

# **THE BIBLICAL FEASTS OF THE LORD – A Pattern & Blueprint**

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- Because God communicates truth to us through the Feasts, especially His plan of salvation.
- It helps us to understand God's timing and His actions much better
- It is important in order to understand the Bible better.
- We read a Hebrew book (the Bible) that was written predominantly by Hebrews
- Our Hebrew Messiah had Hebrew disciples (Luke 5:1-11)
- We are grafted into a cultivated olive tree (Romans 11:17). We need to familiarise ourselves with that reality
- All the gates of the New Jerusalem bear the Hebraic names of the 12 tribes of Israel (Revelation 21:12)
- It was the cultural setting in which the Bible was written.
- There are 7 Feasts & the number seven is significant in Scripture. It is tied to completeness or fullness.

## **Facts about the Biblical Feasts of the LORD**

- There are 7 Biblical Feasts
- They are all celebrated within 7 months
- Three(3) were mandatory feast in which all the men had to travel to Jerusalem (Passover, Shavuot, Sukkot)
- The Feasts tell the story of God's plan with the human race (salvation)
- All 7 of the Feasts point towards Jesus Christ
- The Feasts are rehearsals and blueprints
- The Feasts help us to refocus on God. It helps to preserve our faith

When you conduct a proper study on the Biblical Feasts of the Lord, you will find that hidden within them are every major doctrine of Christianity. All the Feasts point towards the Messiah, Jesus Christ. In fact, the feasts were given for the purpose of revealing Him to us. Each and every one of the Biblical Feasts teaches us about our wonderful relationship with God. It is not strange then that God's whole story of redemption is portrayed for us in these festivals.

The Feasts are therefore blueprints for the plan of God. Let us, therefore, begin our study to discover the great and wonderful truths revealed and spoken by God through the “Feast of Tabernacles.”

The blueprints help you to see the real thing!

### **Feasts overview**

*And the Lord said to Moses, say to the children of Israel, These are the fixed **feasts** of the Lord, which you will keep for holy **meetings**: these are my feasts.”*

*Lev 23:1-2*

The word “Feasts” in Hebrew is “Moade” - “seasons” - Ha-moa-diem ( [חמועד](#) )

Moade Meaning: “an appointment, that is, a fixed time or season; specifically a festival;”

The word “Meetings” in Hebrew is “Miqra”.

Miqra Meaning: “public gatherings; rehearsal for the future; exercise for the real thing!

The Feasts serve as blueprints, a coming together to look at the blueprint which points towards the real event, which is Jesus Christ.

### **A list of the 7 Feasts**

1. Passover
2. Unleavened Bread
3. First Fruits
4. Pentecost
5. Feast of Trumpets
6. Day of Atonement
7. Feast of Tabernacles

### **Testimony**

During our tours to Israel I teach the people about the customs and traditions of the Bible in order that they can understand it better. One year, a man who attended one of our tours to Israel said, “I have developed a new love for Jesus” “The Bible has become real for me”.

### **Conclusion**

God gives us reminders throughout the year to help us focus on Him. On 16 Oct when the Feast of Tabernacles starts, we will take a closer look at this last Feast of the seven to discover what God is saying to us through this festival.

### **EXTRA REFERENCES FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO READ MORE**

#### **Passover**

Commanded in the Old Testament: Leviticus 23:5

Observed by Jesus Christ, the apostles or the Church in the New Testament: Matthew 26:2-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 2:41-42; Luke 22:1-20; John 2:13-23; John 6:4; John 13:1-30; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

### **Feast of Unleavened Bread**

Commanded in the Old Testament: Leviticus 23:6-8

Observed by Jesus Christ, the apostles or the Church in the New Testament: Matthew 26:17; Mark 14:12; Luke 2:41-42, Luke 22:1-7; Acts 20:6; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

### **Feast of Pentecost**

Commanded in the Old Testament: Leviticus 23:15-22

Observed by Jesus Christ, the apostles or the Church in the New Testament: Acts 2:1-21; Acts 20:16; 1 Corinthians 16:8

### **Feast of Trumpets**

Commanded in the Old Testament: Leviticus 23:23-25

Observed by Jesus Christ, the apostles or the Church in the New Testament: Matthew 24:30-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 11:15

### **Day of Atonement**

Commanded in the Old Testament: Leviticus 23:26-32

Observed by Jesus Christ, the apostles or the Church in the New Testament: Acts 27:9

### **Feast of Tabernacles**

Commanded in the Old Testament: Leviticus 23:33-43

Observed by Jesus Christ, the apostles or the Church in the New Testament: John 7:1-14; Acts 18:21

### **Last Great Day**

Commanded in the Old Testament: Leviticus 23:36

Observed by Jesus Christ, the apostles or the Church in the New Testament: John chapters 7-9