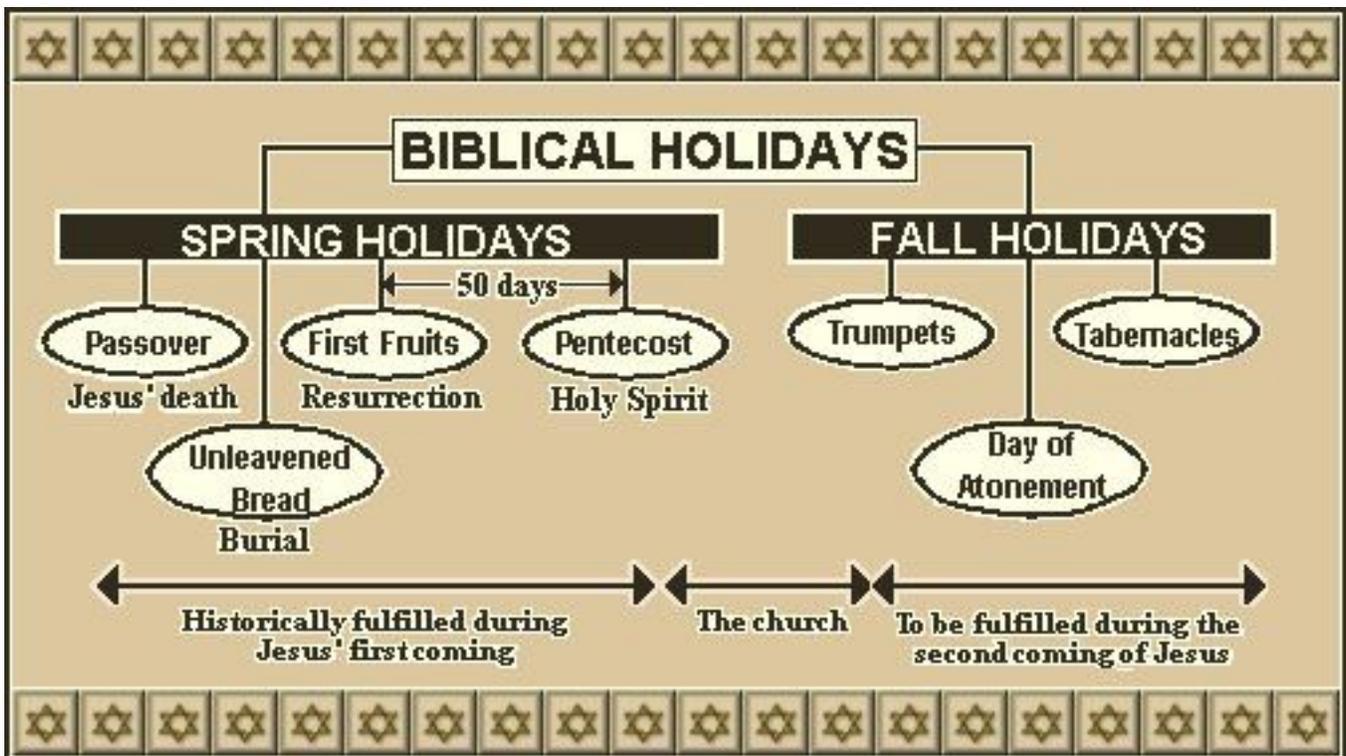


THE BIBLICAL FEASTS

The seven feasts of the Lord found in Leviticus 23:

- Passover
- Unleavened Bread
- First Fruits
- Pentecost
- Trumpets
- Atonement
- Tabernacles



What is the importance of the feasts and their relevance for us today? The feasts proclaim the Gospel!

The first three Feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits prophetically speak of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. The fourth Feast of Pentecost speaks of the first great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the resultant ingathering of 3,000 individuals into the Church in one day. The fall feasts speak of the return of the Messiah and the salvation of the Jewish people; this is an equally integral and essential element of the Gospel message.

Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah):

This day is a day of blowing trumpets (shofar) calling all to repent. Traditionally this day is preceded by thirty days and followed by ten days of repentance. At the conclusion of the day of Trumpets, one final powerful blast resounds on the shofar. This day prophetically speaks of the final call to repent before the return of the Messiah and the resurrection of righteous that occurs at the final trumpet blast.

Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur):

This day, a complete fast, is the holiest day of the Biblical calendar. It is a day of repentance. Through repentance, reconciliation with God takes place. This is also the day that the corporate sins of the Jewish nation were laid upon a scapegoat that was cast outside of the camp into the wilderness. Atonement prophetically speaks of the day when the Jews mourn and repent concerning their rejection of Jesus who is foreshadowed in the scapegoat. Thus, the Day of Atonement also points to the day when all Israel will be saved (Romans 11) as they return to the LORD forevermore.

Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkoth):

An eight-day celebratory feast coinciding with the final harvest of the year. For seven days the people moved out of their homes and lived in shelters called "Sukkah". It was decorated with branches cut from palm, willow and other trees. This last feast prophetically speaks of the future celebration regarding the final harvest of mankind at the end of the age and the commencement of the Millennium. Today we eat in a Sukkah looking forward to the day when God will dwell on earth with us. But even during the Millennium, we will continue to keep this festival (Zech 14) to celebrate the fact that God dwells with man and is our covering (Sukkah) through Jesus the Messiah.



OVERVIEW OF THE RETURN OF THE MESSIAH, HIS VICTORIOUS PROCESSION, AND HIS ULTIMATE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

I. DAY OF TRUMPETS

- Jesus returns on the clouds
- The resurrected believers are with Him
- Every eye will see Him
- Israel mourns and repents as they recognize the identity of their Messiah

A) Jesus returns in the clouds

“Sing to God, sing praises to His name; extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, and rejoice before Him.” [Psalm 68:4](#)

“I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven!” [Daniel 7:13](#)

“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven... and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” [Matthew 24:30](#)

“Jesus said to them...“I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” [Matthew 26:64](#)

B) The resurrected believers are with Him

“And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.” [Matthew 24:31](#)

“...in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”

[1 Corinthians 15:52](#)

“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

[1 Thessalonians 4:17](#)



“Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish.” **Zechariah 14:5-6**

C) Every eye will see Him

“He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.” **Revelation 1:7**

D) Israel mourns and repents as they recognize the identity of their Messiah

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.” **Zechariah 12:10**

“He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth (or land) will mourn because of Him.” **Revelation 1:7**

II. DAY OF ATONEMENT

- Those who are left/survivors/remnant of Israel are saved/return to the LORD
- Jesus and the resurrected believers come to Egypt
- Jesus leads a victorious procession from Egypt, out of Arabia, through Edom, and to Jerusalem
- Musicians and singers go before and follow after the procession
- The wrath of God (rain, hail, earthquakes and fire are poured out on His enemies)
- The Antichrist, False Prophet, and their peoples are destroyed
- Jesus and the procession free prisoners of the Antichrist
- The Psalms of Ascent are sung as the procession goes up to Zion
- Ultimate triumphal entry into Jerusalem
- The Gates of Jerusalem are opened for the arrival of the King Messiah

A) Those who are left/survivors/remnant of Israel are saved/return to the LORD

“And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.” **Romans 11:26**

“Zion will be redeemed with justice and her repentant ones with righteousness.” **Isaiah 1:27**

B) Jesus and the resurrected believers come to Egypt

“See, the LORD rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt. The idols of Egypt tremble before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt within them.” [Isaiah 19:1](#)

C) Jesus leads a victorious procession from Egypt, out of Arabia, through Edom, and to Jerusalem

