

20230305 Springtime for our soul has come

Christ in the Feasts of the LORD Part 2

(Leviticus 23:5-14)

5 The LORD's Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month.

6 On the fifteenth day of that month the LORD's Festival of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast.

7 On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

8 For seven days present a food offering to the LORD. And on the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.'"

9 The LORD said to Moses,

10 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest.

11 He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath.

12 On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the LORD a lamb a year old without defect,

13 together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with olive oil—a food offering presented to the LORD, a pleasing aroma—and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin of wine.

14 You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.

1. Jewish calendar

Modern calendar (Solar calendar or Gregorian calendar)

It operates on the principle of the earth revolving around the sun.

1 year = 365 days

1 day = 24 hours (begins at 12AM)

Earth rotation: 24 hours

1 year = 365 days

Earth revolution: 365¼ days (Actual time)

Adding **an extra day every four years**, making a leap year of 366 days

Jewish calendar (Lunar calendar)

Based on the movement of the moon around the earth

1 year = 354 days

1 day = 24 hours (begins about 6PM)

1 month = 29½ days for the moon to make a complete circle around the earth

$29\frac{1}{2} \times 12 = 354 \text{ days} = 1 \text{ year}$

Difference between solar calendar and lunar calendar for a year: about 11¼ days (solar calendar is longer)

Jewish calendar leap year: They add **an extra month (29½ days) at the end of every third year.**

The Jews had two concurrent calendar years: The Sacred calendar and The Civil calendar

The Sacred calendar: God established it when He brought them out of Egypt. Exodus 12:1-2

- 1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,
- 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

Their deliverance from Egypt was to be the beginning of the sacred calendar. This month was originally called Abib but later was changed to Nisan during the Babylonian captivity.

Nisan corresponds to the months of March and April on the Gregorian calendar.

The Civil calendar: It is based on the Jews' agricultural season, beginning with the month of Tishri, which corresponds to the months of September and October.

Notice that the civil calendar and agricultural season began with the early rains that softened the ground for plowing that was done in October and November.

2. Introduction to the 7 Feasts

There are 7 feasts of the LORD. These seven feasts can be divided to 3 bigger feast seasons: The Season of Passover, the season of Pentecost, and the season of Tabernacles.

In Passover season, there are the feast of Passover, the feast of the Unleavened Bread, and the feast of the Firstfruits.

In Pentecost season, there is one feast, which is the Pentecost.

In Tabernacles season, there are three feasts: The feast of the Trumpets, The Day of Atonement, and the Tabernacles.

3. The Feast of Passover

- The historical background
- How Jesus fulfilled the feast
- And our personal application

Leviticus 23:4-5

4 "These are the LORD's appointed festivals, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times:

5 The LORD's Passover begins at **twilight (evening) on the fourteenth day of the first month.**

(1) Historical background

Read Exodus 12.

(2) How Jesus fulfilled the feast,

Isaiah 5:4-6

4 Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,

he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

“Behold the Lamb of God!” (John 1:36).

“Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany...”
(John 12:1).

“The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast,
when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took
branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried
out: ‘Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord!’” (John 12:12-13).

Jesus was observed and tested for five days by the religious
leaders.

- They questioned His authority (see Matthew 21:23-27).
- They asked Him trick questions hoping He would somehow give a wrong answer that they could use against Him (see Matthew 23).
- Finally in desperation, they took Jesus to the Roman governor, whose name was Pilate, hoping he could find something wrong with Jesus. But after interrogating and beating Jesus, Pilate said of Him, “I find no fault in Him” (John 19:4).

“Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him” (Mark 15:25).

See Mark 15:33-37; John 19:30-37.

“For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, ‘Not one of His bones shall be broken’” (John 19:36).

Exod. 12:10.

“Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away” (John 19:31).

1 Peter 1:18-21

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ [Messiah], as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”

1 Corinthians 5:7

“For indeed Christ [Messiah], our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”

(3) Our personal application

John 14:6

6 ...I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Acts 4:12

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for **there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.**

Romans 5:1, 8-9

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ...But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ [Messiah] died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him" (Rom. 5:1; 8-9).

Application number one: Trust Jesus.

Application number two: Share Jesus.

Application number three: Obey Jesus.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ [Messiah], he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).