

The Feasts of the LORD and their meanings and fulfillment. (See Leviticus chapter 23)

The Seventh-day Sabbath: Every Friday sundown to Saturday sundown. Leviticus 23:1-3. God sanctified and made this day holy, a day of rest and a perpetual covenant time with God, special time set apart to nurture our spiritual relationship with him.

Meaning: A sign of the eternal covenant between God and man. Exodus 31:12-17.

Originated at Creation (Genesis 2). **Eternal** It will be kept throughout eternity. Isaiah 66:23. God set it apart and sanctified it, and God does not change and will not alter the words that go out of his mouth. Malachi 3:6, Psalm 89:34. Yeshua kept it, and he is our example in all things. The Messianic church kept it after the resurrection. It was “changed” by the Catholic church hundreds of years later. No man has the authority to change the law of God! But the anti-christ does “think” to change times and law. Daniel 7:25

Passover, 14th day of the first Biblical month (late March, early April on the Gregorian calendar. **See note at bottom regarding the timing of God’s calendar.) Leviticus 23:4-5, Exodus 12:1-51

Meaning: Showing us that we need a Savior that only God can provide.

Fulfillment at Yeshua’s first coming: Yeshua died on the cross at the exact time of the Passover sacrifice (John 1:29 “the Lamb of God”, 1 Corinthians 5:7 “Christ our Passover”)

Correlation to the book of Revelation: Chapter 1, 4, and 5 – we meet the Lamb of God

Unleavened Bread, 15th through 21st days of the first Biblical month (late March, early April on the Gregorian calendar) Leviticus 23:6-8. The 15th and 21st are holy convocations.

Meaning: Showing the need to remove sin and false doctrine from our lives. Matthew 16:11-12. We eat no leaven during these days, to serve as a practical example of how pervasive spiritual leaven is in our lives.

Fulfillment at Yeshua’s first coming: His perfect sinless life was our example

Correlation to the book of Revelation: Chapters 2 – 3, the seven churches coming out of sin and false teachings

Firstfruits, the Sunday “morrow after the Sabbath” that falls during the week of unleavened bread. Leviticus 23:9-14

Meaning: an offering of the first fruits of the harvest, the promise of more harvest yet to come

Fulfillment at Yeshua’s first coming: He (and many who rose with him – Matthew 27:52-53) became the first humans saved. 1 Corinthians 15:20 (“Christ...the firstfruits”)

Correlation to the book of Revelation: At the final harvest, a great innumerable multitude will be saved. Revelation 7:9

Pentecost/Feast of Weeks, seven weeks after Firstfruits, first week of the third Biblical month (usually sometime in May on the Gregorian calendar). Leviticus 23:15-22

Meaning: Our need for a covenant with God, giving of the Holy Spirit. Corresponds to the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai (Exodus chapters 19-20)

Fulfillment at Yeshua’s first coming: Acts Chapter 2, on the exact day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled the Messianic church. (Proof that God didn’t do away with his feasts at the cross!)

Correlation to the book of Revelation: Chapters 6 – 7, Sealing of the 144,000

Feast of Trumpets, 1st day of the seventh Biblical month (usually late September on the Gregorian calendar) Leviticus 23:23-25

Meaning: Final warning, last call to come out of Babylon (false worship)

To be fulfilled at Yeshua's second coming: Revelation chapters 8 – 10 (the seven trumpets)

Day of Atonement, 10th day of the seventh Biblical month (late September, early October). Leviticus 23:26-32. Leviticus chapter 16

Meaning: Most solemn day of the year. The final opportunity to repent of sin. Any sin not confessed results in death. Final judgment.

To be fulfilled at Yeshua's second coming: When Yeshua comes, his reward is with him, so the final decision as to who is lost or saved is made before he returns to earth.

Correlation to the book of Revelation: Chapters 12 – 15. Harvest judgment, preparation of the seven last plagues on those who made the choice to remain in sin.

Tabernacles, 15th – 22nd day of the seventh Biblical month (late September, early October). Leviticus 23:33-44. The 15th and the 22nd are a holy convocation.

Meaning: God coming to tabernacle, or dwell, with his people. Exodus 25:8. Marriage supper with the Lamb, when we begin to dwell with our Creator for eternity. Revelation 21:22

To be fulfilled at Yeshua's second coming: The New Earth and New Jerusalem appearing as a bride. The beginning of sinless eternity! Revelation chapters 21-22

**Biblical months are timed by the new moon. The first Biblical month is the first new moon after the barley in the land of Israel has reached a certain stage of development, so that it is ready for the firstfruit offering. God's year begins in spring, when new life begins, not the dead of winter like the Gregorian pagan calendar that is based on the winter solstice.

** Just as Yeshua fulfilled each spring holy day in its exact time and meaning at his first coming, so will he fulfill each fall holy day in its exact time and meaning at his second coming. I believe this is the reason that satan has veiled these days and counterfeited them with his pagan holidays, to blind you to God's eternal plan for your redemption, just as he blinded the church in Yeshua's day to not recognize him then. Yeshua died on Passover, he was our Unleavened Bread, he rose on Firstfruits, and he sent his Holy Spirit on Pentecost. On a year that only God knows, he will sound his final trumpets warning. Those who have not repented of all sin by the Day of Atonement will be lost when Yeshua returns on the Feast of Tabernacles.

**It is useful to study the ceremonies associated with these days in the Old Testament tabernacle (a pattern of the heavenly tabernacle), to see how they show the meaning of the future fulfillments. They teach God's plan of redemption. Easter teaches spring fertility goddess worship complete with rabbits and eggs, both signs of fertility that have nothing to do with the death and resurrection of Yeshua. Even the traditional Easter ham (a Biblically unclean animal) is to take revenge on the boar that killed Tammuz (a false god). Christmas – the winter solstice, rebirth of the sun (not the birth of The Son) when days start getting longer again. Most Biblical scholars believe that Yeshua was conceived at Chanukah (Festival of Lights – he is the light of the world) and born at Tabernacles (when he came to tabernacle, or dwell, among us.)