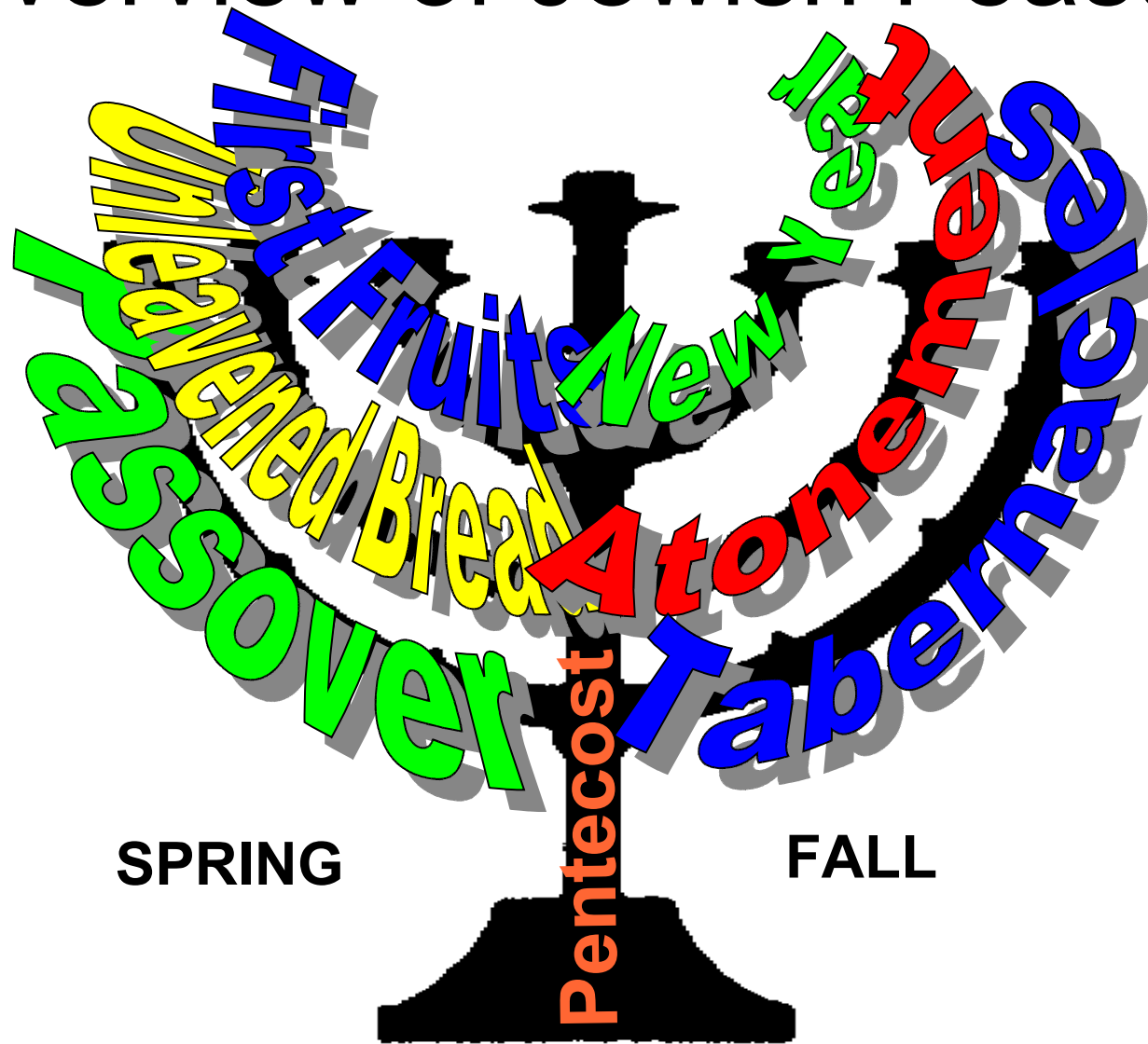


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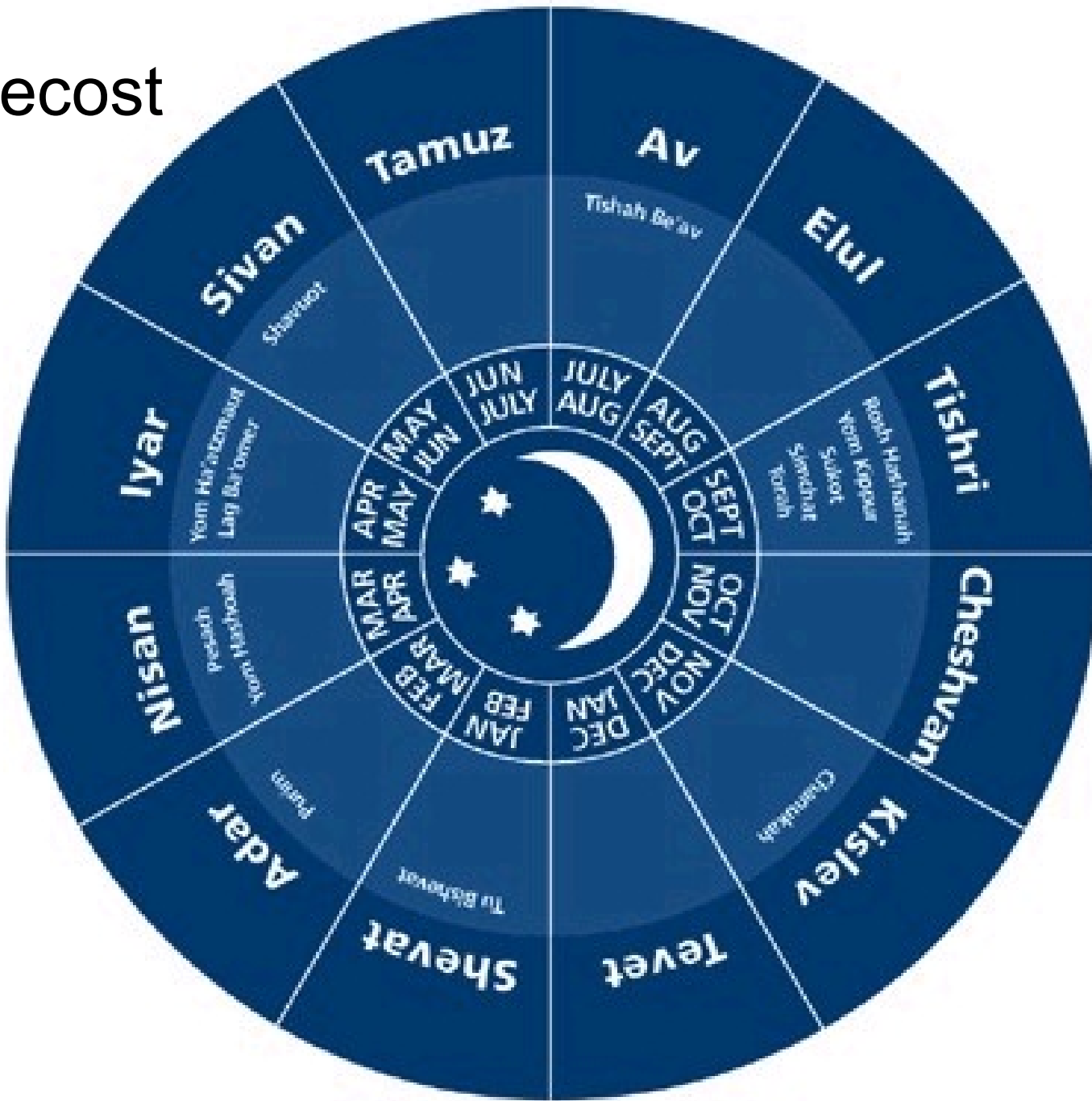
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Pentecost

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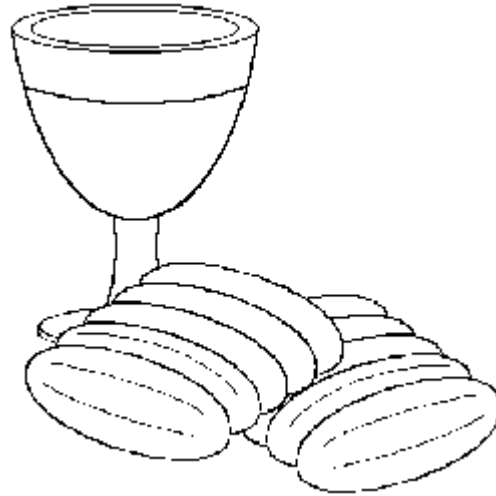
Spring Feasts



God commands parties with purpose

Leviticus 23:1-11 “¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts. ³Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; you shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings. ⁴These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their seasons. ⁵In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover. ⁶And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to the LORD: seven days you must eat unleavened bread. ⁷In the first day you shall have an holy convocation: you shall do no servile work therein. ⁸But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: you shall do no servile work therein. ⁹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you be come into the land which I give to you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest: ¹¹And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.”