“God came from Teman (Arabia), the Holy One from Mount Paran (Sinai desert). His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden. Plague went before him; pestilence followed his steps. He stood, and shook the earth; he looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed. His ways are eternal. I saw the tents of Cushan in distress, the dwellings of Midian in anguish.” [Habakkuk 3:3-7](#)

D) Musicians and singers go before and follow after the procession

“They have seen Your procession, O God, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary. The singers went before, the musicians followed after; among them were the maidens playing timbrels.” [Psalm 68:24-25](#)

E) The wrath of God (rain, hail, earthquakes and fire are poured out on His enemies)

([Chapter 38:19-20](#)) “For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’”

([Verse 22](#)) “... And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.”

([Chapter 39:6](#)) “And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands.” [Ezekiel 38:19-20, 22 & 39:6](#)

F) The Antichrist, False Prophet and their peoples are destroyed

“On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.” [Zechariah 12:9](#)



“But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.” [Revelation 19:20-21](#)

G) Jesus and the procession free prisoners of the Antichrist

([Verse 13](#)) “You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come.”

([Verses 19-22](#)) “The LORD looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death.” So the name of the LORD will be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the LORD.” [Psalm 102:13, 19-22](#)

H) Ultimate triumphal entry into Jerusalem

“For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'” [Matthew 23:39](#)

“Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall see disaster no more.” [Zephaniah 3:14-15](#)

I) The Gates of Jerusalem are opened for the arrival of the King Messiah

“Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.” [Psalm 24:7-10](#)



III. TABERNACLES (SUKKOTH) CELEBRATED

- The children and remnant of the peoples of the Antichrist and the Gentile nations will come to repent and serve Israel and Jesus her king.
- Both Israel and the faithful meek, victimized, downtrodden, abused, forgotten, and lowly will be honored and exalted.
- Jesus is enthroned, taking His place as the rightful King Messiah on the throne of David
- The Lord Jesus dwells in Zion

A) The children and remnant of the peoples of the Antichrist and the Gentile nations will come to repent and serve Israel and Jesus her king

“Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.” [Revelation 14:14-16](#)

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.” [Zechariah 14:16](#)

B) Both Israel and the faithful meek, victimized, downtrodden, abused, forgotten, and lowly will be honored and exalted

“On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,” Says the LORD who does this thing.” [Amos 9:12](#)

([Verses 2-4 NKJV](#)) “...but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. “Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you...”

([Verses 10-12 NIV](#)) “Foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you. Your gates (Jerusalem) will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night,



so that men may bring you the wealth of the nations— their kings led in triumphal procession... For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined.”

(Verse 14 NKJV) “Also the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.” **Isaiah 60:2-4, 10-12, 14**

C) Jesus is enthroned takes His place as the rightful King Messiah on the throne of David

“...and thou will call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” **Luke 1:30-33**

“Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.” **Isaiah 9:7**

“But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.” **Hebrew 1:8**

D) The Lord Jesus dwells in Zion

“I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain.” **Zechariah 8:3**

“But Judah shall abide forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted; for the LORD dwells in Zion.” **Joel 3:20-21**

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” **Revelation 21:3**



THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE FEASTS

- *Passover*: The ultimate sacrifice
- *Unleavened Bread*: Once and for all dealing with sin.
- *First Fruits*: The Father offering the best for His creation.
- *Pentecost*: The indwelling of the Spirit , God with us.
- *Trumpets*: Announcing the return of the kingdom.
- *Atonement*: Our High Priest once and for all.
- *Tabernacles*: God dwelling with us forever.

THE FINAL PROCESSION AND THE THREE REMAINING FEASTS — CONCLUSION

1. Jesus returns with the final blast — on the **Feast of Trumpets**.
2. Jesus marches up the Bozrah valley and arrives in Jerusalem, 10 days later — on **Yom Kippur**.
3. Jesus is recognized by the nation of Israel as their Messiah and He is crowned King — on the **Feast of Tabernacles**.

