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## The Seven Festivals

Passover

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Pentecost

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Day of  
Atonement

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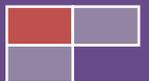
# Feasts & Festivals in Three Applications [mini-study]

How are the Feasts & Festivals applicable to our day to understand prophetic events according to Yahuah's perfect Covenant Calendar?

The Feasts and Festivals were given for many special purposes to teach not only the grand Plan of Salvation, but to also bring Yahuah's people into full restoration with His Melchizedek Priesthood. But, their purpose is much more than this. When examining prophecy, especially endtime prophecy, the feast and festival markers become even more important. The following simple outline is meant to give a general overview of how to understand these incredible markers, where to find the dates on Yahuah's Covenant Calendar, and to know how all of this amazing plan works together with the Bride at the end of time ~ as she is prepared and equipped to bring in the last great harvest for Yahuah's kingdom. While Revelation is a very intriguing and interesting book, its fullness of understanding is opened up in a huge way when the truths of the Feasts and Festivals is applied. May this general information be a blessing to all that seek for understanding in these beautiful truths.

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# How the Seven Feasts & Festivals Are Completely Christ-centered

## From the Beginning to the End of Time – to Heaven & the New Earth

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<b>Spring</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Month</b>	The Passover lamb was chosen on the 10 <sup>th</sup> day of the month. Once settled in the land of Canaan, the lamb was always chosen from Bethlehem, where the Messiah was to be born.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Type</b></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Antitype</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Altar</td> <td>Cross</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Passover Lamb</td> <td>Christ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grain offering</td> <td>Body of Christ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wine offering</td> <td>Blood of Christ</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No leaven allowed</td> <td>No leaven in Christ</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Antitype</b>	Altar	Cross	Passover Lamb	Christ	Grain offering	Body of Christ	Wine offering	Blood of Christ	No leaven allowed	No leaven in Christ	
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<p><b>#1 Passover</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Time of the Barley Harvest</b></p> <p><b>Roman Date: approx. Apr 2 or 3 each year.</b></p>	<p>14<sup>th</sup> day – this day was counted between the dawn of the 14<sup>th</sup> to the dawn of the 15<sup>th</sup>. (Sunset does not begin any new day.)</p> <p><b>Ex 12:29</b> And it came to pass, that <b>at midnight</b> the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt. Passover sacrifice at 3 PM; Passover meal was eaten after sunset at “dusk” on the 14<sup>th</sup>; death angel at midnight on Passover night ... then the 14<sup>th</sup> ended at the first light of dawn on the 15<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Passover has 3 definitions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Passover Sacrifice</b> (type) <b>this is the only component that met its fulfillment at the cross – being the system of types and ceremonies that pointed to His death on that cross.</b> [DA 652]</li> <li><b>Passover Meal</b> (type) (included the whole roasted lamb; Ex 12:9-no bones to be broken; Ex 12:10-had to be eaten before the morning light on the 15<sup>th</sup>; left-overs were to be burned.) (The Passover meal did not end at the cross.)</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Unleavened bread was to be eaten with this meal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Passover Festival</b> (type) <b>The Passover Festival does not end at the cross.</b></li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rome’s counterfeit for Passover is Good Friday.</b></p>	<p>In our Messiah’s Ministry &amp; Lifetime:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He (as antitype) <u>fulfilled</u> the Passover <u>Sacrifice</u> dying on exactly the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month. He fulfilled the Dan 9:27 prophecy to die on exactly the “middle day” of the week [Wed], the <b>ONLY</b> sign He would give to the people.</li> <li>He instituted a change in the “meal” with no more need to eat the “lamb” but to eat the “bread” representing His body; drink the “wine” representing His blood – known as The Lord’s Supper – the new memorial of His death.</li> </ol> <p><b>As antitype:</b> Ps 34:20-none of His bones were broken; His Body had to be in a closed tomb before the morning light of the 15<sup>th</sup>; (this declares it was impossible for His Body to be buried before sunset – see full gospel study to verify).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The whole Passover Festival always houses the Feast of Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits for a complete fulfillment of Messiah’s antitype portion.</li> </ol>	<p>Endtime &amp; Heavenly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Passover Sacrifice has been completely fulfilled at the cross, but in heaven, we will see the wounds on our Passover Lamb.</b></li> <li>Luke 22:15-16 ... Jesus tells His disciples that He will NOT eat this Passover celebration with them until the kingdom. We partake of the unleavened bread &amp; wine in remembrance of Him and His Sacrifice; His forgiveness. This can be done at any time of the year, but certainly should be remembered on the actual Passover date from the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> to the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Greatest Antitype:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The whole Passover Festival still houses FULB and FF for God’s children as they look forward to the greatest Passover of all when they <b>Pass – Over</b> from sinful earth to the heavenly Canaan to eat at the Wedding Supper with the Lamb.</li> </ol>												