Spring Feasts



Passover

(1st evening)

feast

Unleavened Bread

(7 day festival)

no leaven

First Fruits

(day after Sabbath)

ceremony

Passover

Exodus 12:1-9 “¹And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, ²This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. ³Speak you to all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: ⁴And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: you shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: ⁶And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. ⁷And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.”

Passover

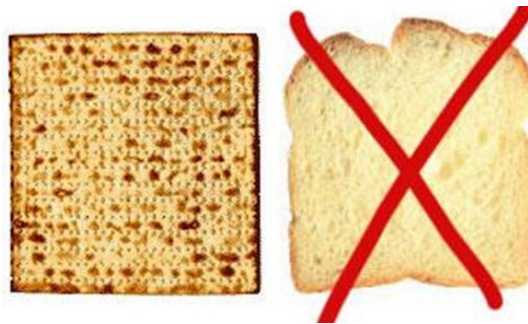
Exodus 12:8-14 “⁸And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the entrails thereof.¹⁰And you shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹And thus shall you eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. ¹³And the blood shall be to you for a token on the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will **pass over** you, and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. ¹⁴And this day shall be to you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.”

Passover

Exodus 12:21-28 “²¹Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. ²²And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. ²³For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he sees the blood on the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will **pass over** the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you. ²⁴And you shall observe this thing for an ordinance to you and to your sons for ever. ²⁵And it shall come to pass, when you be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he has promised, that you shall keep this service. ²⁶And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say to you, What mean you by this service? ²⁷That you shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. ²⁸And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.”



Feast of Unleavened Bread



Exodus 12:15-20 “¹⁵Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread; even the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. ¹⁷And you shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall you observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. ¹⁸In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. ¹⁹Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whoever eats that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. ²⁰You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall you eat unleavened bread.”

Removing the Leaven



Feast of First Fruits

EXODUS

Each home cares for a lamb 4 days.

Day 2

Day 3

Passover, Hebrews leave late at night and camp at Rameses.

They leave Rameses for Succoth

They leave Succoth for Ethan

They turn south to Pi Hahiroth

Cross Red Sea

MIDST OF DANIEL'S 70th WEEK

Palm Sunday, Triumphal Entry

Clearing of Temple (Sun./Mon.)

Parables & future events (Mon./Tues.)

Jesus eats **Passover** (Tues. pm)
Jesus crucified & buried (Wed. dusk)

2nd day Unleavened Bread (Wed./Thurs.)

3rd day Unleavened Bread (Thurs./Fri.)

4th day Unleavened Bread (Fri./Sat.)

Resurrection, First Fruits (Sat./Sun.)

Jerusalem First Fruit Saints

Matthew 27:50-53

“⁵⁰Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. ⁵¹And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; ⁵²And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, ⁵³And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many.”

James 1:18 “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.”



Christ, the First Fruits of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:20,23-25,37,52 “²⁰But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept. . . ²³But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. ²⁴Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. . . ³⁷And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain* . . . ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

Counting the Omer: 50 days from First Fruits

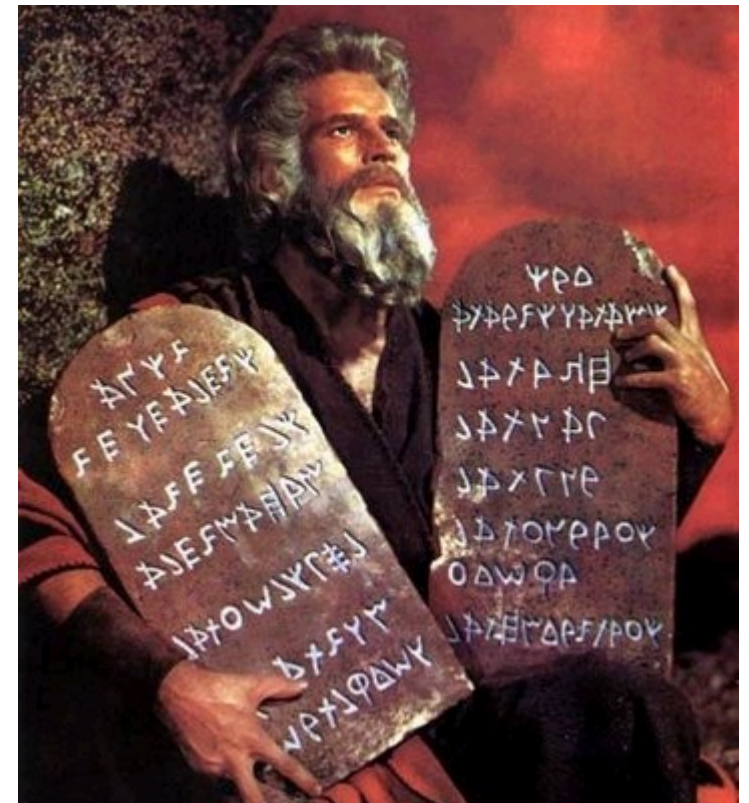
Leviticus 23:15-21 “¹⁵And you shall count to you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: ¹⁶Even to the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall you number fifty days; and you shall offer a new meat offering to the LORD. ¹⁷You shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the first fruits to the LORD. ¹⁸And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering to the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet smell to the LORD. ¹⁹Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. ²⁰And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. ²¹And you shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation to you: you shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.”

Shavuot = Feast of weeks = Pentecost and Latter First Fruits



Exodus 34:22 “And you shall observe the feast of weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.”

Deuteronomy 18:15-16 “¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up to you a Prophet from the middle of you, of your brothers, like to me; to him you shall listen; ¹⁶According to all that you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.”



Christ is a Prophet like Moses

Deuteronomy 18:18-19 “¹⁸I will raise them up a **Prophet** from among their brothers, like to you, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. ¹⁹And it shall come to pass, that whoever will not listen to my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.”

Acts 3:20-23 “²⁰And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached to you: ²¹Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. ²²For Moses truly said to the fathers, A **prophet** shall the Lord your God raise up to you of your brothers, like to me; him shall you hear in all things whatever he shall say to you. ²³And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.”

Moses, a type of Christ

Nisan	Angel of death "Passed over" lamb's blood Passed thru Red Sea which killed enemies	Jesus, Passover Lamb, rose three days later
Iyar		Jesus appears to His disciples for 40 days.
Sivan	God, as fire on Sinai, speaks His commands audibly to the people.	Holy Spirit fire speaks thru Christ's disciples.
Tammuz	After 40 days and nights, Moses comes down and grinds up golden calf.	
Av	Moses sets up Tent of Meeting.	

Elul	Moses within the cloud on Mount Sinai fasts with God 40 days and nights	Jesus is baptized and 40 days fast - tempted
Tishrei	Moses' face glows as he tells people to bring offerings to build the Tabernacle.	King Jesus returns and builds His temple.

Summer **fire** feast is Pentecost



Mount Sinai

**10 Commandments
as God's marriage contract**



Upper Room

**Holy Spirit as God's deposit
verifying Jesus' blood as Bride price**

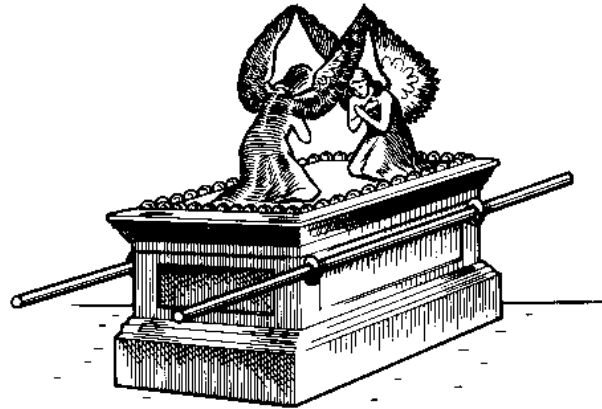
Fall Feasts and Jesus' Return



Trumpets

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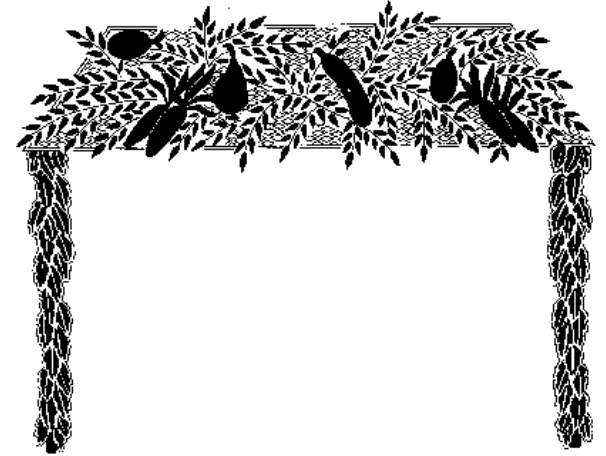
2 day festival



Atonement

(5 days later)

1 day fast



Tabernacles

8 day feast

All during the 7th month of Tishri

Fulfillment of Feasts in Christ

Psalms 81:3-5a “³Blow up the trumpet [*shofar*] in the new moon, in the time appointed [*kehseh* – full moon], on our solemn feast [*khag*] day. ⁴For this was a statute [*khoke* - appointment] for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. ⁵This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony,”

Colossians 2:16-17 “¹⁶Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days : ¹⁷Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ.”

