

# The Feasts of Israel



Added Later	Past				Present	Future			Added Later
	-1- Passover	-2- Unleavened Bread	-3- First Fruits	-4- Pentecost	NOW Church Age Time of the Gentiles End Times	-5- Trumpets	-6- Day of Atonement	-7- Tabernacles	
Purim									Hanukkah
In the spring, several weeks before Passover	Jesus is crucified on a cross	Jesus is buried that evening	Jesus rises from the grave 3 days later	Jesus sends His Holy Spirit		Rapture of the church	Seven-Year Tribulation	1,000 Year Reign New Jerusalem	"Feast of Dedication" In the winter, several months after Tabernacles
	First Feast Fulfilled	Second Feast Fulfilled	Third Feast Fulfilled	Fourth Feast Fulfilled		Fifth Feast To be Fulfilled	Sixth Feast To be Fulfilled	Seventh Feast To be Fulfilled	

The "Feasts of Israel" are Jewish Holidays, but they're more than that. They are "pictures, shadows, and prophecies" (fulfilled and to be fulfilled) that reveal the God of the Bible, Israel, Jerusalem, the Jewish Messiah, the Jewish people, and Jewish and Gentile believers. *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."* Mt. 5:17-18

## Overview of the Feasts of Israel

In Leviticus 25, God commands His people to observe "Seven Feasts." They are;

1. Passover
2. Unleavened Bread
3. First Fruits
4. Pentecost
5. Trumpets
6. Day of Atonement
7. Tabernacles

The first Feast of Passover *incorporates* the first three feasts and is a celebration of the:

- “Last (Passover) Supper”
- “Resurrection of Jesus Christ”
- “New Covenant”



The Passover “Seder” is the precursor to “Communion.”

Beginning with Passover, Jesus Fulfilled the **First Four Feasts** Perfectly—the elements of the **Gospel**.

- 1.** Jesus Christ **was crucified on the cross as a sin substitute**, and His blood was spilled to cover and forgive all past, present, and future sins. It occurred on Passover.
- 2.** Jesus **died and was buried** that same day on Unleavened Bread.
- 3.** Three days later, the gravestone that sealed Jesus’ body was miraculously rolled away, and **Jesus Christ was resurrected**. It occurred on First Fruits.
- 4.** Jesus Christ **gives us His LIFE** through the indwelling Holy Spirit. It occurred on Pentecost.

We are living in the Church Age, a transitory period that will end after the last Shofar Trumpet is “sounded,” and believers gathered (raptured) to be with Jesus, fulfilling the Feast of Trumpets. *“Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—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 Cor. 15:51-55

The next Feast, the Day of Atonement, is the day each year that the Jewish High Priest entered the Holy of Holies (in the Tabernacle, First, and Second Temple) to make intercession with God for Israel’s sins.

The Romans destroyed the Second Temple in 70 A.D., so the Jews have NOT been able to observe this Feast Biblically for 2,000 years. The Jews want a Third Temple, but they can’t build it because the Muslim shrine “Dome of the Rock” sits on the Temple Mount.

### What to do?

We must understand the Book of Daniel to understand what the Bible says about rebuilding the Third Temple. Chapter 9 contains the **most significant prophecy in the Bible**.

As this prophecy also indicates, when the Jewish Messiah arrives and dies, we must understand it to share it with our Jewish friends.

The background is that King Nebuchadnezzar led Israel into captivity in Babylon for 70 years, fulfilling Jeremiah’s prophecy. Two or three years before this “70” years is complete, God’s Angel “Gabriel” appears in Scripture for the first time, and he gives Daniel a prophecy of **“70 7’s” or 490 years**, revealing God’s plans for Israel, Jerusalem, the Jewish people, the coming Jewish Messiah, and the rebuilding of the Third Jewish Temple.

## **God is NOT a Liar**

If this prophecy is **not** true, then God is a liar, and if God is a liar, then by definition, he is not God. Scripture is either **ALL** true or it’s not! Following is the passage in **BLACK**. I’ve added commentary to help you to understand.