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<b>#2 Feast of Unleavened Bread (FULB)</b>  <b>Roman Date: approx. Apr 3/4-9/10 each year.</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> days are Feast Sabbaths. ONLY the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sabbath of ULB is known as the HIGH Sabbath – John 19:31 (See note in next column.)	This festival is 7 days long. ULB was to be eaten as the “type” pointing to the Messiah – that His life would be unleavened and free of sin. Looking to Christ as our Example, each one is to be mindful of the “leaven of sin.” <b>(Note: A HIGH Sabbath is not a feast &amp; weekly Sabbath being celebrated on the same day as we have been taught. Only John straightens this controversial problem.)</b>	Our Messiah’s life and ministry on earth was totally pure and undefiled. At the spring festival, “leaven” represents <u>sin</u> . With no sin, I believe death had no dictates over His body. Therefore, His body would see no corruption as written in Ps 16:10. <b>Christ was sealed away in the tomb before the dawn hours of the HIGH Sabbath – or Thursday (not Saturday).</b>	We now look back to the cross, being thankful for our Saviour that lived His life with no leaven of sin – and as an Example we are encouraged to follow in His steps. The “unleavening process” lays the foundation for the 144,000 – once they are totally unleavened, will be ready as His Firstfruits to sound the Loud Cry of the 4 <sup>th</sup> angel, for the last 1260 days of earth’s history. Rev 14:4.
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<b>#3 Firstfruits (FF)</b>  <b>Barley was waved heavenward on this day to represent the ascension. Christ as the 1<sup>st</sup> Firstfruits; His redeemed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Firstfruits. Matt 27:50-53</b>  <b>Roman Date: varies slightly between Apr 2-10 each year depending on the date where the weekly Sabbath falls.</b>	Day that follows the weekly Sabbath in the week of Passover.  Firstfruits is never considered a feast Sabbath.  The barley Firstfruits (as “type”) is marked in the field, then cut, then waved.  <b>Marked</b> = to choosing the lamb; <b>Cut</b> = the harvest, or end of life & growth; <b>Waved</b> = offering the harvest fruit to heaven.  (See note in next column.)	The full Passover Festival is a total of 8 days that will house the weekly Sabbath. Firstfruits <u>always follows the weekly Sabbath</u> . This 1 <sup>st</sup> day of the week emphasized to God’s people the exact day that the Messiah would ascend to heaven, not only as THE “Firstfruits” – but also with His “Firstfruits” – as a token of the first harvest to be brought to the heavenly courts. <b>The Firstfruits festival is the backbone to our eternal salvation!</b>  This festival was not celebrated in the wilderness – as there was no barley for the Wavesheaf. Firstfruits was commanded to be observed “ <b>when</b> they entered the land of Canaan.” Lev 23:10  <b>(Note: How would you explain the antitype that Christ has to fulfill for being: “marked” ... then “cut” ... then “waved” to fulfill HIS portion of this interesting festival?)</b>  <b>Rome’s counterfeit for Firstfruits is Easter Sunday, with Tammuz as their firstfruits.</b>	Christ gave the sign of Jonah (3 days <u>AND</u> 3 nights) as the only sign of how long He would be in the tomb. Because the Firstfruits ascension is always on the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of the week, that places the Christ’s Passover Sacrifice on Wed. This allows for “3 days <u>AND</u> 3 nights” in the tomb – allowing for a Sat. Sabbath 3 PM resurrection, and a Sunday ascension at 9 AM when the Firstfruits of the barley sheaves were waved upward to heaven. Christ returned with His Firstfruits as a witness in Jerusalem and Judea for the next 40 days before the final ascension that would take place just before Pentecost.  <b>This beautiful prophecy does NOT allow for Christ to resurrect on Sunday - the day of the Pagan sun god!</b>  <b>Our eternal salvation was secured at the cross with the spilling of His blood. But, if He would not have resurrected to ascend on Firstfruits and have final approval on the validity of His sacrifice, we would never see Him again as our living Redeemer.</b>  <b>Firstfruits is indeed a mighty backbone to our eternal salvation!</b>	<b>Rev 14:4</b> These [144,000] were redeemed from among men, <b>being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.</b>  This verse introduces the messages of the 3 angels. Once the 144,000 Firstfruits are chosen, they will wait out their 50 days to the Pentecost anointing of the Holy Spirit, and then be commissioned and empowered to give the last Loud Cry to the world in the power of <b>the 4<sup>th</sup> Angel</b> – whose message is that of the 3 angels <b>with much more power and authority.</b>  <b>Those that understand the feasts messages look forward with great anticipation to when the 144,000 will be anointed to begin the last great work on this earth. John speaks of the 144,000 in 6 different places in Rev. of what their work will be. Very important!</b>  <b>This very special group will also be totally unleavened from sin, no guile in their mouths, and they walk in their Saviour’s steps all the way, preaching &amp; teaching every bit of necessary truth, including the “new light” and “new truth” for the endtime harvest. The 144,000 represent the small “barley harvest” and continue on for the great multitude harvest of the “wheat.”</b>

