

# Holidays and Holy Days – Fall 2019

## Week 2: NT Fulfillment of the Feasts

- **Spiritual Life Cycles**
  - **Daily** ~ Morning and Evening
  - **Weekly** ~ Work and Rest
  - **Yearly** ~ Feasts
  - **7 / 50 years** ~ Sabbatical / Jubilee
  
- **Seven Appointed Feasts of the Lord (Leviticus 23)**
  - **Sabbath** (Shabbat) – 7<sup>th</sup> Day of the Week
  - **Passover** (Pesach) & **Unleavened Bread** (Hag Hamatzot) – Early Spring
  - **Feast of Firstfruits** (Yom HaBikkurim) - Early Spring
  - **Feast of Weeks / Pentecost** (Shavnot) – Late Spring
  - **Feast of Trumpets / New Year** (Rosh HaShanah) – Early Fall
  - **Day of Atonement** (Yom Kippur) - Early Fall
  - **Feast of Tabernacles / Booths** (Sukkot) - Early Fall
  
- **OT Notes on Keeping Feast and Festivals**
  - **Keep and Not Keep** - 2 Chronicles 35:1, 16-19, 36:17-25
  - **God Remove due to sin** - Hosea 2:9-13 (Ezekiel 20:18-24; Amos 8)
  - **Renewed Practice** - Ezra 3:1-6 (Nehemiah 10:30-33...)
  
- **In General, How does Christ Fulfill the OT Feasts and Holy Days?**
  - Feasts and Holy Days are a Shadow of Reality, of Christ (Heb. 10:1-4)
  - Specific Fulfillment of Details
  - Fulfillment of Signs, Types and Patterns

- **In General, What does “Fulfillment” mean to practice?**
  - **Options:**
    - Practice unchanged (“to all generations”)
    - Practice still required, but changed to focus on Christ
    - Practice not required, but still valuable
    - Practice discontinued, but may inform new practices
    - Practice ended, not to be done again
  - **Traditional Categories of OT commands**
    - **Moral Law** ~ for all time, still in force for all
    - **Ceremonial Law** ~ for Israel’s worship, either discontinued or changed
    - **Civil Law** ~ for the physical nation of Israel – still good for a nation, but not in force since there is no physical nation today
  - **Problems with Traditional Categories**
    - **Not “Biblical” categories** – i.e. division not directly Scriptural
    - **Which is which** – for example, where does Sabbath fit?
    - **Can end up saying some OT discontinued** - Jesus says none pass
  - **How to Determine How to Practice**
    - What did Christ do?
    - What did Christ instruct?
    - What did the Church in Scripture do?
    - What does the NT instruct?
    - How are the images / patterns of the OT practice fulfilled and what does that imply about NT church practice?
    - Which of the above is commanded, clearly derived or personal conviction (i.e. how dogmatic should we be about it?)
  - **Larger NT Principles**
    - **Colossians 2:16-23** (esp. 2:16-17)
    - **Romans 14:5-23** (we will look at this more in depth next week)

- **Specific Examples**

- **Today:** 7 Feasts
- **Next Week:** Sabbath
- **In 2 Weeks:** Sabbath Year and Year of Jubilee

- **Grouping of 7 Main Feasts:**

- **Spring:** Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits ...
- **Late Spring:** Weeks / Pentecost (50 days after Firstfruits)
- **Fall:** Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacle

## The Seven Feasts of the Lord

'These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.' Col 2:17

### The Spring Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus' first coming)

Passover	Unleavened Bread	FirstFruits	Pentecost
Crucifixion Of Jesus	Burial Of Jesus	Resurrection Of Jesus	Coming of the Holy Spirit
Nisan 14	Nisan 15-22	Nisan 17	Sivan 7
Exodus 12 Matt 26:17-27	Lev 23:6-8 I Cor 5:7-8	Lev 23:9-14 I Cor 15:20-23	Lev 23:15-22 Acts 1 & 2

Feast Gap Period (fulfilled by Church Age)

