

Second Peter: Courageous Living in Chaotic Days
Excursus: The Second Coming of Jesus
2 Peter 1:16

I've titled today's message, "Excursus: The Second Coming of Jesus"

An excursus is a digression or appendix containing further exposition of a subject or topic

Two weeks ago I brought to you the focus of Peter on the second coming of Jesus...

2 Peter 1:16 (ESV) — For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

At first sound, Peter here seems to be referencing the coming of Jesus to earth as a baby... His Incarnation...

While it is true that His coming carries with it...

- *His Incarnation*
- *His Crucifixion*
- *His Resurrection*
- *His Ascension*
- *His Intercession*

Peter's focus here is NOT to that side of Jesus coming...

In reality, Peter is referring to the second coming of Jesus and the Judgment to follow...

In Peter's first letter he referred to the second coming of Jesus...

1 Peter 1:5 (ESV) — who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:13 (ESV) — Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:13 (ESV) — But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

In 2nd Peter he continues with his focus on the reality of Jesus' return...

2 Peter 3:10 (ESV) — But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Then next Peter again focuses on the second coming...

2 Peter 3:11–12 (ESV) — Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

This is very important for us to understand the weight of magnitude the Apostolic Faith places on the RETURN OF JESUS

I thought it would be enjoyable to look a little more deeply at the second coming of Jesus, but from a little different angle

We are going to do a little Old Testament study on the Pilgrimages and Festivals of the Jewish people with regards to the events of Jesus...

Colossians 2:16–17 (ESV) — Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

To do this I've included a chart for us to walk through together...

→ **PIC 1**

The Three Pilgrimages and Seven Feasts								
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→ **The First Pilgrimage** ←

The 1st of the three pilgrimages began in early spring...

It consisted of THREE FEASTS...

→ **PIC 2**

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Passover								
Exodus 12 Lev 23:5 Deut 16:1-8								

Leviticus 23:5 (ESV) — In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is the LORD's Passover.

→ **PIC 3**

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Leviticus 23:6–8 (ESV) — And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. But you shall present a food offering to

the LORD for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work.”

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Leviticus 23:9–12 (ESV) — And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD.

→ **PIC 5**

Passover - The Crucifixion

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Crucifixion								
John 18:28 1 Cor 5:7								

John 18:28 (ESV) — Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover.

1 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV) — Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

→ **PIC 6**

The beginning of Unleavened Bread – Burial

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Crucifixion	Burial	
John 18:28 1 Cor 5:7	John 6:47-51	

John 6:51 (ESV) — I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

→ **PIC 7**

First Fruits - Resurrection

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1 Corinthians 15:20–23 (ESV) — But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so

also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

→ I want to show you something I found yesterday while preparing for this lesson that I had NEVER seen before...

The Jewish Passover & Jesus' Passion

Jewish Event	Passover	Unleavened Bread	First Fruits
Jewish Date	Nisan 14	Nisan 15-21	Day after Sabbath
2020 Date	Wed, 4/8, sunset Thurs, 4/9, nightfall	Thurs, 4/9, sunset Thurs, 4/16, nightfall	Sat, 4/11, sunset Sun, 4/12, nightfall
Passion Event	Crucifixion	Burial	Resurrection
Day	Thurs sunset thru Fri nightfall	Fri sunset thru Sat nightfall	Sat sunset thru Sun nightfall
Scripture	John 18:28	John 19:31	John 20:1

Jesus was crucified on Friday and died at 3:00 pm

John 18:28 (ESV) — Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover.

Jesus ate Passover with His disciples on Thursday evening after sunset (this was the beginning of Passover)

He was then arrested later that evening...

... convicted to death on Friday morning...

... crucified Friday morning...

... died Friday at 3:00 pm on Passover...

... Jesus was then buried...

... Jesus was in the tomb from Friday sunset through Sunday early morning...

... This Saturday was Sabbath during Feast of Unleavened Bread...

John 19:31 (ESV) — Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.

On the day after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread the priests were to offer the wave offering of First Fruits...

Leviticus 23:11 (ESV) — And he [the priest] shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

This day after Sabbath occurred on Sunday, the first day of the week...

