jesus pure, "*I find no fault in this man.*"
 - 3) Jesus was kept for the 14th of Nisan. Jesus was betrayed, arrested, brought before Pilate and Herod, mocked, beaten.
 - 4) Finally on the 14th of Nisan Jesus was crucified, dying at 3:00 pm.
 - 5) They broke the legs of 2 thieves, but no bones were broken on Jesus.
 - 6) Jesus was removed from the cross, while the 2 thieves remained, and placed in a tomb.
 - 7) Jesus destroyed the power of sin and "*disarmed principalities and powers, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*" (Colossians 2:15)
- E. Jesus was in the grave 3 days and 3 nights.
6. **FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD:** Considered part of the Passover. It is the ritual search for leaven in the home (precursor of our "spring cleaning.") This Feast is the day after Passover. Same day Jesus was hidden in the grave!
- A. They wrap three pieces of matzah, unleavened bread, and stack them on each other. Then the middle piece is broken and then a piece is wrapped in a cloth and hidden! Think Father, Son, Holy Spirit! OR Jesus between 2 thieves, one is taken and hidden.
 - B. The unleavened bread, matzah, has stripes and is pierced!
 - C. **FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD is considered as an extra Sabbath** (Leviticus 23:5-7). There are two Sabbaths in the week of Passover.
7. **FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS:** This was to take place on the morning after the regular Sabbath after Passover. This would ALWAYS be on a Sunday morning!
- A. Imagine a particular Sunday morning when the smoke was coming from the Temple offerings of the Feast of the First Fruits, a group of disciples was discovering an empty tomb.
 - B. "*But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*" (1 Cor 15:24)
 - C. Jesus is the First Fruit of the resurrection, and we are counted with Him!
8. **Genesis 8:4** "*Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.*"
- A. **Why is this detailed information given?** Here is a simple proof of the inspiration of Scriptures. This Scripture has been validated to be hundreds of years BEFORE Jesus! BEFORE His crucifixion, death, and resurrection!
 - B. **Jews have 2 calendars:** the traditional secular calendar starting in the fall with the month of Tishri, and their religious calendar beginning in the spring with the month of Nisan.
 - C. In Genesis they are still using the traditional calendar starting with Tishri. The new religious calendar is not introduced until Exodus 12:2. In Noah's time the seventh month was Nisan!
 - E. Christ was crucified on the 14th of Nisan. How long was Jesus in the grave? Three days. His resurrection day was the 17th day of Nisan! The 17th day of the seventh month to Noah!
 - F. YHWH arranged the "new beginning" of the earth in the days of Noah to occur on the "anniversary" - in advance - of our "new beginning" in Christ! (Chuck Measlier, Cosmic Codes)
 - G. Israel crossed the Red Sea on the 17th of Nisan. Israel left Egypt retrieving the Body of Joseph from his tomb. Jesus was retrieved from another Joseph's tomb on the same anniversary!

