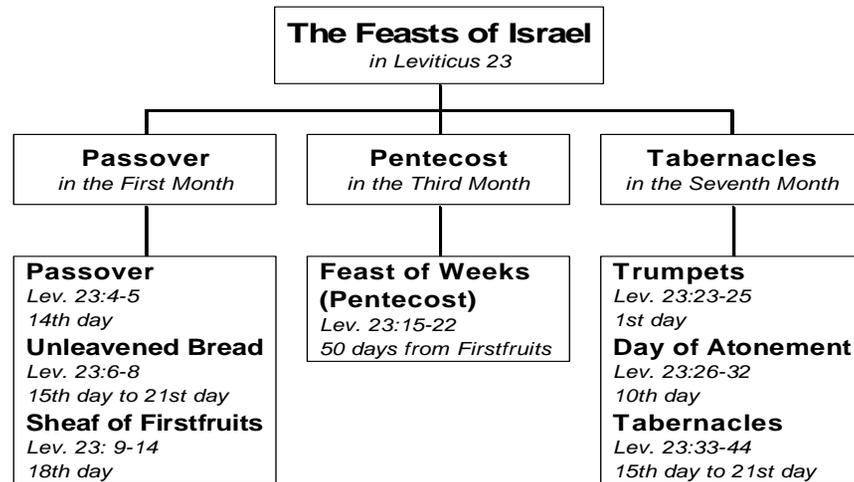


PARTY TIME, PART 2 - PENTECOST

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)

PENTECOST: THE FEAST OF WEEKS (EXODUS 19-20, DEUTERONOMY 16:9-12)

Deuteronomy 16:9-12 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there. And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

The Exodus from Egypt took place at Passover in the first month, Nisan. After crossing the Red Sea and being led by the pillar of fire, Israel arrived at Mount Sinai in the third month, Sivan. It was here that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, the Tabernacle plan, and laws for the priesthood and sacrifices. The Jews refer to this day as “The Birthday of Judaism.” After they arrived in the Promised Land, Pentecost marked the Wheat Harvest, a great time of rejoicing.

It was Pentecost that the Lord had in mind when he gave Moses this message for Pharaoh:

- **Exodus 5:1** And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

It was at Pentecost that the nation of Israel was established as “**the church in the wilderness.**”

- **Acts 7:38** This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

The Old Testament “church” was formed at Pentecost; so was the New Testament church! Pentecost was both a day and a time period (the Day of Pentecost and the Feast of Weeks) – it is still open!

Passover took place on the 14th day of Nisan, and Israel left Egypt on the next day (15th) as the Feast of Unleavened Bread began. They crossed the Red Sea, following the pillar of cloud and fire to Mount Sinai, arriving the 1st day of Sivan. Here God told them to sanctify themselves until the third day, when Moses went up into the Mount where the Ten Commandments were given. (Just like NT – “Get ready, it’s party time!”)

- **Exodus 19:10-11** And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

The Ten Commandments were given on the 50th day from Firstfruits, and the Jews today look upon Pentecost as the celebration of the giving of the Law. From Firstfruits, the Jews were instructed to count seven sabbaths (seven weeks - 49 days), then celebrate Pentecost on the 50th day. Note that Pentecost was not a Sabbath; it was held on "the morrow after the Sabbath."

In the New Testament, Jesus was crucified on Passover, rose from the grave on the Feast of Firstfruits, and was seen alive by His disciples for 40 days. After His ascension, the disciples tarried in Jerusalem for 10 days, and the Holy Ghost was poured out on Pentecost (50th day)!

- **Acts 1:3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:
- **Acts 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

The number 50 in Scripture always represents liberty or deliverance. This is seen in the Year of Jubilee. Every 50th year in Israel, slaves were set free, debts were cancelled, families were reunited, and liberty was proclaimed throughout the land by the Jubilee trumpets. Even the fields had rest! Priests also were at liberty to cease from Tabernacle service at the age of fifty.

- **Leviticus 25:10** And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.
- **Numbers 8:25** And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service thereof, and shall serve no more:

Old Testament Pentecost celebrated deliverance from Egypt; New Testament Pentecost celebrates deliverance from the world! We are free, not in oldness of the letter, but in newness of the Spirit!

One of the most amazing things relative to the typology of the feasts is that God used them **twice to bypass the weekly Sabbath**. The Feast of Firstfruits (resurrection of Jesus) and Feast of Pentecost (birthday of the church) both took place on "the morrow after the Sabbath" – the first day of the week, or Sunday. These are the two foundational events of the New Testament!

Just as the OT "**initiation**" of Circumcision parallels NT Water Baptism, the OT "**seal**" of Sabbath Rest parallels the NT Baptism of the Holy Ghost. **In the OT, they had a day of rest; in the NT, we have a Spirit of rest.** To return to merely keeping the sabbath confuses covenants!

- **Hebrews 4:9** There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
- **Matthew 11:28** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- **Isaiah 28:11-12** For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

O.T. PENTECOST	N.T. PENTECOST
• Fifty days from Waving of Sheaf of Firstfruits	• Fifty days from the Resurrection of Christ
• Mount Sinai	• Mount Zion
• Thunder & Lightning	• Mighty Rushing Wind
• Clouds & Fire	• Tongues of Fire
• God speaks from Heaven in a loud voice	• God speaks through His Church in other tongues
• Fear & Trembling	• Conviction
• Oldness of Letter (Law)	• Newness of Spirit (Grace)
• Ministration of Condemnation	• Ministration of Righteousness
• Ministration of Death	• Ministration of the Spirit
• Waiting For Moses to Return	• Waiting for the Promise
• Worship of the Golden Calf	• Worship of Jesus
• 3000 People Slain	• 3000 People Born Again
• Ten Commandments	• Two Commandments
• Tables of Stone	• Fleishy Tables of the Heart

The Wave Offering – A Picture of the Church

- **Leviticus 23:16-17, 20** Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD ... And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

1. They were to offer a meal offering baken with leaven.

- This seemed to be a contradiction of previous commandments of the Lord. In other feasts, leaven was absolutely forbidden.
- Leaven is always a type of sin. So, **why does the Lord command the very opposite at the Feast of Pentecost?**
- Passover speaks of Jesus Christ who is sinless; Pentecost speaks of the Church that has not attained to sinless perfection.
- Leaven in the wave loaves is God's recognition (and ours!) that the sin nature is not yet eradicated in the believer, even though they are filled with the Holy Ghost.

2. The priest was to wave offer two loaves before the Lord.

- The truth of dual offerings is seen throughout the Levitical system: 2 birds in the cleansing of the leper, 2 trumpets in the Feast of Trumpets, 2 tables of stone for the ten commandments, and 2 goats on the Great Day of Atonement.
- On Pentecost the two ethnic divisions of Jew and Gentile were brought together.
- **1 Corinthians 12:13** For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
- **Ephesians 2:14-15** For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- One of the greatest signs of real Pentecost is UNITY.

3. It was to be a new meal offering.

- The NEW meal offering speaks of the church which has a NEW covenant, receives a NEW name, speaks in NEW tongues, and is bound for the NEW heavens, the NEW earth and the NEW Jerusalem, where God will make all things NEW!
- **Acts 2:13** Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.
- **Romans 7:6** But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.
- **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.

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