John 20:1 (ESV) — Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

NOTE: Not every Passover occurs on a Friday

The timing of God is ALWAYS PERFECT!!!

→ The Second Pilgrimage ←

The 2nd pilgrimage the Jews would make was in the late spring...

It happened 50 days after Passover...

→ PIC 8

The Three Pilgrimages and Seven Feasts								
1st - Pesach Early Spring - Nisan April 8-16, 2020			2nd - Shavuot Late Spring Shvan May 31, 2020			3rd - Sukkot Early Fall - Tishrei		
Passover	Unleavened Bread	First Fruits	Pentecost					
Exodus 12 Lev 23:5 Deut 16:1-8	Deut 16:9-12	Lev 23:9-14 Deut 26:1-11	Lev 23:15-22 Deut 16:9-12					
Crucifixion	Burial	Resurrection						
John 18:28 1 Cor 5:7	John 6:47-51	1 Cor 15:20-23 John 19:31, 42						

Leviticus 23:15–17 (ESV) — “You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD. You shall bring from your dwelling places two loaves of bread to be waved, made of two tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour, and they shall be baked with leaven, as firstfruits to the LORD.

Leviticus 23:20 (ESV) — And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

→ PIC 9

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Crucifixion	Burial	Resurrection	Holy Spirit	
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Acts 2:1–5 (ESV) — When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:16–18 (ESV) — But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in

those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

→ The Third Pilgrimage ←

The 3rd pilgrimage is called “Sukkot” which means tabernacles or booths...

The Jews would make this third pilgrimage at the end of harvest

It consisted of THREE FEASTS...

→ PIC 10

1st - Pashaah Early Spring - Nisan April 8-16, 2020			2nd - Shavuot Late Spring - Shavu May 31, 2020	3rd - Sukkot Early Fall - Tishrei Sept 18
Passover	Unleavened Bread	First Fruits	Pentecost	Trumpets
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→ PIC 11

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Passover	Unleavened Bread	First Fruits	Pentecost			Trumpets	Day of Atonement	
Exodus 12 Lev 23:5 Deut 16:1-8	Deut 16:9-12	Lev 23:9-14 Deut 26:1-11	Lev 23:15-22 Deut 16:9-12			Lev 23:23-25 Num 29:1-6	Lev 23:26-32	
Crucifixion	Burial	Resurrection	Holy Spirit					
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Passover	Unleavened Bread	First Fruits	Pentecost			Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Tabernacles
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Crucifixion	Burial	Resurrection	Holy Spirit					
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*I want to go back to the RETURN of Jesus...**Listen to Lev 23 regarding the Feast of Trumpets...*

Leviticus 23:23–25 (ESV) — And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work, and you shall present a food offering to the Lord.”

There is a KEY WORD in here we need to look at more closely...

Leviticus 23:23–25 (ESV) — And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a MEMORIAL proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work, and you shall present a food offering to the Lord.”

The Key word in this that begins to unlock this festival is the word, “MEMORIAL”

It means, “remembrance, a memorial...”

The only other reference is Numbers 29...

What was the “blast of trumpets” remembering?

Exodus 19:16–20 (ESV) — On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

The Feast of Trumpets is memorializing the time the Presence of the Lord came down on Mount Sinai...

I want to show you some passages in the NT that speak of the RETURN OF JESUS...

Matthew 24:29–32 (ESV) — “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. “From the fig

tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (ESV) — For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Corinthians 15:50–54 (ESV) — I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

Hebrews 12:18–29 (ESV) — For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a

better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Revelation 10:5–7 (ESV) — And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

Revelation 11:15 (ESV) — Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

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Some may be asking...

Yea, but we CAN'T KNOW when Jesus is going to return...

In fact...

Acts 1:7 (ESV) — He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

The word here translated, “times” is the Greek word, “chronos” – referring to chronological time.

In other words, we CANNOT KNOW the DATE!

The word here translated, “seasons” is the Greek word, “kairos” – referring to the “age, appointed time”

“Seasons” used here is NOT referring to seasons of the year...

Jesus made it very clear that we must be watching at all times...

Matthew 24:32–33 (ESV) — “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Matthew 24:36 (ESV) — “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

Again, the festivals, months, and Sabbaths are shadows of Christ

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