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<b>Early Summer</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Month</b>	<b>Time of the Wheat Harvest</b>		
<p><b>#4 Pentecost</b>  <b>Time of the Wheat Harvest</b>  (or the great multitude)</p> <p>The wheat harvest was always more valuable than the barley, and always a larger harvest.</p> <p><b>Roman Date:</b>  <b>approx.</b>  <b>May 21-</b>  <b>May 28</b>  <b>each year.</b></p>	<p>50 days from Firstfruits  This is a Feast Sabbath. It always falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week.  It is a short 2-day celebration linking the spring festival with the fall festival.</p> <p>Every year this celebration is attended with 2 Sabbaths side by side.</p>	<p>This is a time of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in interesting ways, looking forward to when Christ will send His Holy Spirit in great measure.</p> <p>1 The repeating of the LAW at Mt Sinai in Exo 20-23 was ON the day of Pentecost. (This calendar study has been completed if you wish to see how this counts out from the Passover in the 1<sup>st</sup> month, to the Quail in Exo 16 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> month, and Pentecost in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month.)</p>	<p>At this festival, “leaven” represents leaven for the kingdom – or a harvest for the kingdom with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 After the cross, Christ fulfilled His 1<sup>st</sup> ascension on Firstfruits, then returned as a witness for 40 days.</li> <li>2 At the end of 40 days, He asked the disciples to <u>wait in the upper room</u> for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – which would have been on Pentecost. They waited for this great event before going out to preach the gospel. There was an abundant harvest of souls – up to 3000/day.</li> <li>3 The disciples did NOT have to celebrate this festival at the temple, because everything about the temple was to cease at the cross with the sacrifices. Therefore they were instructed by Christ to wait in the Upper Room for Pentecost.</li> <li>4 <b>Remember: In John 4, the woman at the well asked Christ where they were to worship ... in Samaria or Jerusalem? He told her, the time “now is” that they will neither worship at Samaria or Jerusalem, but were to worship in spirit and truth <u>wherever they were</u>.</b>  John 4:20-23</li> </ol>	<p><b>On this DAY of Pentecost, at the end of time, the Holy Spirit will once again be poured out in great measure on the 144,000 (they were the chosen “Firstfruits” of the first small harvest).</b></p> <p><b>This is the DAY they are anointed to give the very last Loud Cry to the whole world for the last 1260 days of earth’s history. This huge event will begin will gather momentum with the 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet of Rev 8. Their largest “wheat harvest” will be gathered during the first 4 Trumpets. In the 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet of Rev 9, the 144,000 will be seeking for every last little bit of harvest to make sure nothing is missed before it is forever too late at the final Day of Atonement – or day of final judgment! (See Joel 2.)</b></p> <p><b>There is a great day of Pentecost soon to come upon this world. It will be attended with great events and fanfare, and will draw a lot of attention from everyone in the world to this last Loud Cry Message. This Bride will perform greater works than Christ. John 14:12. No one will be without excuse about not knowing about God’s judgment and message of mercy. It will be a highly charged event!</b></p> <p><b>Rome’s counterfeit for Pentecost is Halloween – or – All Saints Day. Pentecost represents the work of the Holy Spirit; Halloween represents the darkest night of the world with the work of many evil spirits.</b></p>

