

# Bethany Bible Study & Discussion



## Deuteronomy Part 17 (chapter 16) KJV

4.20.2023

### Chapter 16 (FEASTS)

What is the significance of the feasts? How does it apply to us today?

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# Worship

## CH.12 PREPARING for WORSHIP

- Destroy the idols
- Go to the “chosen” place

## CH.13 DANGERS/DISTRACTIONS TO WORSHIP

Miracle worker & False prophets | Family & Friends | City

## CH. 14 Body, Diet, Tithes

## CH.15 Compassion to debtors, slaves, and poor

## Ch.16 Annual Feasts

# The Feasts The Festivals



# Key References

Deuteronomy 16

Leviticus 16, 23

Numbers 28-29

Exodus 12

# Seven Feasts

Feasts are Historical

Feasts are Prophetic (4 fulfilled)

Feasts have Application for us

# Significance of the FEASTS: Some general thoughts

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Instituted by God for Jewish nation

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Holy convocation with God, and His people

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Appointed time + chosen place

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A time of remembrance

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A time of rejoicing

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A time of worship & praise

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A time of compassion & generosity

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A time of spiritual and physical rest

# 7 Feasts

## Leviticus 23

### SPRING FEASTS (historical, fulfilled prophecies) (50-days)

1. **Feast of Passover** (4-5) (Nissan, **March-April**) (14th day, Thursday)
2. **Feast of Unleavened bread** (6-8) (15<sup>th</sup> day, Friday, 7-days)
3. **Feast of First fruits** (9-14) (17th day, Sunday)
4. **Feast of weeks or Pentecost** (15-22) (50<sup>th</sup> day after Passover) (1-day)

### FALL FEASTS (historical, await the fulfillment of prophecies)

5. **Feast of Trumpets**/Rosh Hashanah (23-25) (**Sept/Oct**) (1<sup>st</sup> day) (10-days)
6. **Day of Atonement**/Yom Kippur (26-32) (10<sup>th</sup> day after Feast of trumpets)
7. **Feast of Tabernacles** or Booths/Sukkot (33-44) (15<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> day)

**Deuteronomy 16 lists 3 feasts: combines 1&2, 3&4, 7; 5 & 6 are not covered**

# Sabbath

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.  
(Genesis 2:2)

Day of rest

Holy day

7<sup>th</sup> day of the week

- For Jews ... begins on Friday sunset to Saturday sunset
- There are other days, besides Saturday, that are considered holy and no work is done.





# 7 Feasts

Why were they instituted?

What is the prophetic implication?

What is the personal application today?





**Feasts of Passover and Unleavened bread (1-8)**

# Feast of Passover and Unleavened bread (1-8)

Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the Lord thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. <sup>2</sup> Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the Lord thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the Lord shall choose to place his name there. <sup>3</sup> Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. <sup>4</sup> And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there any thing of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning. <sup>5</sup> Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee:

<sup>6</sup> But at the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. <sup>7</sup> And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents. <sup>8</sup> Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.



# 1. Feast of Passover



# The tenth plague & Passover

(Exodus 12:12-14)

<sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: <sup>6</sup> And ye 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. <sup>7</sup> And 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.

<sup>12</sup> For 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and **ye shall keep it a feast** to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

**First sacrifice for covering sin** ... Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

# Feast of Passover

Leviticus 23:5 In  
the fourteenth *day*  
of the first month  
at even *is* the  
LORD's passover.

WHEN? Month of Abib, 14<sup>th</sup> day of first month (mid-March to mid-April)  
(also known as month of Nisan, first month in Jewish calendar)

WHY?: To remember deliverance from Egypt (**Redemption**)

HOW Offer burnt offering at the chosen place

**Thursday, April 20, 2023 = Nissan 29, 5783**

Jewish calendar starts on 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation

# Fulfilled Prophecy #1: Christ the Passover lamb

## Jesus was crucified on Passover day

Jesus is the last sacrifice ... no more sacrifice of lambs is needed to be saved from death caused by sins!

**I Corinthians 5:7** Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

**John 1:29** Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Jesus paid it all, for ALL** (Jews and Gentiles)



## 2. Feast of Unleavened bread





# Unleavened bread (Exodus 12:15-19)

<sup>15</sup> Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup> And 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.