The 7 months of 7 feasts

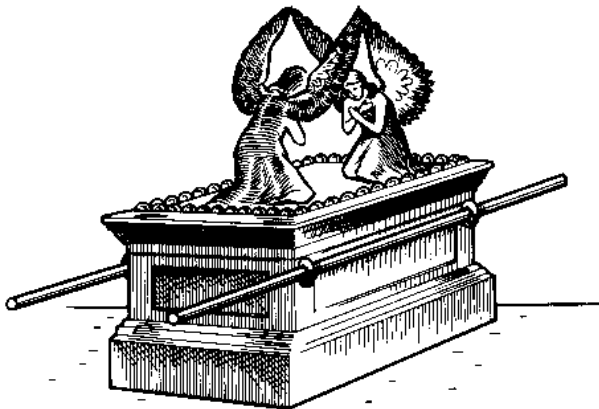
Nisan	<p>14th Passover 14th - 21st Unleavened Bread 17th First Fruits</p>	<p>Jesus, Passover Lamb, striped, pierced, buried, and rose three days later (morrow after Sabbath).</p>	<p>Barley, grapes, olives</p>
Iyar			
Sivan	<p>6th Pentecost (God's Word) [50 days from First Fruits]</p>	<p>Jesus delivers sermon on the mount. /Sent Holy Spirit. The day Israel became a nation again using the 360 day calendar.</p>	<p>Wheat bread, wine, oil</p>
Tammuz			
Av			
Elul			
Tishrei	<p>1st Trumpets – New Year 10th Day of Atonement 15-21 Tabernacles</p>	<p>King Jesus 2nd coming Judges wicked; redeems Israel Builds His temple in Jerusalem</p>	<p>Grapes figs and olives</p>



Trumpets

Awakening Blast
Resurrection
Rapture
Wedding
Jacob's trouble
Open gates/books
Crowning king
Remembrance
Judgment

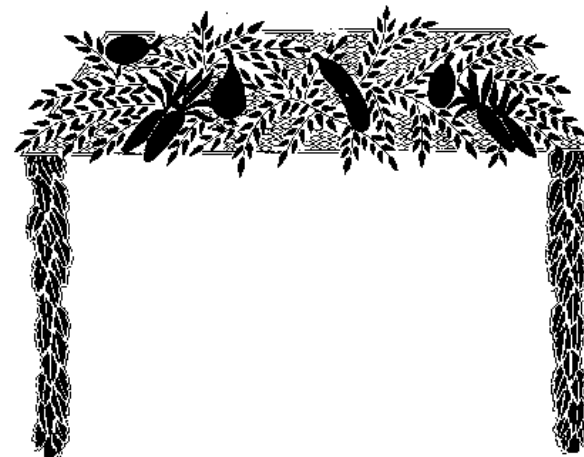
The Blessed Hope
Great & Terrible
Day of the Lord



Atonement

Great *Shofar*
Redemption
Fast
White
High Sabbath
Close gates
God's NAME
Holy of Holies
Judgment

Rewards and
Judgments



Tabernacles

Singing Psalms
Salvation
Harvest
Lights
“*JAH* save us”
Living Water
“God with us”
Remembrance
Judgment of
Nations

8th day

The Millennium
New Heavens
New Earth

3 Feasts Required

Exodus 23:14-17 “¹⁴Three times you shall keep a feast to me in the year. ¹⁵You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread: (you shall eat **unleavened bread** seven days, as I commanded you, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it you came out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)¹⁶And the feast of harvest, the **first fruits** of your labors, which you have sown in the field: and the feast of **ingathering**, which is in the end of the year, when you have gathered in your labors out of the field. ¹⁷Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the LORD God.”

HAPPY HANUKKAH! (Macabbees dedication)



John 10:22-23 “And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch”.

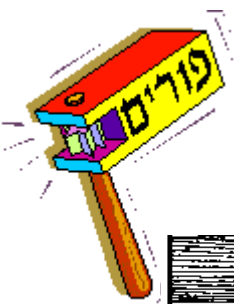
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS in ISRAEL

Isaiah 49:6 “And he said, It is a light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth.”

Luke 2:30-32 “³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹Which you have prepared before the face of all people; ³²A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

John 8:12 “Then spoke Jesus again to them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”





Purim



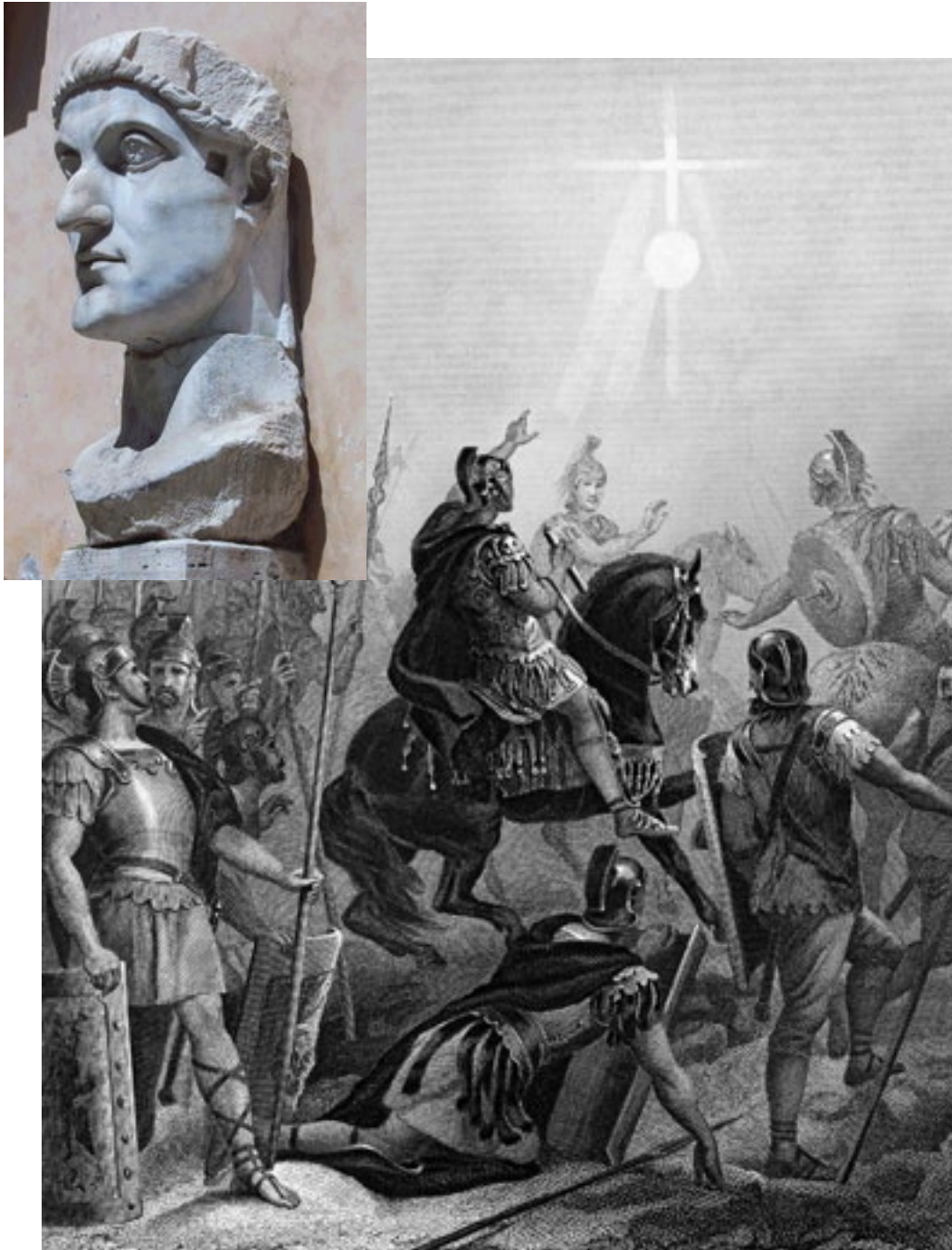
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So why doesn't the church of Jesus Christ
celebrate the festivals that Jesus did?

The gospel was preached to the Jews first.