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<p><b>#5 Trumpets</b>  <b>Time of the harvest for grapes, olive oil, etc.</b></p> <p>Roman Date: approx. Sept 16-25 each year.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> day is a Feast Sabbath. Full feast continues to the 10<sup>th</sup> day.</p> <p>Sept 16/17 each year on the Roman calendar for the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Trumpets.</p>	<p>This is the only FEAST Sabbath that is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of any Biblical month. It announces the time to “get ready” for the great day of judgment, or the Day of Atonement coming on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month.</p> <p>It was a time to prepare hearts and lives to be pure and clean, looking forward to the time when the blood of the Messiah would cleanse, rather than the blood of animals.</p> <p><b>A Tradition:</b> Many of the Jews would prepare for the celebration for Trumpets 30 days in advance – beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month. Along with the 10 days of Trumpets (for a total of 40 days), they would deny themselves “something” in anticipation of Yom Kippur and the seriousness of this solemn day of judgment. Usually it was a sweet treat like “apples &amp; honey.”</p>	<p>The 1<sup>st</sup> day of Trumpets would have <b>announced</b> the first coming of Messiah. This is a time when the “Star of Bethlehem” would have been seen in the sky by the magi that travelled from the east – following His star.</p> <p>Daniel’s inheritance was preserved for these magi to give to the coming King when they saw His star. Daniel was trained in the courts of Babylon in all their wisdom – which would have included the Mazzaroth Messages in the constellations. Daniel’s Mazzaroth would have been a study in the stars for the <b>true gospel of salvation</b>. (This is a huge wonderful study for some time later.)</p> <p>There is no doubt that Daniel (as 2<sup>nd</sup> in command to the king) taught the magi of Babylon to watch for that special Bethlehem star, and take his gifts [or inheritance] to the newborn King. It all happened just as planned. Only the magi knew how to read the stars to spot the Bethlehem Star that was to lead them to the Baby King. The Levites and Priests weren’t paying any attention at all.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The Bethlehem star is back in the heavens since 2015 – to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of our KING, soon to come upon this earth. There are 10 requirements that must be met to determine THE Bethlehem Star.</p> <p>(I have included extra information for the Bethlehem Star for your study and interest.)</p>	<p>The 10 days of trumpets every year is a call to take inventory of one’s past year of life, make things right according to Torah principles, and be ready for Day of Atonement on the 10<sup>th</sup> day. It is a serious call to confession, repentance, and forgiveness – making sure every sin is taken care of. This inventory of one’s life would be grounded on the Torah instructions from God.</p> <p>These 10 days of Feast of Trumpets is usually celebrated and observed at home. In the meantime the people would be taking care of the harvest from their land, orchards and gardens.</p> <p><b>For Prophecy:</b> The heavenly trumpet will sound on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Trumpets (a feast Sabbath). The sound of this trumpet will call forth a very special resurrection as given in Dan 12:2. This will be a resurrection of <b>some of the righteous, and some of the wicked</b> – 15 days before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. <b>Rev 1:7 – every eye that pierced Him will be risen; EW p 285 – those that died in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Angel’s Message – keeping the Sabbath – are also raised ahead of time.</b> (This study is done through the timelines of Rev 17 [1/2 hr] and the endtime context of Rev 14:12 &amp; vs 13; <b>and</b> the 1335 day timeline of Dan 12:12 that is attended with a very special blessing. <b>This blessing is THAT special resurrection ahead of time, to walk the earth the last 15 days before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming and see their King come! AT the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming “trumpet” the rest of the dead raise, THEN the righteous living follow them in the clouds.</b></p> <p><b>Rome’s counterfeit for the Feast of Trumpets is the 40 days of Lent.</b></p>