### The Autumn (Fall) Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus' second coming)

Trumpets	Atonement	Tabernacles
Rapture & Resurrection Of Believers	Second Coming Of Jesus	Messianic Kingdom Age
Tishri 1	Tishri 10	Tishri 15-22
Lev 23:23-25 1 Cor 15:51-52	Lev 23:26-32 Matt 24:29-30	Lev 23:33-44 Rev 20:1-6

————— 'The Days of Awe' —————  
Time of Jacob's trouble

- **The Spring Feasts ... OT Background**

- **Passover** (Exodus 12; Leviticus 23; Number 9; Deuteronomy 16; 2 Chronicles 30, 25)
  - **Exodus 12 (summary):**
    - Last plague unique – on Egypt & Israel!
    - Both guilty of Idolatry, both deserve death of youngest son
    - God provide way of escape for Israel – but only with blood
    - Observed every year as remembrance of slavery, salvation and deliverance – remember God's love, wrath & mercy
- **Unleavened Bread** (Exodus 12, 13, 34; Leviticus 23; Deuteronomy 16)
- **First Fruits** (Exodus 23; Leviticus 23)
- **Pentecost / Weeks** (Exodus 34; Leviticus 23; Numbers 28; Deuteronomy 16; 2 Chronicles 30)

- **The Spring Feasts ... Fulfilled in Christ**

- **Passover**

- John 1:29 – Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- Christ practiced Passover with Disciples ... but also modified
- Christ washes disciple's feet
- Betrayer revealed at Passover dinner ... as well as Peter's denial
- Christ institutes Lord's Supper ~ time of remembrance of Christ's upcoming death
- Is night of Christ's prayer in Gethsemane, arrest and religious trial

- **Unleavened Bread**

- As a piece is covered, so Christ will be buried
- Takes unleavened bread as symbol of body broken

- **First Fruits**

- Christ is called the first fruit of those risen from the dead
- Ends the supper with the cup of the new covenant
- Comes to give new life, but cannot put new wine in old wineskin

- **Pentecost**

- 50 days later ... First of the Wheat Harvest
- Spirit comes on all believers ... 3,000 saved and church begins

- **Gap – Summer Heat**

- Church Age

- **The Spring Feasts ... For the Church**

- **Passover**

- I Corinthians 5:6-8 – Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us! Let us keep the feast
- I Corinthians 11:17-34 - Lord's Supper – Bread, Cup – in remembrance of body broken and blood spilt – proclaim Christ's death (and deliverance) until he comes!

- **Unleavened Bread**

- Call to separation from the world
- I Corinthians 5:8 – celebrate feast not with leaven of malice and evil but with unleavened bread of sincerity and truth

- **First Fruits**

- Live out new life, not trying to put new wine in old wineskin
- Give of our best, give ourselves to first to Christ

- **Pentecost**

- Go out in power of Spirit to share Christ, see kingdom grow
- Fields are white to harvest ... pray for, and go as, laborers for the harvest

- **Gap – Summer Heat**

- Working Toward and Waiting for Fall Harvest

- **The Fall Feasts ... OT Background**

- **Trumpets** (Leviticus 23; Number 10, 29)

- **Day of Atonement** (Leviticus 16, 23; Number 29)

- **Leviticus 16 (summary):**

- **Sacrificial System** so sinful can come to God – need blood
- **Day of Atonement** one **fast** of year, high holy day
  - High Priest **assure holiness** – keep self from unclean
  - Enter Holy of Holies, before **mercy seat of God**
  - Sacrifice **bull** for the sins of the high priest
  - Also 2 **goats** – 1<sup>st</sup> sacrificed for sins of the people
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> is the **scapegoat** – **READ Leviticus 16:20-22**
  - Take sins, outside camp, outside God's people
    - Remains of offerings burned outside camp

- **Tabernacles / Booths** (Leviticus 23; Number 29; Deuteronomy 16; Nehemiah 8; Zechariah 14)
  