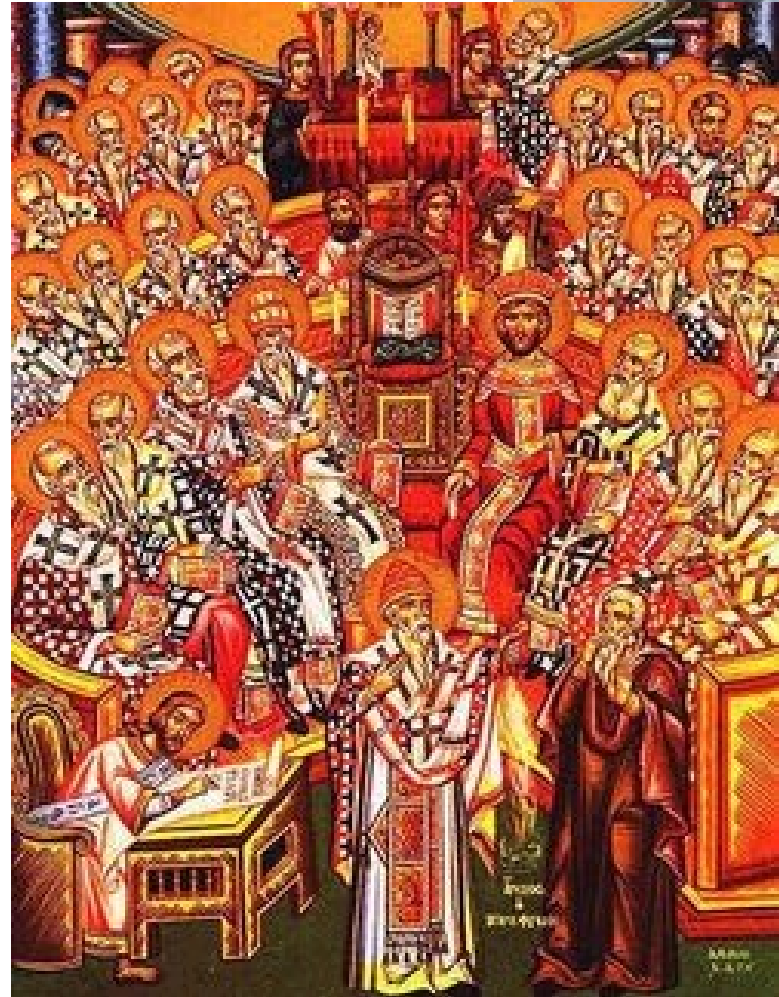
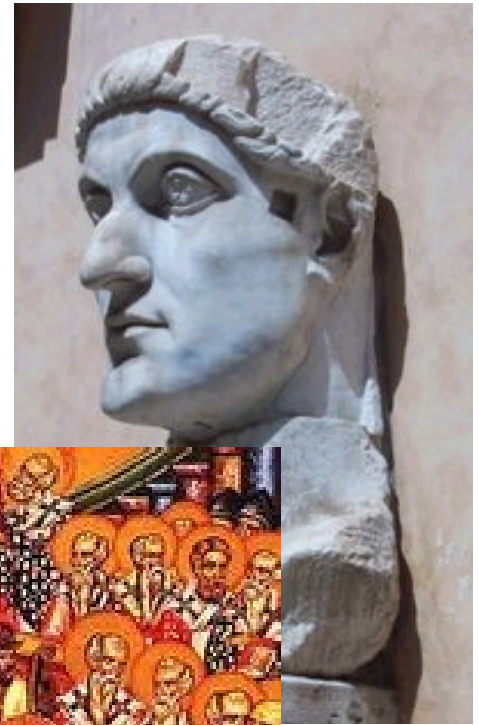
Then Peter and Paul preached to Gentiles. Believers met in each others' homes or in rented halls, and they were persecuted by the Roman Empire who claimed there were many gods, including caesar. The Romans had built many temples to their gods, and they held their own festivals to them.





Constantine conquers in the sign of the cross in 313. In 324 he declared Christianity the only religion of the Roman Empire.

In 325 A.D.
Constantine
convened over 500
bishops in Nicea to
come to a
consensus on
Christian practices.
They concluded
“Let us, then, have
nothing in common
with the Jews, who
are our
adversaries.”



Pagan instead of Biblical holy days



The winter solstice and worship of sun gods and the soldier's god, Mithras, were celebrated on December 25th.

The fertility goddess Ishtar (Easter) replaced the death of Jesus on Passover, and His resurrection on First Fruits.



God takes Israel away from Idolatry

Deuteronomy 4:15-20 “¹⁵Take you therefore good heed to yourselves; for you saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spoke to you in Horeb out of the middle of the fire: ¹⁶Lest you corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flies in the air, ¹⁸The likeness of any thing that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: ¹⁹And lest you lift up your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, should be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD your God has divided to all nations under the whole heaven. ²⁰But the LORD has taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be to him a people of inheritance, as you are this day.”

Saints, get out of Babylon (idolatry)

Revelation 18:2b-24 edited “²Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, . . .
³For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, . . .
. . . ⁴And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues. ⁵For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. . . . ⁹And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall mourn her when they shall see the smoke of her burning, . . . ¹¹And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buys their merchandise any more: ¹²The merchandise of gold, and silver, . . . and slaves, and souls of men. . . .¹⁷For in one hour so great riches is come to nothing. And every shipmaster, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, . . . for in one hour is she made desolate. ²⁰Rejoice over her, you heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets; for God has avenged you on her. . . . ²³And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in you; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in you: for your merchants were the great men of the earth; for by your sorceries were all nations deceived. ²⁴And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain on the earth.”

All Hallow E'en

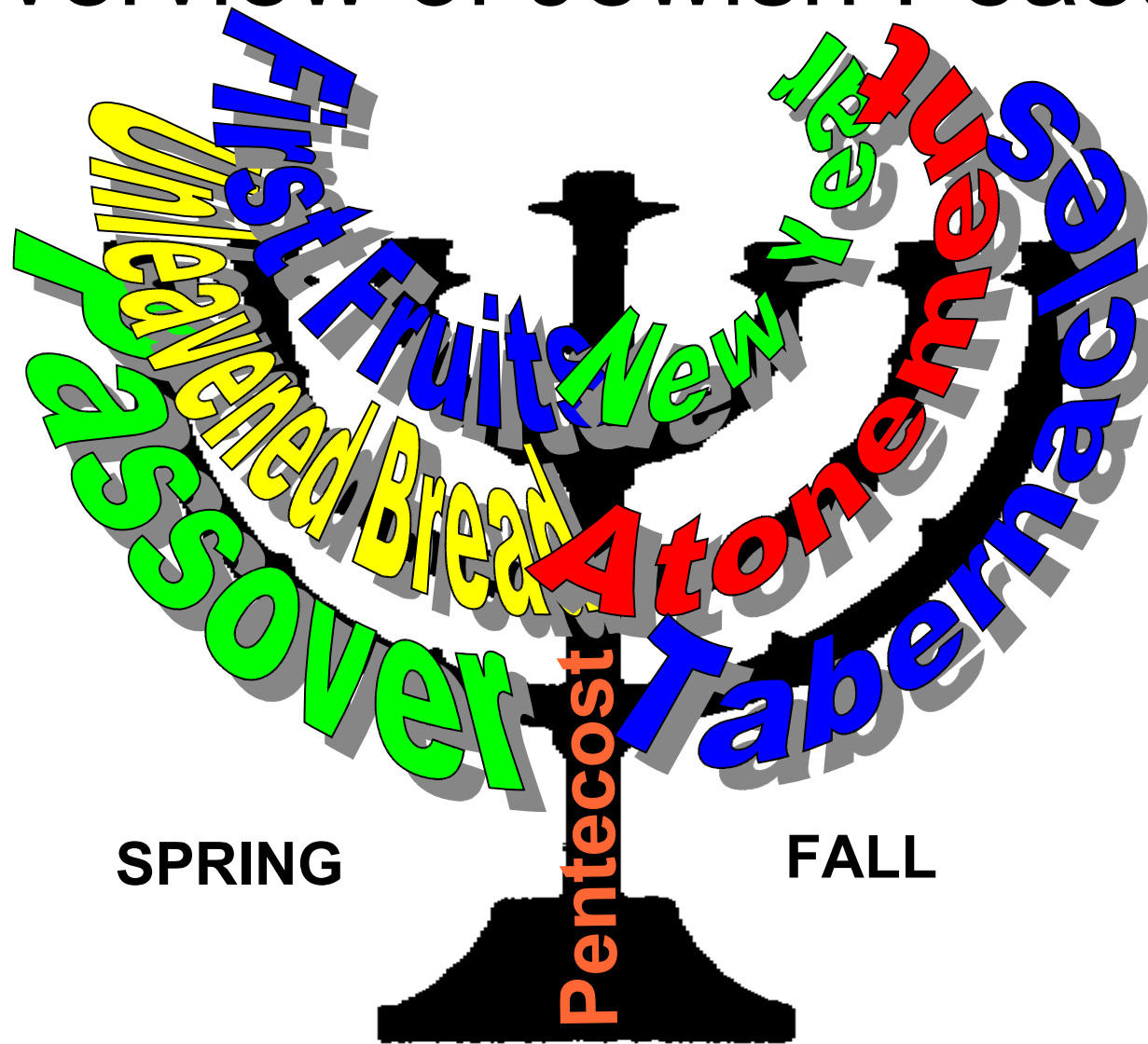
In the first 300 years after Jesus arose, many Christians were martyred. To honor them, All Saints (Hallowed) Day, on November 1st was created. Many kept a prayer vigil the night before, October 31st, as a Hallowed Evening.



