

"THESE ARE THE FEASTS OF THE LORD..."

FESTIVAL	OBSERVED	MEANING	SCRIPTURES
Passover	14th day of first month, after sunset.	A memorial of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, "our Passover," which made possible the forgiveness of our sins.	Lev. 23:5 Luke 22:15-20 John 13:1-5, 14-15 1 Cor. 5:7
Feast of Unleavened Bread	15th-21st of first month.	Pictures God's people—the Church—putting away sin and striving to obey God's commandments.	Lev. 23:6-8 Ex. 12:15-20, 42 1 Cor. 5:6-8
Pentecost	"Fiftieth" day, in the third month.	Depicts the Church as the firstfruits of salvation, the first to be spiritually begotten and born into God's Family.	Lev. 23:15-21 Acts 2:1-4 Rom. 8:23
Feast of Trumpets	First day of seventh month.	Celebrates the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to intervene in world affairs, resurrect the firstfruits and establish the Kingdom of God on earth.	Lev. 23:23-25 Matt. 24:30-31 1 Thess. 4:16-17 Rev. 11:15
Day of Atonement	10th day of seventh month.	Portrays the binding and removal of Satan for 1,000 years so that mankind at last may be made at one with God.	Lev. 23:26-32 Lev. 16:7-31 Rev. 20:1-3
Feast of Tabernacles	15th-21st of seventh month.	Represents the 1,000-year rule of Christ and the Spirit-born children of God on earth, when salvation will be offered to all.	Lev. 23:34-35, 39-42 Zech. 14:16-19 Isa. 2:1-4 Rev. 20:4
Last Great Day	22nd day of seventh month.	Pictures the judgment when the vast majority of humanity will be resurrected to mortal life and given their opportunity for salvation.	Lev. 23:36 Ezek. 37:1-14 Matt. 12:41-42 Rev. 20:5, 11-12

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