TYPES & PATTERNS: FEASTS OF THE LORD - PENTECOST

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 - C. **First three** feasts occur in the first month and were also prophetic of the Christ’s first advent: **SPRING FEASTS.**
 - D. **Final three** feasts occur in the seventh month and appear to be prophetic of Christ’s Second Coming: **FALL FEASTS.**
 - E. **Between these two groups** of feasts is **Hag HaShavu’ot**, the Feast of Weeks, also called, the Feast of Harvest (“the first Harvest”).
 4. **Shavu’ot** was to be counted FROM the day of Feast of First Fruits 7 weeks (49 days) PLUS one. First Fruits was ALWAYS on Sunday. So also is Shavu’ot ALWAYS on Sunday. Sunday is the **FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.**
 - A. **On the FIRST, FIRST DAY:** “God created the heavens and the earth and said, “Let there be light!” **A DAY OF BEGINNINGS! A DAY OF LIGHT! A DAY OF NEW CREATION!**
 - B. **John 1:1-5**
 5. **HISTORICALLY:** celebrates the **GIVING** of the Torah at Mt Sinai. **Connection between Passover & Shavu’ot:** Passover freed Israel from the physical bondage of slavery; but the **GIVING** of the Torah freed Israel from the spiritual bondage of idolatry and immorality!
 - A. **Shavu’ot celebrates the GIVING of Torah, rather than the receiving of Torah!** Jewish sages say we receive Torah every day, but this day **celebrates the FIRST TIME TORAH WAS GIVEN!** Thus it is also called **THE FEAST OF REVELATION!**
 - B. One of three Feasts that every male was compelled to attend!
 - C. **Tradition: King David died this day!** Messiah is of David’s
- line. Infers the end of one system to be replaced by a second!
- 1) **John 1:17** *“For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”*
6. **Leviticus 23:16-22**
 - A. Jesus was crucified on the very day of Passover! On the Feast of Unleavened Bread He was hidden in the tomb. On the Feast of First Fruits Jesus was raised from the dead!
 - B. **Lev 23:17 Two Loaves are FIRST FRUITS** to YHWH. **ONLY Feast** to use **TWO loaves of LEAVENED BREAD!** Also the **sacrifice of TWO LAMBS!** Do the TWO LOAVES OF LEAVENED BREAD hint of a Gentile connection? Are the TWO LAMBS offerings for the Jew and Gentile?
 - C. **Shavu’ot is the FIRST of TWO HARVEST FEASTS!** The second harvest Feast is in the fall: the **Feast of Tabernacles, OR the Feast of Ingathering!** (Exodus 23:16)
 - D. **Consider the possibilities:** One harvest for the gentiles, one for the Jews?
 7. **Exodus 19:14-20** Shavu’ot, the revelation of the Law was given!
 1. The **people sanctified themselves!** Set themselves apart!
 2. Thunderings, lightnings, a thick cloud came on the mountains! The **POWER**, dunamis, of God was revealed!
 3. **A TRUMPET WAS SOUNDED!**
 4. **YHWH came in FIRE!** The mountain shook!
 5. **TRUMPET SOUNDED AGAIN!** Long, and louder and louder!
 6. Moses Spoke **AND GOD ANSWERED!** Jewish Rabbis believe that **God spoke in ALL 70 known TONGUES!**
 7. **YHWH CALLED MOSES TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN!**
 8. **ON THE VERY FIRST PENTECOST THERE WAS ALSO POWER, FIRE, AND TONGUES!**
 - A. **Luke 24:49** *“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power (dunamis) from on high.”*
 - B. **Acts 2:1-4 THE VERY DAY OF PENTECOST WAS THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH!**
 - 1) **They had sanctified themselves!** *“In one accord in one place!”*
 - 2) The **POWER** of the Holy Spirit **FILLED** the room!
 - 3) **There came a sound from heaven!** Like a wind. A **trumpet** uses wind to make the sound!
 - 4) There appeared tongues AS OF **FIRE!**
 - 5) They were ALL filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other **TONGUES!**
 - 6) **Acts 2:6-8** A **second sound** – the Breath, Wind, of the Holy Spirit breathed through men, and *“everyone heard them speak in his own language.”*

- C. **Mt. Sinai gave the revelation of God's Law, At Pentecost was given the revelation of God's grace! Emphasis of BOTH is the GIVING!**
9. **The seven Feasts of Moses are not only commemorative, they are also prophetic.** The **first three**, in the month of Nisan, are predictive of the First Coming of Jesus. The **last three**, in the month of Tishri, are associated with His Second Coming. It is **this one, Pentecost, Feast of Weeks, Feast of Revelation, Feast of Harvest, in between, which is associated with the Church.**
- A. **Comparing Exodus 19 & Acts 2** we find something NOT fulfilled in Acts 2: **YHWH called Moses to the top of the mountain!** (Exodus 19:20) Could this be a **type of Rapture?** A speculation.
- B. Many see the Feast of Trumpets or the Feast of Tabernacles as predictive of the "rapture" of the Church. Do these views fail to discriminate between the "rapture" of the Church and the Second Coming. Is there a contradiction in attempting to apply the unique Jewish feasts to the Church?
- C. **It appears that the church period occurs in a gap, or interval in the Jewish time line of the Old Testament.**
10. **Here the traditions concerning Enoch are curious!** Enoch was a prophet before the flood and testified of the Messiah's return (Jude 14). Tradition says Enoch was born on Pentecost! Also that he was translated on Pentecost, **BEFORE** the flood of Noah!
- A. **Genesis 5:24** *"Enoch walked with God: and he was not, for God took him."*
- B. **Is Enoch a foreshadowing of a removal prior to judgement,** in contrast to Noah and his family who were protected through it.
11. **Exodus 19** says the trumpet sounded twice, BOTH from heaven! Paul mentions the "Trumpet of God" in connection with the rapture. It is interesting that the trumpet is sounded at the giving of the Law at Sinai and at the rapture.
- A. **1 Corinthians 15:51-53** *"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed – in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."*
- B. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."*
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3. Mention of the feasts in the New Testament:
- A. **Matthew 26:17; Mark 14:1; Luke 22:1** Feast of Unleavened Bread is used as a reference for ALL the Spring Feasts!
- B. **Luke 2:41-42** *"His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast."*
- C. **John 2:23; John 6:4; John 11:55; John 13:1** Passover
- D. **John 5:1** a feast of the Jews.
- E. **John 7:2** Feast of Tabernacles.
- F. **John 10:22** Feast of Dedication.
4. **Like the Spring Feasts, the Fall Feasts are interconnected.**
- A. **FEAST OF TRUMPETS:** 1st of Tishri, A Religious Feast, its civil counterpart is **"Rosh HaShana"** (head of the year). Jews believe this is the birthday of the world! (Lev 23:23-25)
- 1) **Blowing of the shofars** calls the nation to introspection and repentance. Shofar is blown 100 times a day during the 2 days of Rosh HaShana, finalized in the "Great Blowing." The final blast is a long blast, signaling victory or good news, referred to as the "last trump." **Many believe that this is the "last trump" signaling the rapture.**
- 2) The shofar, not the silver Temple trumpets, are used for this feast! The shofar is associated with Abraham's Ram. The left horn being the "first trump" and the right horn being the "last trump."
- 3) Marks a time for preparing spiritually for the New Year.