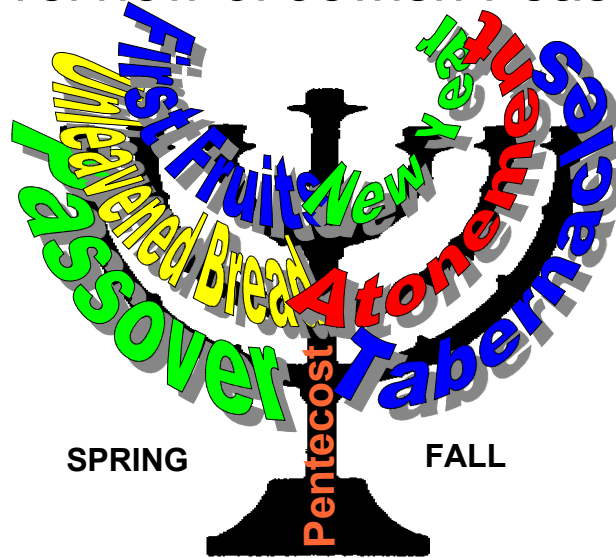
“The blood of the martyrs
is the seed of the church.”

-Tertullian (155-230 A.D.)

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Welcome

Jesus is Jewish; and it is a blessing to learn about the feasts He celebrated.

Pray

The feasts are in tune with the harvests of barley and wheat in the Spring, and of grapes and olives and other fruit in the Fall.

To understand the feast, we need to understand the Hebrew calendar.

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Our English word 'month' stems from the word 'moon'. Lunar months are either 29 or 30 days, corresponding to the 29½-day lunar cycle.

A year with 13 months is referred to as a pregnant year. In English, we commonly call it a leap year. The additional month is known as Adar I, Adar Rishon or Adar Alef. It is inserted before the regular month of Adar (known in such years as Adar II, Adar I is the "extra" Adar).

[Years are either 12 or 13 months, corresponding to the 12.4 month solar cycle. Thus giving their 12 month year 354 days, and their 13 month year 384. This metatonic cycle was invented by rabbi Hillel in 360AD]

Though this calendar began correctly, it is now a month out of sync with the spring equinox. Rabbis know this, but are unwilling to change it.

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Jewish days begin and end at dusk because “evening and morning the ___ day”. The spiritual year begins with Nissan. The civil year begins with Tishrei.

In Biblical times, all months had thirty days, as is calculated from Gen. 7 and 8 regarding the waters abating from the earth 150 days from “¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.”

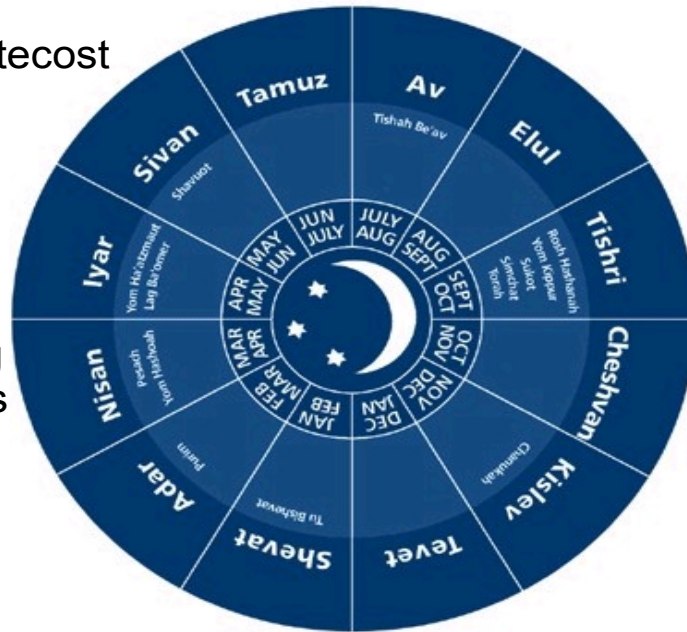
“³And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. ⁴And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.”

A normal Jewish year had 360 days, and a pregnant year had 390 days.

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God commands parties with purpose

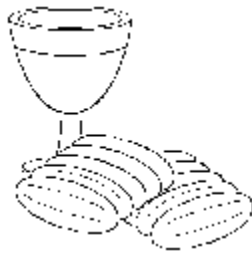
Leviticus 23:1-11 “¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts. ³Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; you shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings. ⁴These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their seasons. ⁵In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover. ⁶And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to the LORD: seven days you must eat unleavened bread. ⁷In the first day you shall have an holy convocation: you shall do no servile work therein. ⁸But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: you shall do no servile work therein. ⁹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you be come into the land which I give to you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest: ¹¹And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.” ⁵

Spring Feasts



Passover
(1st evening)

feast



Unleavened Bread
(7 day festival)

no leaven



First Fruits
(day after Sabbath)

ceremony

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In Hebrew, feasts can also be translated “appointed times”. God commanded the Hebrews the basics of how to celebrate these feasts in the Bible. Many Jewish traditions surround each feast which enrich their meaning, and enable us to see their prophetic fulfillment. We will just touch on these today.

“Spring cleaning” comes from cleansing the leaven out of the house. Traditionally, the mother would leave a bit of leaven for the family to 'find', and then they'd take it out and burn it. Pilate “found no fault” in Jesus because He was without sin.

God commanded the Hebrews to put lamb's blood on their doorpost so the angel of death would 'passover' them. Jesus, the Door, shed His blood on the cross. The following Sunday as the priests waved an offering – Jesus rose from the grave as the final sacrifice.

Passover

Exodus 12:1-9 “¹And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, ²This month shall be to you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. ³Speak you to all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: ⁴And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: you shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: ⁶And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. ⁷And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.”

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They took the lamb into their homes for four days; God wanted them to care about this sacrifice like no other.

Passover

Exodus 12:8-14 “⁸And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the entrails thereof.¹⁰And you shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹And thus shall you eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. ¹³And the blood shall be to you for a token on the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will **pass over** you, and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. ¹⁴And this day shall be to you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.”

Passover

Exodus 12:21-28 “²¹Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. ²²And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. ²³For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he sees the blood on the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will **pass over** the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you. ²⁴And you shall observe this thing for an ordinance to you and to your sons for ever. ²⁵And it shall come to pass, when you be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he has promised, that you shall keep this service. ²⁶And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say to you, What mean you by this service? ²⁷That you shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. ²⁸And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.”

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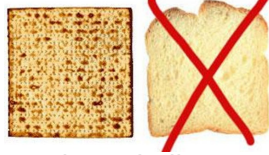
The plague of death would literally “pass over” each house that had lamb's blood.



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When applying the blood to the lintel and door posts*, there would likely be a drip*, forming a cross* shape*. When the angel of death came*, he would see the blood of the Lamb,* and pass over*

Feast of Unleavened Bread



Exodus 12:15-20 “¹⁵Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread; even the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. ¹⁷And you shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall you observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. ¹⁸In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. ¹⁹Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whoever eats that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. ²⁰You shall eat nothing ¹¹ leavened; in all your habitations shall you eat unleavened bread.”

Spring cleaning. Traditionally Jewish women would begin cleaning house 30 days before this feast. Four days before the feast, a lamb without blemish would be chosen and taken home to be cared for until it is sacrificed. All leaven would be removed except for a few choice crumbs which the wife hid for the ritual purging at dusk on the 14th.

Removing the Leaven



The father would light a candle*, and he, or the children would be given a wooden spoon* and a feather* to rid their house of every bread crumb* which they would put into a paper bag* using the spoon or feather so that they don't touch it and become contaminated. Then they take the bag outside and burn it before the Passover meal.

The LIGHT of God's Word told them “cursed is anyone who hangs on a tree” which is WOOD. The Holy Spirit DOVE alighted on Jesus when He was baptized, and God declared, “This is My Son”, and John declared Jesus was “The Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.’ (Leaven is SIN)

Feast of First Fruits

EXODUS

Each home cares for a lamb 4 days.

Day 2

Day 3

Passover, Hebrews leave late at night and camp at Rameses.

They leave Rameses for Succoth

They leave Succoth for Ethan

They turn south to Pi Hahiroth

Cross Red Sea

MIDST OF DANIEL'S 70th WEEK

Palm Sunday, Triumphal Entry

Clearing of Temple (Sun./Mon.)

Parables & future events (Mon./Tues.)

Jesus eats **Passover** (Tues. pm)
Jesus crucified & buried (Wed. dusk)

2nd day Unleavened Bread (Wed./Thurs.)

3rd day Unleavened Bread (Thurs./Fri.)

4th day Unleavened Bread (Fri./Sat.)

Resurrection, First Fruits (Sat./Sun.)

I first saw Christ's passover week laid out like this in the *Biblical Holidays* book by Scarlatta and Pierce. They reprinted a table from the Companion Bible, KJV, 1990 by Kregel Publications ISBN 08254-2288-4

Jerusalem First Fruit Saints

Matthew 27:50-53

⁵⁰Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. ⁵¹And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; ⁵²And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, ⁵³And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many.”

James 1:18 “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.”



