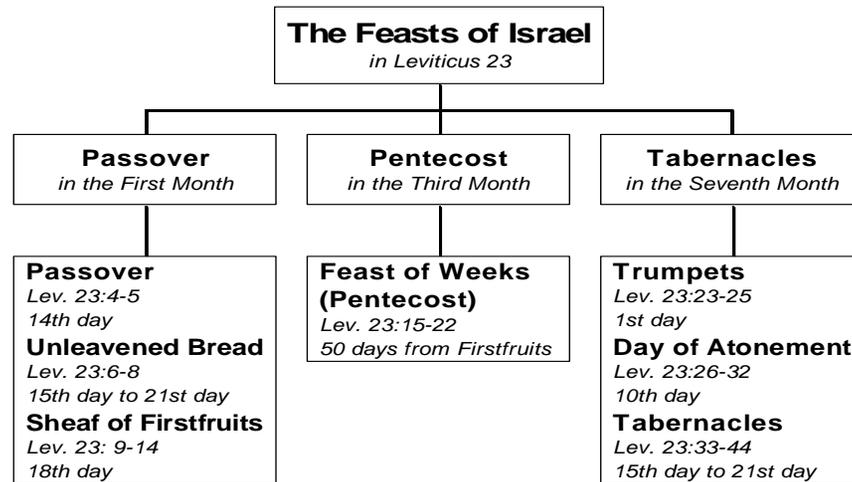


## PARTY TIME, PART 1 - PASSOVER

**Deuteronomy 16:16** Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

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There are seven colors in the rainbow (ROY G BIV) but only three primary colors (red, yellow, blue) and there are seven Old Testament feasts, but they are grouped in only three major annual feasts.



### There were 3 major annual feasts in Israel:

1. Passover in Egypt in the First Month
2. Pentecost in Sinai in the Third Month  
(*INTERVAL: THE WILDERNESS WANDERINGS FOR 40 YEARS*)
3. Tabernacles in Canaan in the Seventh Month

### There are 3 major divisions in the history of Christ and His Church:

1. Christ’s Sacrifice in the Gospels
2. The Birthday of the Church in the Book of Acts  
(*INTERVAL: DARK AGES FOR 40 JUBILEES - 2000 YEARS*)
3. The Endtime Apostolic Church

Each of the feasts has a literal fulfillment in Israel, a typical fulfillment in Christ, and a spiritual fulfillment in the church.

The word “feast” comes from the Hebrew “chagag” which means “to dance” (joy and gladness); by implication, it means “to be giddy.”

**“Therefore let us keep the feast!” (1 Corinthians 5:8)**

In interpreting the feasts, we will first look at Israel to learn about Christ and His church, keeping in mind the principle of 1 Corinthians 15:46 - “first...that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.”

### No one could be excused for appearing before the Lord empty.

**God promised that no enemy would take their land** while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the feasts.

- **Exodus 34:24** For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.
- **Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

### The Feasts were to be kept in the place God put His name.

- **Deuteronomy 12:11** Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD:
- **Deuteronomy 12:13** Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest:
- **Colossians 3:17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

### All Feasts involved sacrifices. (approach on the basis sacrificial blood)

- **Leviticus 17:11** For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.
- **Hebrews 9:12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

### Like the weekly Sabbath, no one was to work on the Feast days.

(However, God told the priests to “work” in offering sacrifices.)

- **Leviticus 23:21** And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.
- **Ephesians 2:8-10** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, (SALVATION) lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, (SANCTIFICATION) which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**The Feasts originally were the “Feasts of the Lord”** but later became the “Feasts of the Jews” (they observed ritual and missed the spiritual).

- **Leviticus 23:44** And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.
- **John 5:1** After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

## PASSOVER: THE FEAST OF PASSOVER (EXODUS 12)

God gave **specific instructions** to Moses. He gave Israel the “**good news**” of the Passover Lamb, and they could either **accept or reject** it.

Each household took a lamb on the 10th day of the first month and set it aside until the 14th day (Jesus entered Jerusalem on the 10<sup>th</sup> day and was crucified on the 14<sup>th</sup> day). In the evening the lamb was killed and its blood sprinkled on the door. They ate it in haste, ready to leave Egypt at midnight. The death angel did not smite the firstborn in these houses.