- **The Spring Feasts ... Fulfilled in Christ**
  - **Trumpets**
    - Trumpets in Joshua, Judges, Kings...
    - Matthew 6:2; 1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:6 – last trumpet at return of Christ
    - Revelation 8, 10 – seven trumpets judgment
  
  - **Day of Atonement**
    - **Propitiation and Expiation:**  
*Expiate: to cover sin*  
*Propitiate: to turn away God's wrath, to appease or satisfy*
    - **Atonement and Penal Substitution:**  
*Atonement: reparation for offence or injury, reconciliation*  
*Penal Substitution: one takes the place of another, bearing the penalty due them - Christ's death bore God's wrath instead of us*
    - **Christ's Substitutionary Death** (Matthew 27; Hebrews 7-10; Romans 5)
      - **Matthew 27:45-54**
        - Darkness over land as Jesus died
        - Jesus Forsaken by God on the Cross (in our place)
        - Jesus yielded up his spirit
        - Curtain of the temple torn
        - Saints resurrected
        - Centurion proclaim "surely this is the son of God"
      - **Hebrews 7:22-28**
        - Christ died once, for all – ending regular sacrifice
        - Christ holy, sinless – no need to sacrifice for self
      - **Hebrews 10:1-4 ; 11-14**
        - Law a shadow – can't make perfect, even with offering
        - Sacrifices actually yearly reminder of sin!
        - Blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin
        - Christ offered self, own blood, once for all – does take away sin and perfect
      - **Romans 5:9-11**
        - Justified – by Blood - Saved from the Wrath of God
        - Reconciled to God – by death of Son ; Saved by his life

*See additional thoughts on Christ's Atonement at the end of document*

  - **Tabernacles / Booths**
    - John 7 – At first Jesus did not go to Jerusalem for the feast of booths, but then goes to temple and teaches there
    - John 1:14 – the Word tabernacle with us

- **The Spring Feasts ... For the Church**

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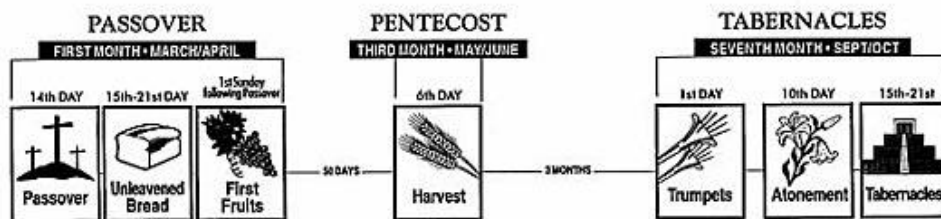
- **Day of Atonement**

- Hebrew 10 – Confidently enter the holy place ... through blood of Christ
- Revelation 4 – Lamb on throne who was slain!
- Revelation – final judgement, final redemption ... along with last chance during end times for some to turn ... and remnant of Israel who will return

- **Tabernacles / Booths**

- I Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19-20 – Your body is temple of Holy Spirit
- Ephesians 2:19-22 – church as dwelling of Holy Spirit
- Revelation 7 (and next several chapters) – Temple of God in Heaven
- Revelation. 21:22 – In new heaves and new earth there is No Temple in new Jerusalem – the Temple is the Lord almighty and the lamb!

## 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

## **Additional Thoughts on Atonement:**

### **He Was Cursed for Us:**

Chorus to "You Are My King":

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me  
Because you died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be?  
That you, my king, would die for me  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
Its my joy to honor you

**He Was Crushed:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12 ; Psalm 22 (also Leviticus 17:11, Revelation 5:9-10)

**He Was Cursed:** Deut. 28 ; Numbers 6:24-26 (inverted) ; Eph. 2:11-12

- **Great Jewish Benediction:** Numbers 6:24-26 (22-27)

*The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,*

***The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.***

*"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."*

- **Supreme Malediction** (R.C. Sproul) (Num 6:24-26 inverted)

***May The Lord Curse You and Abandon You  
May the Lord keep you in darkness  
And give you only judgment without grace  
May the Lord turn his back upon you  
And remove his peace from you forever***

*That is what Christ had to take on if he was to redeem us!*

**He Was Hung on a Cross:** Galatians 3:13-14 (quoted from Duet. 21:23), Mark 15:33-39 (Matt. 27:45-54)

**We are Crucified with Him:** Gal. 2:20 ; Rom. 6, 8 ; Heb. 13:5-6



**Looking at the cross** by John Newton

In evil long I took delight,  
Unawed by shame or fear,  
Till a new object struck my sight,  
And stopped my wild career.