Jesus fulfilled Passover and Unleavened bread as the “spotless Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world.” Jesus fulfilled First Fruits when He rose from the dead. Those OT saints who rose after Him on that day and appeared in Jerusalem are never mentioned again in the gospels, but they may be the First Fruits of 144,000 described in Revelation.

Because we do not celebrate the Biblical feasts, we do not recognize their prophetic significance and their fulfillments. Sadly, we Gentiles have replaced them with pagan festivals. “First Fruits” is our resurrection Sunday to celebrate our risen Lord but it has been replaced by Easter- Ishtar, the fertility goddess with fertility symbols of eggs and bunnies.

Christ, the First Fruits of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:20,23-25,37,52 “²⁰But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept. . . ²³But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. ²⁴Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. . . ³⁷And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain* . . . ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

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The feasts and their fulfillment follow the harvest pattern. Jesus resurrected on First Fruits, and saints arose from graves in Jerusalem (Mat. 27:52-53).

Then the full harvest is brought in. (rapture)

Luke 10:2 “²Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.”

The grain can then be beaten to separate it from the chaff (Ruth 2:17), or it can be winnowed (Ruth 3:2), using the wind to blow away the chaff. (tribulation)

But the edges of the field were left for the poor to glean (Lev. 19:11-12) [the resurrection of those saved during tribulation].

After the nations are sifted (Isaiah 30:27-28) and separated, the bad will be burned with fire. (Matthew 13:24-30 wheat and tares) [Lake of fire]

Counting the Omer: 50 days from First Fruits

Leviticus 23:15-21 “¹⁵And you shall count to you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: ¹⁶Even to the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall you number fifty days; and you shall offer a new meat offering to the LORD. ¹⁷You shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the first fruits to the LORD. ¹⁸And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering to the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet smell to the LORD. ¹⁹Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. ²⁰And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. ²¹And you shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation to you: you shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your¹⁶ dwellings throughout your generations.”

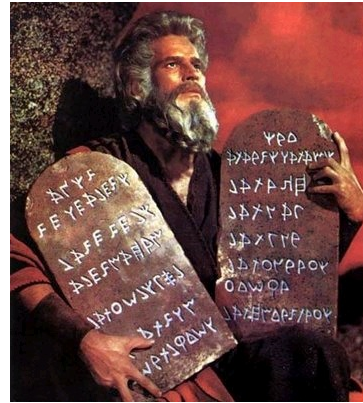
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Shavuot = Feast of weeks = Pentecost and Latter First Fruits



Exodus 34:22 “And you shall observe the feast of weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.”

Deuteronomy 18:15-16 “¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up to you a Prophet from the middle of you, of your brothers, like to me; to him you shall listen; ¹⁶According to all that you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.”



3 days after passover, the Hebrews cross the Red Sea. 50 days after crossing the Red Sea, they hear God speak the Ten Commandments from Mt. Sinai.

Feast of Ingathering is also known as the Feast of Booths/Tabernacles held in the Fall.

Christ is a Prophet like Moses

Deuteronomy 18:18-19 “¹⁸I will raise them up a **Prophet** from among their brothers, like to you, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. ¹⁹And it shall come to pass, that whoever will not listen to my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.”

Acts 3:20-23 “²⁰And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached to you: ²¹Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. ²²For Moses truly said to the fathers, A **prophet** shall the Lord your God raise up to you of your brothers, like to me; him shall you hear in all things whatever he shall say to you. ²³And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.”

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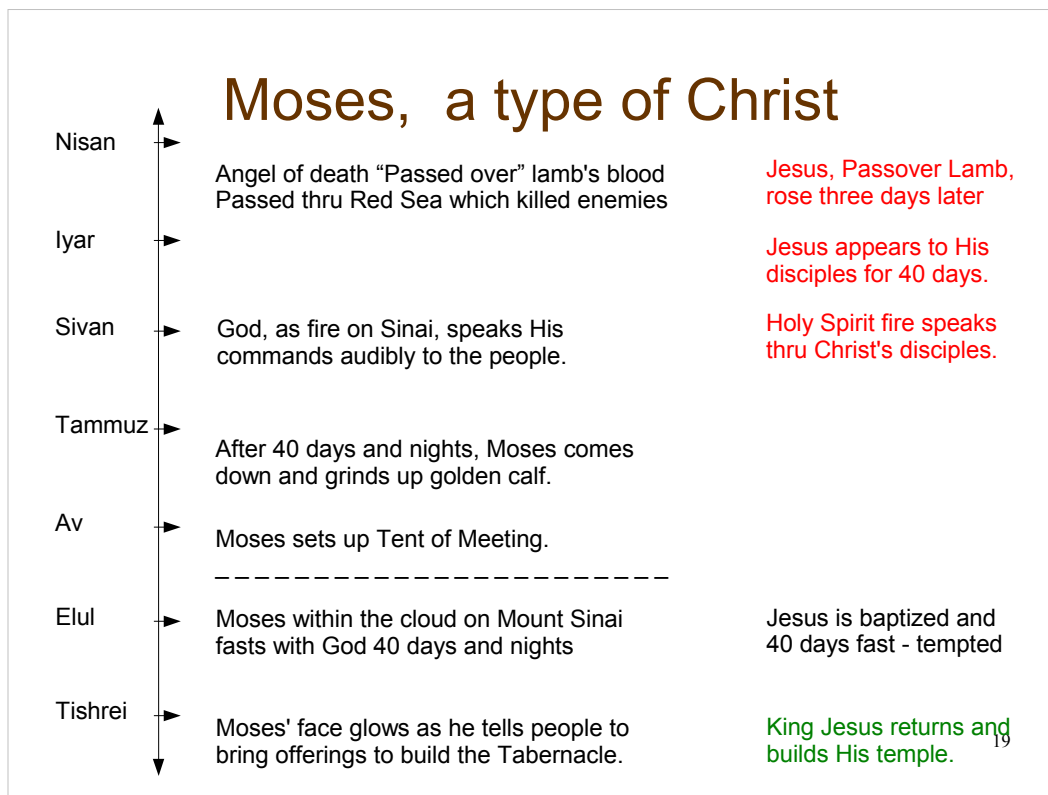
Matthew 13:57b “ But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house.” But they didn't HEAR Him

But changed tune at Jesus triumphal entry on palm Sunday .

Matthew 21:10-11 “ ¹⁰And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? ¹¹And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.”

Moses also was first rejected as the Hebrews' deliverer, and later, at the age of 80, accepted.

Note v21 that Jesus will remain in heaven until He returns to restore the kingdom to Israel as its King.



Moses led the people in the first Passover, on First Fruits they crossed the Red Sea. Forty-four days later they arrived at Mount Sinai.

(Exodus 19) Moses goes up and down Mount Sinai 4 times, and prepares the people to hear God's voice themselves.

On the 50 day, Pentecost, they hear the Ten Commands.

Then he goes up 40 days and nights, and comes down with the stone tablets, and throws them to quell idolatry.

Moses sets up the Tent of Meeting below Mount Sinai.

According to Jewish tradition, he only has about a month before he goes back up the mountain.

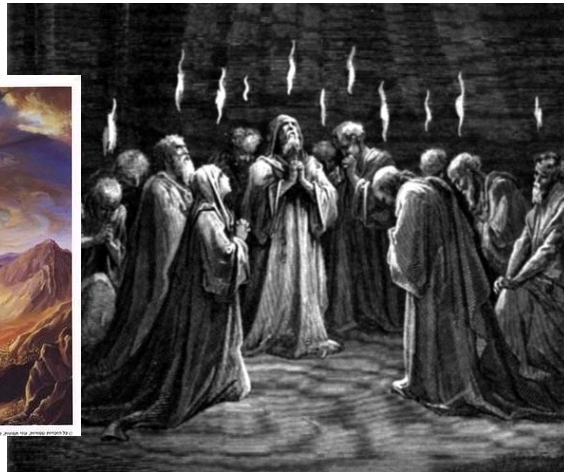
Exodus 34:28 "28And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water". Traditionally this is also the same time of year Jesus fasted 40 days, and the Jews still refer to this season as Teshuvah (to return or repent). The shofar is blown every morning the first 30 days to warn people to repent.

Summer **fire** feast is Pentecost



Mount Sinai

**10 Commandments
as God's marriage contract**



Upper Room

**Holy Spirit as God's deposit
verifying Jesus' blood as Bride price**

Between the Spring and Fall feasts is the summer feast of Pentecost. The Hebrews heard the God of fire speak His covenant terms from Mount Sinai that day; pilgrims heard God's wonders in their own language years later. They were terms of betrothal, as God married Israel. Traditionally the Jews do not allow anyone to marry between First Fruits and Pentecost. It is time to prepare yourself to hear God's commands to you.

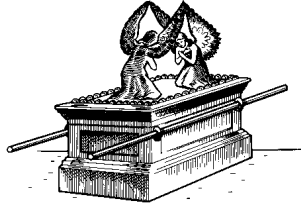
From the feast of First Fruits, which always occurred on “the morrow after the Sabbath” - Sunday, the Jews counted 7 weeks (49 days), and then celebrated Pentecost on a Monday.

