

Special Note #2 – On the day after Israel crossed the Jordan River and entered into The Promised Land of Canaan, the manna from heaven ceased! (Joshua 5:10-12)



Special Note #3 – In as much as the Feast of Firstfruits looked forward to Israel's entrance into the Promised Land – a land flowing with milk and honey, so it also looks forward to the Believer's entrance into our heavenly Promised Land on the day of our resurrection! (Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16).

The Chronology of the First Four Feasts

- ✚ The Feast of Passover – Fulfill in Christ's Resurrection & Death
- ✚ The Feast of Unleavened Bread – Fulfilled in Christ's Sinless Life & Burial
- ✚ The Feast of Firstfruits – Fulfilled in Christ's Resurrection
- ✚ The Feast of Weeks – Fulfilled in the Pentecostal Outpouring

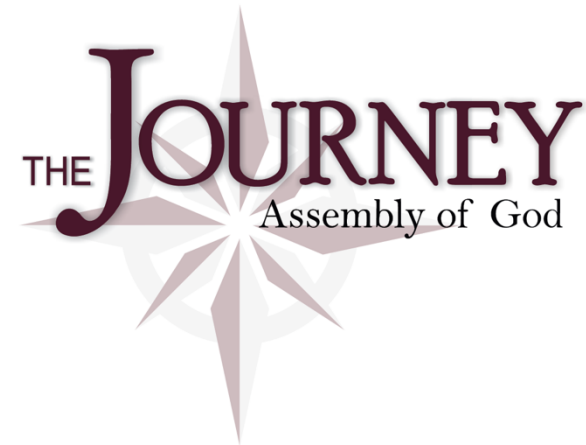
The Feast of Firstfruits is God's Promise of Future Resurrection

- ✚ Jesus is the Firstfruits of Resurrection (Lk 24:6-7, 46; 1 Cor. 15:20-24)
 - ☆ ²⁰ "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.
- ✚ John 5:24-29; 11:25-26; James 1:18; Hebrews 12:22-25; Rev. 14:1-5



The Feast of Firstfruits Offers Hope!

- ✚ Let us keep the feast with Faith, Hope & Glorious Anticipation!



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A Theology of Festivity

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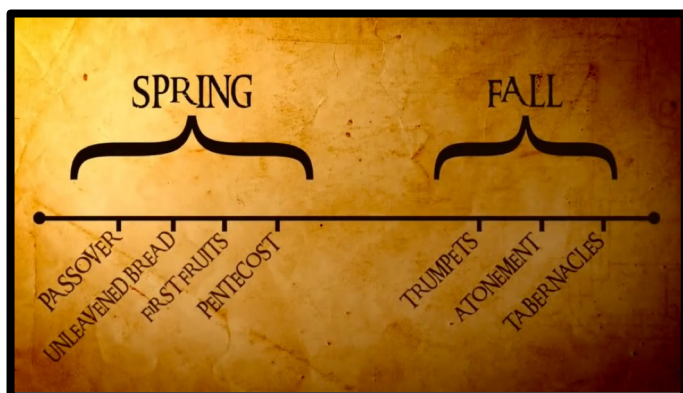
Leviticus 23:9-14

Scriptures Used In Today's Message: Leviticus 23:4, 9-18; Colossians 2:16-17; Joshua 5:10-12; Hebrews 11:8-16, 25-26; 12:22-24; Luke 24:6-7, 46; John 5:24-29; 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20-24; James 1:18; Revelation 14:1-5

"The Feast of Firstfruits"

Text – Leviticus 23:4, 9-14

- ✚ Leviticus 23:4, 9-10 – ⁴ "These are the feasts of the Lord, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. ⁹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰ "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. ¹¹ He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord..."



The Feasts of God – God's Unveiling of Redemption's Story

- ✚ Colossians 2:16-17 – The Festivals were a shadow of good things to come, the substance of which is Christ.



The Timing & Meaning of the Feast of Firstfruits

- ✚ Yom HaBikkurim (יום הבכורים) – meaning the "Day of Firstfruits."
- ✚ Chag HaBikkurim (חג הבכורים) – meaning the "Feast of Firstfruits."
- ✚ Reishit (ראשית) – meaning "beginning," "first," "prime," or "choicest part."
- ✚ The Feast of Firstfruits = The Celebration of the First Grain Harvest of the Year!
- ✚ Regulation: v.14 – "You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain UNTIL the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings."



The Process of the Feast of Firstfruits

- ✚ On Passover – A marked sheaf of grain was bundled and left standing in the field.
- ✚ On the first day of Unleavened Bread, the sheaf was cut and prepared for the offering.
- ✚ On Reishit (the Feast of Firstfruits), the worshipper would present this sheaf to the priest and he would **wave the sheaf** before the Lord.
- ✚ On Shavout (the Day of Pentecost - #50), they brought a new grain offering – two wave loaves as firstfruits.



Special Note #1 – Israel Didn't Celebrate This Feast of Firstfruits Until After They Came Into The Promised Land 40 Years Later! (v.10)