- **Exodus 12:13** And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

### The Lamb had to be **without blemish**.

- Pilate (“I find in Him no fault at all” - John 18:38)
- Judas (“I have betrayed the innocent blood” – Matthew 27:4)
- The Centurion (“Truly this was the Son of God” - Matthew 27:54)

**Blood had to be shed and sprinkled.** This shows Jesus’ death and our NT **application** of blood. It was not blood **alone** that brought salvation, but **obedience** to God’s commands regarding the blood.

**They were to eat in haste**, and not linger in Egypt when God saved them. Leave the world!

**Passover was only complete when Israel crossed the Red Sea and was led away from Egypt by the pillar of cloud and fire!**

- **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, **and** be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

### **Healing was provided as they partook of God’s salvation plan.**

- **Psalms 105:37** He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

**There was safety only inside the house!** Stay under the blood!

**Passover was the beginning of months for Israel.** Nisan was the 7th month of the civil year, but the past 6 months were **forgotten**, and it became the 1st month of the sacred year.

- **Exodus 12:2** This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

## PASSOVER: THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD (EXODUS 12 & 13)

With the coming of the Passover, all homes were to be cleansed of leaven for seven days and all members of the household had to eat unleavened bread during that time.

**Leaven (yeast) is a little bit of sour dough.** When placed in a batch of dough it causes fermentation. Leaven puffs up the bread, working **secretly** and **gradually** until the whole batch of dough is leavened. Its influence continues until the whole batch **becomes like itself**.

- **Galatians 5:9** A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

**Anyone found with leavened food was to be cut off from the congregation.** It seems that Israel never really understood the full significance of this feast, but the New Testament explains it.

- **1 Corinthians 5:8** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### The twin truths of this feast are **SEPARATION** and **CONSECRATION**.

Leaven in Scripture symbolizes that which is evil in doctrine or practice:

1. **The Leaven of Herod - WORLDLINESS** (Mark 8:15)  
He feared the Word of God from John but was not willing to repent because of pride.
2. **The Leaven of the Sadducees - MODERNISM** (Matthew 16:6,12)  
They explained away the supernatural working of God, replacing it with religious ideas.
3. **The Leaven of the Pharisees - HYPOCRISY** (Luke 12:1)  
They did not practice what they preached, so their religion was merely an empty form.
4. **The Leaven of Corinth - SENSUALITY** (1 Corinthians 5:7-9)  
They refused to purge the immorality which was influencing their whole church.
5. **The Leaven of Galatia - FALSE DOCTRINE** (Galatians 5:4-9)  
They taught legalism, a mixture of the Old and New Covenants, which brought bondage.

How do we keep this Feast in the New Testament? When we live in **HOLINESS**, without **LEAVEN**.

Just as Passover became known by the name Unleavened Bread, Christians are known by holy lives!

## **PASSOVER: THE FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS (LEVITICUS 23)**

One sheaf of the standing ripe harvest was brought to the priest, who waved it before the Lord on “the morrow after the Sabbath.” No one could eat of the harvest until the sheaf was presented. It was a forerunner, showing that all the harvest belonged to the Lord. Israel was familiar with the twin truths of Firstfruits and Firstborn. The choicest, the foremost, and the best were always presented to the Lord.

Saturday	10th	Weekly Sabbath Lamb set aside for four days	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Sunday	11th		
Monday	12th		
Tuesday	13th		Jesus is arrested Jesus is tried
Wednesday	14th	<b>Passover</b> Day of Preparation	Jesus is crucified Jesus is buried
Thursday	15th	<b>Feast of Unleavened Bread</b> (lasted seven days) A Sabbath or High Holy Day	Jesus is dead for three nights and three days in the tomb
Friday	16th	Spices prepared by the women	
Saturday	17th	Weekly Sabbath	
Sunday	18th	<b>Feast of Firstfruits</b> Morrow After the Sabbath / First Day of the Week	Jesus is resurrected

**John 19:31** The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

**Luke 23:54-56** And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

**Matthew 12:40** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**Matthew 28:1, 5-6** In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre ... And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

**1 Corinthians 15:20** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

**Colossians 3:1-2** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

**Romans 8:11-16** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

I didn't just come here today to tell you that Jesus got up (died, buried, resurrected), I came to tell you that I got up with Him! Every day a new area of my life is resurrected! I have His power in me to live this life!

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