**“Seventy ‘Sevens’ [70 x 7 = 490 years] are decreed for your people [Israel and the Jews] and your Holy City [Jerusalem]...From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, [Messiah] comes, [His Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey] there will be seven ‘sevens’ [7 x 7 = 49 years] and sixty-two ‘sevens’ [62 x 7 = 434 years] [Therefore, the Jewish Messiah will arrive 49 years plus 434 years for a total of 483 years after the issuing of the “decree”] After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be cut off [Messiah will die] ... The people of the ruler [Romans] who will come will destroy the city [Jerusalem] and the [Second Temple] sanctuary. [The “period” represents a “Time Gap” that begins. The “math” and historical accounts verify the exact dates all the above prophecies were fulfilled, but they only account for 483 years. Where are the missing seven years? They are revealed in the Book of Revelation and called the “Tribulation,” which begins after the church is “raptured” and the “Time Gap” is over] [Then “He,” a world leader, most likely the Antichrist, will arrive on the scene] He will confirm a covenant with many [Israel and other Nations] for “one seven.” [7 years] [The covenant must also move the “Dome of the Rock” off the Temple Mount so that the “Third Temple” can be built there] In the middle of the seven [3 ½ years into the covenant], he will end sacrifice and offering [“he” ends the sacrificial system in the Jewish Third Temple], And on a wing [Most likely the Holy Place] of the Temple, he will set up an abomination that causes desolation [Jesus refers to this abomination that causes desolation in Matt 24] until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.” [Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire]**

See **“Workbook”** for the math, which verifies all the prophecies before the “Time Gap” is fulfilled.

- ❖ King Artaxerxes became King in **464 BC**, and 20 years later, on **March 5, 444 BC**, he issued a **“decree”** to rebuild Jerusalem and the First Temple. Now count “7 7’s,” or 49 years after this decree was issued, and in **396 BC**, Jerusalem and the First Temple were rebuilt.
- ❖ Now count “7 7’s” and “62 7’s” for a total of “69 7’s” or 483 after this “decree” is issued, which is when the Jewish Messiah, **“Anointed One,”** arrives on **Monday, March 30, 33 A.D.**
- ❖ The Messiah was “cut off” (died by crucifixion) on **Passover, Friday, April 3, 33 A.D.**
- ❖ In **70 A.D.**, “the people of the ruler” (Romans) came and destroyed the city (Jerusalem) and the sanctuary (Second Temple).
- ❖ The “Time Gap” begins, and it will continue until the “rapture” of the church, which starts the “Seven-Year” “Time of Tribulation.” I believe Jesus will return sometime within this timeframe, most likely in the “middle.” The Book of Revelation indicates that when He returns— **“Every eye will see Him. Even those who pierced Him,”** [referring to the Jews] **and all the people of the earth will mourn because of him.”** Therefore, when the Jewish People “see” Jesus Christ coming down from the clouds, they will mourn, weep, and finally acknowledge that HE is their Jewish Messiah. Hallelujah, God’s redemptive plan for Israel is finally realized as ALL of Israel will be “Saved.” — What a “Day of Atonement” it will be, fulfilling the sixth Feast **Day of Atonement.**

God will create a **“New Heaven,”** and the Church will return to a **“New Earth”** in new glorified bodies and will rule and reign with Jesus for 1,000 years in the **“New Jerusalem.”** We will “dwell” or live in rooms called “Tabernacles,” fulfilling the seventh Feast of **Tabernacles.**

**The Jews added two more Feasts.** The Book of Esther is the story of the Feast of **Purim.** Jews gather to read the entire book of Esther out loud. Whenever the name Haman (the Jew-hater who wanted to kill all the Jews) is mentioned, the Jews use “noisemakers” to drown out his name. **Hanukkah** (called the “Feast of Dedication” mentioned in John) celebrates how Judas the Maccabee came to the desecrated Temple and “restored” it for its original intention. When he relit the Temple “Lampstand,” there was only one day’s supply of “Specially Pressed” olive oil. But he reignited the “Lampstand” anyway, and God miraculously kept the Menorah lit for eight days until a new supply of “special oil” could be produced. Jews progressively light an eight-candle Menorah for eight nights using the “Shamas” candle to light them. Jesus is the “Shamas.” He is the “Light” of the World.