<sup>17</sup> And ye 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 ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. <sup>18</sup> In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

<sup>19</sup> Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth 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. <sup>20</sup> Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

- **Put away and abstain from unleavened bread (15)**

# Feast of Unleavened bread

<sup>6</sup> But at the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. <sup>7</sup> And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the Lord thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents. <sup>8</sup> Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work therein

WHEN?: 15<sup>th</sup> day of First month (Passover started on 14<sup>th</sup> day)

WHY?: Reminder of affliction in the house of bondage, Egypt  
**Call to holiness/sanctification (separation from sin)**  
(Leaven = sin that spreads and puffs up)

HOW?: 1<sup>st</sup> day: holy convocation, no work  
Offer burnt offering  
eat unleavened bread for 6-days (bread of affliction)  
7<sup>th</sup> day: holy convocation, no work

Why Unleavened? ... left Egypt in haste so no time for the dough to rise

**Exodus 12:34** And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

Fulfilled  
Prophecy #2:  
Christ the  
unleavened  
bread

Jesus, the only sinless person (unleavened)

His body did not decay even when dead and buried  
(Psalms 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption)

I Peter 1:18-19 <sup>18</sup> Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup> But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Jesus is the bread of life (John 6:35)

# Paul's exhortation on Leaven

**I CORINTHIANS 5:6-8** (in response to sinful practice & tolerance at Corinth church)

Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? <sup>7</sup> Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: <sup>8</sup> 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.

**Sin spreads and brings death.**

**Purge out sin with the blood of Christ (I John 1:7)**

**Our salvation experience (14<sup>th</sup> day, Passover) must be followed by separation/sanctification (15<sup>th</sup> day, unleavened bread)**

At  
Communion  
Table:  
We  
Remember,  
Rejoice,  
Repent and  
Look forward

**1 Corinthians 11:26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

**Mathew 26:29** But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.



A vibrant collage of various fruits and vegetables. On the left, there are several ripe raspberries. Next to them are slices of orange. In the center, there are long, thin slices of mango. To the right of the mango are several slices of kiwi fruit, showing their characteristic green flesh and black seeds. Further right is a cluster of fresh blueberries. On the far right, there are slices of red onion, showing their concentric rings. The entire image has a dark, semi-transparent overlay, and the text "3. Feast of First fruits" is written in white across the middle.

### 3. Feast of First fruits

# Feast of first fruits

WHEN: Day after Sabbath (Sunday) (start of barley harvesting) (Mar-Apr)

**WHY:** Celebration & Praise with the expectation that there will be more harvest in the future.

HOW: A sheaf of barley waved before the Lord, burnt & grain offering

**Leviticus 23:10** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: <sup>11</sup> And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. <sup>12</sup> And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the Lord.

**Feast of weeks or feast of harvest or Pentecost** (end of harvest season)

# Rapture and Resurrections

**Rapture of Church** (before great Tribulation) (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

**First Resurrection** (After tribulation, before 1,000 year rule of tribulation believers, martyrs, and old testament saints) (Revelation 20:4)

**Second Resurrection** (of all unbelievers, Revelation 20:5)



# Fulfilled Prophecy#3: Feast of first fruits

**First fruit** ... resurrection of Jesus Christ

**I Corinthians 15:20-23:** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the **firstfruits** of them that slept. <sup>21</sup> For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming (I Thessalonians 4:13-18, rapture)

(Lazarus raised from dead ... but not resurrected with glorified body; died again)

Jesus crucified on the day of the 'Passover'

Jesus resurrected as the first fruit, on the day of the 'feast of first fruits'

## 4. Feast of Weeks (Feast of Harvest or Pentecost) (9-12)

# Feast of Weeks or Pentecost

Greek, Pentecostas = fifty

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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:

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

# Feast of weeks

**Leviticus 23:16** Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days. <sup>17</sup> 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

WHEN? 50 days after Passover sabbath (wheat harvest)

WHY? To remember they were slaves  
To recognize God's continued blessing on the harvest

HOW? Bigger celebration than feast of first fruits  
Offering of leavened bread, burnt offering, drink offering, peace offering  
Wave offering of 2 loaves represent Jews and Gentiles made into one in Christ (Ephesians 2:15)  
Rejoicing with family, priests, strangers, widows at chosen place

## **Compassion & Generosity at Harvest - Leviticus 23:22**

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God.

After Feast of weeks, long break (about 4 months for the next feast)

## Fulfilled Prophecy#4: Feast of weeks or Pentecost

**Church formed on day of Pentecost** and 3,000 souls harvested with the power of the gospel.

**Acts 2:1-4, 41** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, <sup>41</sup> Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

(Progress from loose bundle of grain in feast of first fruits, Leviticus 23:10 to Two loaves of bread made from same harvest in this feast (Jews & Gentiles), Leviticus 23:18)

(baked with leaven ... reality of sin in church, until Lord returns)

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