The next feast is to be a “memorial” possibly of the special anniversary when God's Spirit became one with His people.

Fall Feasts and Jesus' Return



Trumpets



Atonement



Tabernacles

(10 days later)

(5 days later)

2 day festival

1 day fast

8 day feast

All during the 7th month of Tishri

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The Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashannah) is the only feast held on the 1st of the month, which means a new moon that takes two witnesses to agree upon before it is accepted and proclaimed, so they celebrate an extra day.

The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) is the most holy; the ten days between are called 'the days of awe'.

The people are to consider their lives in light of Torah
The Feast of Tabernacles (sukkot) is in remembrance of wandering in the wilderness in tents with the Spirit of God leading them (pillar of cloud/fire). It's like a huge campout in which all are welcome to enjoy hospitality.

Fulfillment of Feasts in Christ

Psalms 81:3-5a “³Blow up the trumpet [*shofar*] in the new moon, in the time appointed [*kehseh* – full moon], on our solemn feast [*khag*] day. ⁴For this was a statute [*khoke* - appointment] for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. ⁵This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony,”

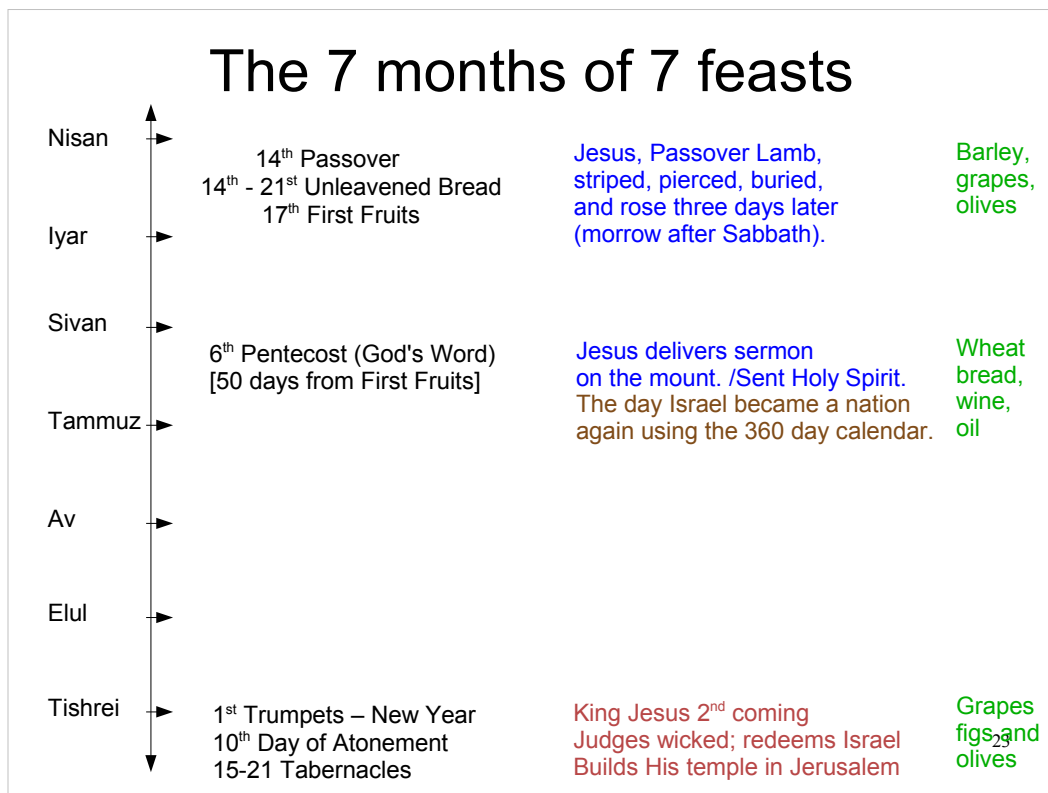
Colossians 2:16-17 “¹⁶Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days : ¹⁷Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ.”

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Genesis 1:14 “ ¹⁴And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and for years:”

An appointed time of the month in Hebrew is *mo-ade*. properly an *appointment*, a fixed *time* or season; specifically a *festival*; by implication, an *assembly* (as convened for a definite purpose); also a *signal* (as appointed beforehand): - appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast,

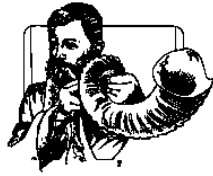
The body [*soma* – sound whole, from *sozo* -save, heal, make whole], or fulfillment of these holidays/festivals are in Jesus [Joseph, a type of Christ.].



Spring and summer feasts were fulfilled in Christ's first coming. It is assumed that the Fall feasts will be fulfilled with Christ's second coming.

Various herbs and legumes were harvested in spring, but the most important spring crops were cereals: barley and wheat. Newly harvested grain could not be eaten until the firstfruits of grain had been offered on the "day after the Sabbath" of the Festival of Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:9-1, 14). Although barley and wheat were both planted in the autumn, barley matured faster and would be harvested sooner, and known as the 'early first fruits'. Pentecost, near the end of the grain harvest, included prepared offerings of two loaves (verses 16-17), wine and olive oil, called the 'latter first fruits', since Pentecost was also called "the Feast of Harvest" (Ex. 23:16).

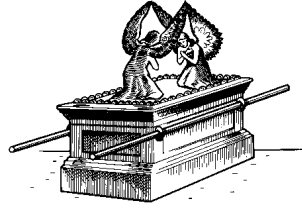
The feasts culminated harvests in Israel. Read James 5:7-8 “⁷Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.
⁸Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”



Trumpets

Awakening Blast
 Resurrection
 Rapture
 Wedding
 Jacob's trouble
 Open gates/books
 Crowning king
 Remembrance
 Judgment

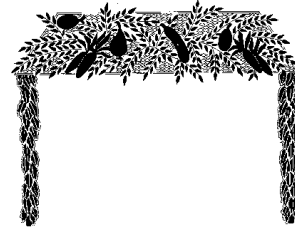
The Blessed Hope
Great & Terrible
Day of the Lord



Atonement

Great *Shofar*
 Redemption
 Fast
 White
 High Sabbath
 Close gates
 God's NAME
 Holy of Holies
 Judgment

Rewards and
Judgments



Tabernacles

Singing Psalms
Salvation
Harvest
 Lights
 "JAH save us"
 Living Water
 "God with us"
 Remembrance
 Judgment of
 Nations
 8th day

The Millennium
New Heavens
New Earth

As you can see, there is a lot more to these feasts. The Sanhedrin would often postpone the Feast of Trumpets so that the day of Atonement would not fall on a Friday or Sunday, creating problems for Sabbath observance.

The word 'rapture' is a transliteration of the Latin 'rapturo' from the phrase "caught up" in Thess, but it is also referred to as "the blessed hope" in Titus 2:13
 1"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"

Christ's judgment of the sheep and goat nations on earth is often confused with His judgment of individuals in heaven. There will be a judgment of the righteous as to their rewards, and later a Great White Throne judgment of those not written in the Lamb's book of life.

A whole lesson will go into these fall feasts more thoroughly.

3 Feasts Required

Exodus 23:14-17 “¹⁴Three times you shall keep a feast to me in the year. ¹⁵You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread: (you shall eat **unleavened bread** seven days, as I commanded you, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it you came out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) ¹⁶And the feast of harvest, the **first fruits** of your labors, which you have sown in the field: and the feast of **ingathering**, which is in the end of the year, when you have gathered in your labors out of the field. ¹⁷Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the LORD God.”

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Unleavened Bread. The feast of the latter first fruits, Pentecost, Feast of Ingathering is also known as the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles.

Unleavened Bread

Pentecost

Tabernacles

Spring

Summer

Fall

HAPPY HANUKKAH! (Macabbees dedication)



John 10:22-23 “And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, ²⁶ and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch”.