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<p><b>#6 Day of Atonement</b></p> <p><b>Most solemn, holy day of the year – classed as a H7676 Sabbath, not a H7677 [Feast Sabbath].</b></p> <p><b>The weekly Sabbath is also numbered as H7676.</b></p> <p><b>Roman Date: approx. Sept 25/26 each year.</b></p>	<p>10<sup>th</sup> day &amp; last day of the Feast of Trumpets – <b>The most Solemn Sabbath day of the entire year.</b></p> <p>There are 3 special commands for how to celebrate this Sabbath. (The “fast” command.)</p> <p>Even though Yom Kippur begins at DAWN on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month, the “fasting celebration” begins at dusk on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the month – for a full 24 hrs. until dusk of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month. This is when the temple services were completed, the camp was clean, and joy filled each heart. Once fasting was completed, the day would have been celebrated at that point with a FEAST of joy and gladness. (Two other commands: no work; offer the required sacrifices.)</p>	<p>Day of Atonement was always a day of judgment for the previous year. In anticipation it was celebrated looking forward to the “Lamb” that would take away the sins of the world.</p> <p>If one’s sins were not confessed and taken into the sanctuary <u>before</u> Day of Atonement, that person was to be “cut off” [Lev 23:29] – not only from the possibility of being in the genealogy of the Messiah, but also I believe they were “cut off” from life either through natural death, or accident.</p> <p><b>Note: The Day of Atonement Scripture (Lev 23:32c) that speaks of “from even to even shall ye celebrate your Sabbath” is not speaking of the weekly Sabbath beginning at sundown. Rather vs 32 is talking about the beginning of the “fast” at “even” on the 9<sup>th</sup> day in order to be prepared for the Day of Atonement at DAWN on the 10<sup>th</sup> day. This 24 hr fast was one of the 3 ways that Day of Atonement was to be celebrated, whether we think of this as a celebration or not. The Scriptures are very clear on this. (Ask for the specific studies for a better understanding). Therefore, we must be careful to keep everything in context reading from vs 26-32 to understand exactly what was to happen at ‘even’ of the 9<sup>th</sup> day.</b></p>	<p>Jesus (Yahusha) also came for judgment, the Sword that divides asunder the sheep from the goats. His death on the cross won the victory over the enemy, and will now coronate Him to be the final judge for the whole earth, to execute judgment on the very Final Day of Atonement.</p> <p>His atonement for us will never be represented through a slain lamb, but as the Lamb of God and as our Melchizedek Priest – of the highest order!</p> <p><b>Note for next column: The “24” Firstfruits follow the pattern of the 24 common priests that assisted the High Priest [ &amp; connect with the 24 elders round the throne in Rev 4]. All of these “Firstfruits” were “martyrs” from Abel to John the Baptist. (There are SoP references for this as well.)</b></p> <p><b>Rome’s counterfeit for the Day of Atonement is Valentine’s Day, replacing the Bridegroom with “another lover.”</b></p>	<p>Our Melchizedek Priest will complete His final judgment on the LAST Day of Atonement – everyone will be either “sealed” or “marked” forever. On this day He exits the heavenly temple to pour out the 7 Last Plagues upon the earth before His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.</p> <p>When the 144,000 go out with the Loud Cry in the final 3½ years (or the 1260 days), all those that hear their message will have decisions to make on each Day of Atonement, or be “cut off” from the eternal kingdom. Some may have a tarrying time for their decisions, but by Day of Atonement, their decision has to be secure, or else.</p> <p>Day of Atonement is a very serious, solemn day. Each year with this rehearsal it is important that we understand why this day is so solemn.</p> <p>Every Day of Atonement we look forward to the final Day of Atonement when the judgment will be set forever.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> There is no such thing as living in an “antitypical Day of Atonement” since 1844. Day of Atonement is ONLY 1 day – not 100s of years. The veil was ripped with His death on the cross. There was NO veil “to go beyond” in 1844. Judgment of the living did not begin Oct 22, 1844. The “dead” faced their judgment “at death.” <b>Christ’s [24] Firstfruits did not have to wait till 1844 to be raised from their righteous judgment. Their judgment was sealed at death for eternity.</b></p> <p>The “judgment of the living” can only begin with the Loud Cry – when the TEST is given to them, over whom they will worship &amp; what day to honor. No living person will be judged until they are faced with this test in the Loud Cry Message. At that point they have till the next Day of Atonement to make a decision.</p>