I saw One hanging on a tree,  
In agony and blood,  
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,  
As near His cross I stood.

Sure, never to my latest breath,  
Can I forget that look;  
It seemed to charge me with His death,  
Though not a word He spoke.

My conscience felt and owned the guilt,  
And plunged me in despair,  
I saw my sins His blood had spilt,  
And helped to nail Him there.

A second look He gave, which said,  
"I freely all forgive;  
This blood is for thy ransom paid;  
I die that thou mayst live."

Thus, while His death my sin displays  
In all its blackest hue,  
Such is the mystery of grace,  
It seals my pardon too.

**O Come & Mourn With Me Awhile**  
**(Our Lord Is Crucified)**

Words by Frederick W. Faber  
Music by Eric Ashley

O Come and Mourn with me awhile  
O come near to the Savior's side  
O come together, let us mourn  
Jesus our lord is crucified

Seven times he spoke  
Seven words of love  
And all three hours, his silence cried  
For mercy on the souls of men  
Jesus our Lord is crucified

O Love of God O sin of man  
In this dread act your strength is tried  
And victory remains with love  
Jesus our lord is crucified

O break, O break hard heart of mind  
My weak self love and guilty pride  
His Pilate and his Judas were  
Jesus our lord is crucified

O love of god o sin of man  
In this dread act your strength is tried  
And victory remains in love  
Jesus our lord is crucified

O Come and mourn with me awhile  
A broken heart a fount of tears  
Ask and they will not be denied  
A broken heart love's cradle is  
Jesus our Lord is crucified (x3)

Our Lord is crucified  
And victory remains with love  
Jesus our lord is crucified  
O love of God o sin of man  
In this dread act your strength is tried  
And victory remains with love  
Jesus our lord is crucified

**Wonderful love of Christ** by Isaac Watts

Come, let me love, or is my mind Hardened to  
stone, or froze to ice ?  
I see the blessed fair one bend, And stoop t'  
embrace me from the skies!

Oh! 'tis a thought would melt a rock And make a  
heart of iron move,  
That those sweet lips, that heavenly look,  
Should seek and wish a mortal love!

I was a traitor doom'd to fire, Bound to sustain  
eternal pains;  
He flew on wings of strong desire, Assum'd my  
guilt and took my chains.

Infinite grace! almighty charms! Stand in amaze,  
ye rolling skies!  
Jesus, the God, extends his arms, Hangs on a  
cross of love, and dies.

Did pity ever stoop so low, Dress'd in divinity  
and blood ?  
Was ever rebel courted so, In groans of an  
expiring God 1

Again he lives, and spreads his hands, Hands  
that were nail'd to torturing smart:  
" By these dear wounds," says he; and stands,  
And prays to clasp me to his heart.

Sure I must love; or are my ears Still deaf, nor  
will my passions move?  
Lord! melt this stubborn heart to tears; This  
heart shall yield to death, or love.

## Holiday and Holy Day Resources

### OT Feasts and Festivals - Overviews / General Resources

Bristol Works. (2008). *Rose Book of Bible Charts, Maps and Timelines*. Torrance, CA: Rose Publishing, Inc.

{See also Rose Publishing's "*Feasts & Holidays of the Bible*" and "*Christ in the Passover*" pamphlets, wall charts, and Powerpoint presentations}

Walton, John H. (1994). *Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament*. Nashville, TN: Tomas Nelson Publishers.

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Misc small devotional guides and websites on Advent. See Mark for copies.

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