

“God’s Calendar: The Feast Days”

The Themes of This Series

1. The Holy Days were given to us by God as appointments between Himself and His people. (Leviticus 23:2)
2. “Appointed things” are important to God.
3. God has a calendar that looks backward and forward.
4. These are the “Lord’s feasts” and so should be celebrated by all people who belong to Him.

Why Study the Feast Days?

1. They are an important part of Scripture.
2. They show God’s interest in our worship.
3. They teach God’s plan for redemption.
4. They are a “shadow of things to come.”
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It shows us how Israel is to be different from her neighbours and how they are to be reminded of God’s faithfulness through holy days.

Some General Thoughts about God’s Feast Days

1. They are still celebrated by the Jewish people every year.
2. They are called “feasts” nine times and “assemblies” ten times.
3. Feasts have nothing to do with eating. The word literally means “appointed time.”
4. These feasts were for all times, not just during the wilderness period.
5. On three of the feast days all the men of Israel were to go to Jerusalem to celebrate the day.

The Feast Days Given By God

Feast	Date	Don’t	Do	Reason	Fulfillment
Sabbath	Every seventh day	Work	Assemble	To rest and celebrate the Lord	
1. Passover	14th day of the 1st month	Work	Assemble	A time to remember the Exodus	
2. Unleavened Bread	15th day to 21st day of the 1st month	Work Eat any leaven (yeast)	Present an offering	A time of consecration and separation	
3. Firstfruits	Day following Sabbath after Passover	Eat any grain	Sacrifice a lamb	The first fruit of the field has come to life; a sign of more to come	
4. Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)	50 days after Firstfruits	Work	Assemble	Harvest is now complete; thankfulness	
5. Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah)	First day of the seventh month (Tishri)	Work	Assemble Blow the trumpets	To prepare the people for atonement - New Year’s Day	
6. Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	10th day of the seventh month	Work	Deny yourself, make an offering	The day of judgment	
7. Feast of Tabernacles (Sukhot)	15th day of seventh month	Work on first and seventh day	Assemble	Remember God dwelling with His people in wilderness	

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