There are two other major festivals which Israel celebrates which they have no command to do so in the Bible: Hannukah and Purim. Hannukah is mentioned in John as the “feast of dedication” of the temple. This refers to when the Macabbees fought off the armies of Antiochus Epiphanes who had sacrificed a pig on the altar. They cleansed the temple from his “abomination of desolation”, but their was only enough holy oil for one day, but the oil miraculously lasted eight days. This festival starts on the 25th of Kislev and lasts eight days. It is possible Jesus, the Light, was conceived during this time, later to be born 9 months later at Rosh Hashanah. Hannukah was also referred to as the “festival of lights”

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS in ISRAEL

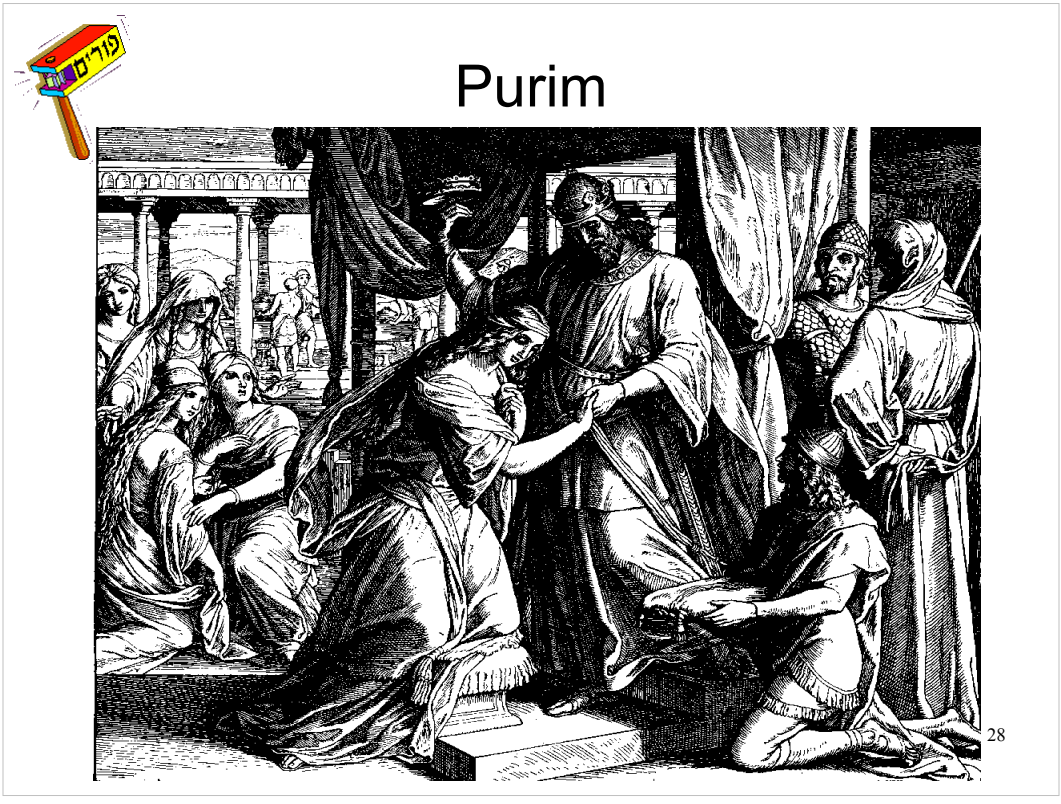
Isaiah 49:6 “And he said, It is a light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth.”

Luke 2:30-32 “³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹Which you have prepared before the face of all people; ³²A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

John 8:12 “Then spoke Jesus again to them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”



In ancient Israel, 4 young priests would climb 50 cubit poles to light several gallons of olive oil using wicks of worn priestly robes, thus illuminating Jerusalem. There was dancing and singing well into the night.



Purim

Purim means “lots”; referring to when Haman cast lots to determine the best day to annihilate the Jews (Adar 13). But due to one woman's faith and action, it became a day of triumph for the Jews.

The Festival of Purim commemorates a major victory over Jewish oppression and is recounted in Esther. Purim takes place on the thirteenth and fourteenth days of Adar, the twelfth month of the Jewish calendar. Often March on ours. It will be March 9, 2009.

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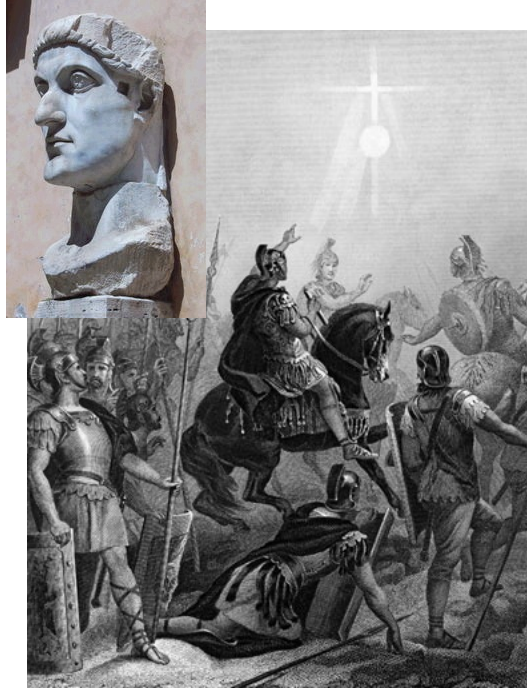
So why doesn't the church of Jesus Christ
celebrate the festivals that Jesus did?

The gospel was preached to the Jews first.

Then Peter and Paul preached to Gentiles. Believers met in each others' homes or in rented halls, and they were persecuted by the Roman Empire who claimed there were many gods, including caesar. The Romans had built many temples to their gods, and they held their own festivals to them.



The early church did celebrate the feasts because it was made up of mostly Jews. When Paul began preaching to the Gentiles, the Jews placed no prerequisites on them besides not eating blood or fornicating.



Constantine conquers in the sign of the cross in 313. In 324 he declared Christianity the only religion of the Roman Empire.

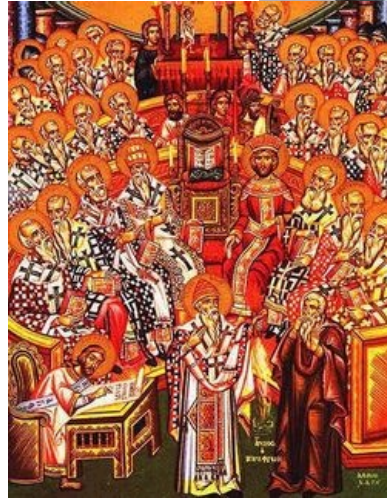
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Rome divided into East and West in 305.

In 306 Constantine was proclaimed a Roman Emperor by his troops, and took over Britain, Gaul, and Spain and Germania provinces. In 313 he also declared religious toleration.

He wrote laws forbidding Jews to own Christian slaves, to circumcise their slaves, or convert a Christian to Judaism. He restricted their religious services and access to Jerusalem. Constantine created the Easter controversy “**changed times**” which is why Eastern orthodox celebrate Jesus' resurrection on a different date than Roman Catholics. Constantine was considered the founder of the Byzantine Empire (which lasted 1000 years) and the Holy Roman Empire. The Roman Empire was no more by 476.

In 325 A.D.
Constantine
convened over 500
bishops in Nicea to
come to a
consensus on
Christian practices.
They concluded
“Let us, then, have
nothing in common
with the Jews, who
are our
adversaries.”



The Council of Nicea also put together the canon of Scripture and the order of the books. The Jews have a different order to the Old Testament books, also a different count since they combine into one those like 1 & 2 Samuel.

Pagan instead of Biblical holy days



The winter solstice and worship of sun gods and the soldier's god, Mithras, were celebrated on December 25th.

The fertility goddess Ishtar (Easter) replaced the death of Jesus on Passover, and His resurrection on First Fruits.



All false religions stem from the paganism instituted by Nimrod in Babylon. That's why Mystery Babylon is the Mother of all Harlots and Abominations. They worshiped the sun, moon, and stars. At the winter solstice they burned an effigy of an infant (yule log) representing the death of the sun god, and in the morning celebrated his resurrection around an evergreen tree. The Mayans predicted the world's destruction on the winter solstice in 2012.

Babylon worshiped bulls as representatives of the moon god on earth, and the triangle as its symbol, which continued in Egypt and India.

Ishtar was often represented as a star. Most Muslim flags prominently display a crescent moon and a star which are the basis of their worship. Alluah is the moon god.

God takes Israel away from Idolatry

Deuteronomy 4:15-20 “¹⁵Take you therefore good heed to yourselves; for you saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spoke to you in Horeb out of the middle of the fire: ¹⁶Lest you corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flies in the air, ¹⁸The likeness of any thing that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: ¹⁹And lest you lift up your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, should be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD your God has divided to all nations under the whole heaven. ²⁰But the LORD has taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be to him a people of inheritance, as you are this day.”

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God commands Israel not to return to idolatry.

Saints, get out of Babylon (idolatry)

Revelation 18:2b-24 edited “²Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,. . .
³For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,. . .
. . . ⁴And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues. ⁵For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. . . . ⁹And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall mourn her when they shall see the smoke of her burning, . . . ¹¹And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buys their merchandise any more: ¹²The merchandise of gold, and silver, . . . and slaves, and souls of men. . . . ¹⁷For in one hour so great riches is come to nothing. And every shipmaster, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,. . . for in one hour is she made desolate. ²⁰Rejoice over her, you heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets; for God has avenged you on her. . . . ²³And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in you; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in you: for your merchants were the great men of the earth; for by your sorceries were all nations deceived. ²⁴And in her was found the blood of ³⁵ prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain on the earth.”

God's people often returned to the ancient worship of false gods; it is a struggle unto the end.

All Hallow E'en

In the first 300 years after Jesus arose, many Christians were martyred. To honor them, All Saints (Hallowed) Day, on November 1st was created. Many kept a prayer vigil the night before, October 31st, as a Hallowed Evening.



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They'd sometimes go to the cemeteries that night to pray God would remember their prayers.

**“The blood of the martyrs
is the seed of the church.”
-Tertullian (155-230 A.D.)**

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Revelation 6:9-11 “⁹And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: ¹⁰And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? ¹¹And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said to them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brothers, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

Overview of Jewish Feasts