- Originally a 1 day feast, 500 AD it was extended to 2 days.
- 4) **On the 1st Day many Jews practice the Tashlich.** They cast bread upon moving water. Bread represents their sins of the previous year. Tashlich means “**casting off.**”
 - 5) The belief is that God is re-viewing the lives of each person on earth to see if their names will be written in the Book of Life.
- B. **IMMEDIATELY** following the Feast of Trumpets begins seven **Days of Affliction, DAYS OF AWE, or Days of Repentance** in anticipation of the **Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur.**
- 1) While names are written in the Book of Life, or other books, on Rosh HaShana, as to who will have a good life or a bad life for the next year, **it is believed our actions during the Days of Awe can alter God’s decree.** These actions are “teshuvah, tefilah and tzedakah,” **repentance, prayer, good deeds** (usually, charity).
 - 2) **A greeting during this time** is, "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year."
 - 3) **The Talmud** maintains that Yom Kippur atones **only** for sins between man and God. To atone for sins against another person, you must first seek reconciliation with that person, righting the wrongs you committed against them if possible.
- C. **DAY OF ATONEMENT, YOM KIPPUR:** Observed on the 10th of Tishri. A national day of repentance, with sin offerings and ceremonial washings. The **ONLY DAY the High Priest** was able to enter the Holy of Holies; **ONLY DAY that two goats** were selected, one for an offering, and one as the “scapegoat.”
- 1) Jonah is read this day to remind that God pardons those who truly repent. Also is marked by 25 hours of fasting.
- D. **FEAST OF TABERNACLES, SUCCOTH, FEAST OF BOOTHS:** 15th of Tishri. This lasts for **8 days**, celebrating the past harvest, ALL males are required to attend, as is the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Shavu’ot or Pentecost. After 8 days people would **return to their permanent homes.** Some say this is the **rapture!** Believed this day Solomon dedicated the 1st Temple.
- 1) **Sukkot:** temporary dwelling outside the home. Must have holes allowing the wind to blow through. At night you must be able to see the stars. Sukkot is a reminder of how God provided as the Jews wandered 40 years in the wilderness leading them with a cloud by day & a pillar of fire by night.
 - 2) **They celebrated the giving of water** from the rock by having a daily processional to the Pool of Siloam to fetch water for the Temple.
- 3) Setting **John 7:37-39** *"On the last day, that great day of the feast (of tabernacles), Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."*
5. **Jesus Himself implied the feasts were prophetic:**
- A. **Matthew 5:17** *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill."*
 - B. **John 5:39-40** *"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life."*
 - C. **Romans 15:4** *"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."*
 - D. **Colossians 2:16-17** *"So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ."*
6. **THE PROPHETIC NATURE OF THE FALL FEASTS ARE STILL AHEAD OF US, AND AHEAD FOR ISRAEL!**
- A. **1st: Jesus fulfilled the Spring Feasts:** Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, by His death, burial, resurrection!
 - B. **2nd: Shavu’ot is about the Church!** The Law was given at Mt Sinai through Moses on Shavu’ot, on the same day, Pentecost, the revelation of YHWH’s grace and truth was given in the Holy Spirit!
 - C. **3rd: The Fall Feasts, are about Israel! Are the Fall Feasts TYPES of the “LATTER DAYS”, the final days of Israel?**
 - 1) The Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement are all about repentance! Through **repentance, prayer, and good deeds** our future is affected! His grace accessed! Recognizing the need of a Savior, the Messiah!
7. **Daniel 9:23-27** Prophecy of Jesus was fulfilled to the day! Daniel speaks of an “end time,” when another “prince,” anti-Christ, appears!
- A. **Jeremiah 30:1-24** speaks of this time calls it “Jacob’s trouble.”
 - B. **Daniel 12:1-4** *"Michael shall stand up..."*
8. **THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES** – Final harvest feast! A joyous feast, following an intense time of prayer, petition, and repentance!
- A. Repentance is over! High Priest has atoned for ALL sin! Mercy Seat has been sprinkled with blood. At the end of Sukkoth we leave our temporary dwellings for our permanent home.
 - B. To be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD! This could represent the Millennial Reign of Christ!

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