



# THE SEVEN BIBLICAL FEASTS

Based on Leviticus 23:4-43

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Of all the holidays celebrated throughout history, only these seven were given by God to His people Israel. It is interesting to note that all Jewish men were required to present themselves before God in the Temple in Jerusalem for Unleavened Bread. Because Passover preceded Unleavened Bread by only one day, they likely arrived before Passover. And because they were supposed to remain in Jerusalem for Unleavened Bread and were not allowed to travel on the Sabbath, they probably remained for Firstfruits as well. Firstfruits was to be held “on the day after the Sabbath” (Lev. 23:11), meaning Sunday.

Pesach

Bikkurim

Shavuot

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Kippur

Sukkot

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## Passover

v. 5

Ex. 12:1-46

PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

### REDEMPTION

“Christ, our Passover”  
(1 Cor. 5:7)

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## Unleavened Bread

vv. 6-8

Ex. 23:14-15

- Pilgrimage festival.
- All males had to appear before God. (Dt. 16:16)

PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

### SANCTIFICATION

Speaks of holiness.  
Jesus had no sin.  
(2 Cor. 5:21;  
1 Pet. 1:19)

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## Firstfruits

vv. 9-14

Ex. 23:16, 19

PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

### RESURRECTION

Jesus arose.  
(1 Cor. 15:20-28)

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## Feast of Weeks or Pentecost

vv. 15-22

Ex. 34:22

PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

### A NEW BEGINNING

The birthday of the church. Grace replaces Law. (Acts 2)

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## Trumpets

vv. 23-25

Num. 29:1-6

PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

### ISRAEL'S REGATHERING

(Ezek. 37:1-28)

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## Day of Atonement

vv. 26-32

Lev. 16:1-34

PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

### ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

(Zech. 12:1-13:2)

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## Tabernacles

vv. 33-43

Dt. 16:13

- Pilgrimage festival.
- All males had to appear before God. (Dt. 16:16)

PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE

### THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

(Isa. 2:1-4)

MARCH/APRIL

NISAN 14

NISAN 15-21

FIRST DAY AFTER THE SABBATH

2021: Mar 27-Apr 4 • 2022: Apr 15-23

Today Passover and Unleavened Bread are celebrated together for eight days, and Firstfruits is not actively celebrated. Passover is the first of the seven biblical feasts.

MAY/JUNE

SIVAN 16-17

2021: May 16-18  
2022: June 4-6

Today it is celebrated as the birthday of national Israel and the giving of the Law through Moses.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

TISHREI 1

2021: Sept 6-8  
2022: Sept 25-27

Today it is celebrated as Rosh Hashanah. It commemorates the creation of the world and begins the civil new year.

TISHREI 10

2021: Sept 15-16  
2022: Oct 4-5

This day addressed Israel's national sin. In Temple times, it was the only day the holy of holies could be entered, and then by the high priest alone.

TISHREI 15

2021: Sept 20-27  
2022: Oct 9-16

It commemorates Israel's wilderness wanderings. Today Jewish people build outdoor booths (*sukkot*) and dine in them. This feast is addressed in John 7:37-39.