



BIBLE STUDY – FEBRUARY 16, 2022

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

LEVITICUS 23

Feasts and Festivals of Ancient Israel



Passover



**The Feast of
Unleavened
Bread**



**The Feast of
Firstfruits**



**The Feast
of Weeks
(Pentecost)**



**The Feast
of
Trumpets**



**The Day
of
Atonement**



**The Feast
of
Tabernacles**

God's Calendar

Feasts of the Lord

- ▶ **God's calendar is based on phases of the moon. Each month in a lunar calendar is based on a new moon.**
- ▶ **The first three feasts – the Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits fall in March and April.**
- ▶ **The fourth feast, Pentecost occurred during late May early June, the summer harvest**
- ▶ **The last three – Trumpets, Yom Kippur (Atonement) and Tabernacles during September-October, the fall harvest.**

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)

Lev. 23:15

- ▶ occurred 50 days after the First Fruits, at the end of the grain harvest.
- ▶ because of the fifty-day interval, it is also known by the Greek name "Pentecost." (the Greek word *Pentecost* means "fiftieth").
- ▶ reminds us of the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send "another helper" (John 14:16) who would indwell believers and empower them for ministry.

The Feast of Pentecost



People were expected to bring the first harvest of grain to the Lord including two leavened loaves of bread. Message spread to both Jews and Gentiles (the two leavened loaves of bread), extending the harvest to us!

The Feast of Trumpet

Leviticus 23:24

- ▶ **God commands his people to gather and to commemorate the decree with trumpet blasts. The trumpet blasts were meant to signal to Israel that they were entering a sacred season.**
- ▶ **God commands his people to rest. All regular work is prohibited, and men and women present a food offering to God.**
- ▶ **signifies Christ's second coming. 1Thessalonians 4:16**

Feast of the Day of Atonement

Lev. 23:27

- ▶ **To make “atonement” is to make restitution for wrongs committed.**
- ▶ **As a day of humility and repentance to God, it was a time for the Jews to get their hearts, consciences and lives right before Him.**
- ▶ **Occurs just ten days after the Feast of Trumpets.**
- ▶ **It was the day the high priest went into the Holy of Holies each year to make an offering for the sins of Israel.**

The Feast of Atonement



The necessity of the Day of Atonement was rendered void by Jesus' death on the cross — our debt has been paid!

Feast of Tabernacles or Booths

Lev. 23:34

- ▶ **Celebration always follows the Day of Atonement.**
- ▶ **The Feast of Tabernacles celebrates God's provision and protection for the people of Israel during their 40 years wandering in the wilderness; for seven days, the Israelites lived in huts made from palm branches.**
- ▶ **Living in the booths recalled the sojourn of the Israelites prior to their taking the land of Canaan (Leviticus 23:43).**

This feast signifies the future time when Christ rules and reigns on earth.

For the rest of eternity, people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will “tabernacle” or dwell with Christ in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9–27).



In human history, God has one primary focus, that of salvation- the saving of people and their worship of Him.