

Leviticus: Living Life at the Second Fork

Leviticus 23

“Rest Thee, part 2: A Better Passover”

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Chapter 23 The seven holy convocations:

Spring:

1. Passover – 1/14 (first month, fourteenth day)
2. Unleavened Bread – 1/15-1/21
3. First Fruits Ceremony – first “Sunday” after 1/14
4. Pentecost/Weeks – 7 Sabbaths plus one day

Fall:

5. Trumpets – 7/1
6. Day of Atonement – 7/10
7. Booths/Tabernacles – 7/15

On these seven “High Sabbaths” God commanded the Israelites to rest; we, likewise, are to rest in the finished work of Jesus, our High Priest and also our Passover Lamb. But in addition to that, we can rest in the assurance of knowing “how the world ends.” For these seven festivals tell us, and if the first four have already taken place, we know that the final three will also take place. There is rest in knowing the outcome.

Their Passover

A spotless lamb, slain - **Exodus 12:3-6**

Our Passover Lamb

A spotless lamb, slain - **1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18f; John 1:29; Matthew 26:1-5**

Their Passover

At God’s appointed time - **Leviticus 23:4f**

Our Passover Lamb

At God’s appointed time - **Romans 5:6**; Galatians 4:4 (As one example, in AD 33. . . World peace)/Pax Romano 27 BC – AD 180; One language: Koine Greek; Safe and efficient transportation: 74,000 miles Roman roads, extensive shipping transport. All of these had to be in place for the faith to be “proclaimed throughout the whole world.”

Romans 1:8)

Their Passover

Spared them wrath - **Exodus 12:12f**

Our Passover Lamb

Spares us wrath - **John 3:36; Romans 5:9f**

Their Passover

Freed from slavery - **Exodus 6:6**

Our Passover Lamb

Frees us from slavery - **Romans 6:5ff; 7:24-8 – 8:2**

Their Passover

gods judged - **Exodus 12:12b**

Our Passover Lamb

Satan judged - **John 8:11**

Their Passover

Hastily left Egypt behind - **Exodus 12:11**

Our Passover Lamb

We hastily leave “Egypt” behind - **Ephesians 4:22ff; 1 John 2:15ff**

Their Passover

Looked back, and forward - **Deuteronomy 16:1; Isaiah 53:7**

Our Passover Lamb

We look back, and forward - **1 Corinthians 11:24ff**

Conclusion: **See Galatians 4:4-11.** Their Passover lamb “delivered them” from Egyptian slavery, into relationship with God, based upon the Law of Moses. Our Passover Lamb delivers us from relationship with God based on law, into a living relationship with God, based on the Holy Spirit living inside of us.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.