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<b>Fall</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Month</b>	<b>Time of the Grape Harvest</b>		
<p><b>#7 Tabernacles</b></p> <p><b>Time to look forward to “tabernacling” with THE Creator. All the harvest has been brought in and all are ready to be with Him.</b></p> <p><b>Roman Date: approx. Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - Oct 8<sup>th</sup> each year.</b></p>	<p>15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – an 8 day feast. The 22<sup>nd</sup> day is also called “The Last Great Day.”</p> <p>The 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> days are Feast Sabbaths, or Holy Convocations.</p>	<p>Once the harvest was finished, the people celebrated the ingathering of the harvest – looking forward to when Christ would come the 1<sup>st</sup> time to begin His “ingathering program.” This would be the 1<sup>st</sup> Feast Sabbath on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month.</p> <p>This was a time of looking forward to “Christ” <u>tabernacling with His people on this earth</u>. A “tabernacle” is a “dwelling place.” God’s people looked forward to “the Son” actually coming to “dwell with them on earth” – the Word being made flesh (John 1).</p> <p>This was the happiest feast celebration of the year and still is today.</p> <p>The people were to “tabernacle” in booths (sukkot) considered a temporary dwelling place as in the wilderness for 40 years. This command represented a temporary dwelling place before entering “the land of Canaan.”</p>	<p><b>The 1<sup>st</sup> day represents the day that Christ was born, coming to this world as the “LIGHT from heaven” to dwell with us, teach us, and be prepared to provide the ultimate blood sacrifice.</b> He was born in the fall, when the shepherds were watching their flocks by night – not on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>The 8<sup>th</sup> day represents Christ’s circumcision (according to the laws of Moses), and His registry in the books at the temple (Luke 2:34).</b></p> <p><b>During the ministry of Christ, He participated in this feast (John 7:1-14) to represent Himself to the crowds as the “LIGHT of the world” and their Salvation. At the next feast of Passover He would be THE Passover Lamb on the cross.</b></p> <p><b>Rome’s counterfeit for the Feast of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Tabernacles is Christmas; for the 8<sup>th</sup> day is Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.</b></p>	<p><b>The 1<sup>st</sup> day represents the day that Christ will return to this earth the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, but this time too “tabernacle” with us forever. Days 1-7 represent our journey to heaven, with entrance to heaven on the 8<sup>th</sup> day. This will be the Last Great Day where the Wedding Supper of the Lamb will be served to us by Himself.</b></p> <p><b>This celebrates the greatest Pass-Over of the universe when we pass from the bondage of sinful earth to the Good Land of the Heavenly Canaan.</b></p>

### SHORT SUMMARY FOR A LARGE TOPIC:

- Everything about the feasts and festivals is totally Christ-centered.
- Even though sacrifices are completely fulfilled by Christ – there is still so much for us to learn about them. They are filled with incredible meaning.
- Today we do not offer animal sacrifices; instead we choose to offer ourselves as a “daily sacrifice” to Him. 1 Cor 15:31; Rom 12:1.
- Today we do not offer wine & grain offerings, but we offer thanksgiving, prayers and praise from the altar of our hearts.
- Therefore, there are still sacrifices & offerings today – but with changes now – with events that happened at the cross.
- Sabbath-keeping (weekly or annually) has changed many times on this earth from a perfect Eden when there was no need for sacrifices. With sin, double sacrifices were added to the weekly Sabbath (Num 28:1-10); many sacrifices attended the Feast Sabbaths. After the cross, the sacrifices were removed from all the worship statutes. In heaven and the new earth, the worship statutes will continue as always, just as it was in the beginning with a perfect Eden. The worship statutes always point to Christ, as our Redeemer, Friend and Bridegroom.

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