

Seeing God's Plan Unfold

Leviticus 23

Two Themes in Leviticus 23

1. Rest
2. Rejoice

3 Ways to Look at these Feasts

1. Past Tense
2. Present Tense
3. Prophetic Tense

The Seven Feasts of Israel

I. Passover

1. Celebrate Israel's freedom from slavery.
2. Jesus Christ is our Passover Lamb.
3. We celebrate our own freedom from sin and God's judgement.

II. Feast of the Unleavened Bread

1. Due to the hastiness of the Israelite Exodus, there was no time to add leaven (yeast).
2. Jesus is the perfect sinless Bread of Life.
3. A reminder to us that we also remove the practice of sin from our lives.

III. Feast of Firstfruits

1. A time to thank and honor God for all He provided.
2. The Feast of Firstfruits were celebrated on the third day after Passover.
3. Jesus is the firstfruit of the resurrection.

IV. Feast of Weeks

1. Occurred 50 days after the Feast of the Firstfruits.
2. It was a celebration of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest.
3. In the New Testament, it is known by another name – Pentecost

V. Feast of Trumpets

1. It was in preparation for the Day of Atonement
2. [Numbers 10](#) presents three reasons that a trumpet sounds. One of those being a call to assembly.
3. The trumpet is often tied to the time when the church will assemble with Jesus.

VI. The Day of Atonement

1. A feast where the entire nation of Israel's sin was dealt with as a whole.
2. Jesus is our High Priest.
3. The Day of Atonement was also about God's Judgement.

VII. The Feast of Booths

1. Coincides with the final harvest of the year and remembers and celebrate how God not only took care of them but how His presence came down and lived with them.
2. It was a call to rest and to enjoy His presence.
3. Jesus was God tabernacling with His people (God with us).
4. The Holy Spirit is God tabernacling in us.
5. There is coming a time when God will ultimately tabernacle with us, without the presence of sin.

Takeaways from Leviticus

- 1. It is about God's desire to dwell with His people.***
- 2. It shows that obedience brings blessings. (Read Lev. 26)***
- 3. God is holy and as His redeemed people, we are holy.***
- 4. We do holy things, not to be holy but because we are holy.***
- 5. Viewed with the Gospel lens, the book helps to show the unfolding of God's plan.***