



# COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

## *Greater Christ Temple* APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

### **“End Times”**

**Part 06 – The Appointments of the LORD**

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# The Feasts of the LORD

## Leviticus 23:1-2

**1** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **2** "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, these *are* My feasts.

***Feasts = (Heb. “moedim”) Appointments, a designated time, a specified time***

***Convocations = (Heb. “miqra”) A rehearsal, a public assembly***

## The LORD's time:

- 1) The “day” begins at sundown.
- 2) The month begins with the sighting of the first sliver of the new moon
- 3) The year begins with the first new moon when the barley is ripe in the field.

- Christ fulfills the Appointments (Feasts) on their appointed day and at their time with the very details that Israel rehearsed for 1,500 years!

## The Spring Feasts (Appointments)

### Passover

#### Leviticus 23:4-12

**4** 'These *are* the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. **5** On the fourteenth *day* of the first month at twilight *is* the LORD's **Passover**.

- 1) Christ, the Lamb of God, entered Jerusalem on the 10<sup>th</sup> day (Palm Sunday) of the first month amidst shouts of Hosanna! (Ex. 12:3 / Psalm 118:25)

- He was inspected (questioned) in the midst of the Assembly for four days and found to be without blemish, corruption, or sin. (Ex. 12:5-6)
- They crucified Christ on the 14<sup>th</sup> day (Thursday) of the first month as the true Passover/substitutionary sacrifice. He died at twilight, meaning “between the evenings” {3PM}. (Ex. 12:6 / Lev.23:5 / 1 Cor. 5:7)

## ***Unleavened Bread***

**6** And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** to the LORD; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. **7** On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. **8** But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD for seven days. The seventh day *shall be* a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work *on it*.'"

- Leaven is yeast, in Hebrew it's "hametz", meaning "sour". Leaven is used to produce fermentation, especially in bread dough. As leaven sours the dough, tiny gas bubbles are produced which cause the dough to rise (be puffed up).

- *see 1 Corinthians. 14:4*

- Fermentation is the first stage of **decay**, which is significant because, although Jesus is the Bread of Heaven (Psalm 78:23-24/John 6:47-51), when His body was killed it did not decay (Psalm 16:10). Likewise our lives should have no decay (corruption), it should bring forth no lies, deceit, envy, strife, hatred, unforgiveness, gossip, rebellion, thievery, fornication, etc., because these are the ravages of death. Just as decay destroys the dead body and gives evidence that it is separated from its spirit, so sin destroys the soul and gives evidence that it is separated from THE SPIRIT!

- Jesus completed His life and mission without sin (leaven), and His dead body did not decay (ferment) before resurrection.

## **First Fruits** (*Resurrection Sunday*)

**9** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **10** "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the **firstfruits** of your harvest to the priest. **11** He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. **12** And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD.

- 1) Christ came out of the grave, like the dead barley seed came out of the earth as living barley, on the day following the Sabbath. (Levi. 23:11)

2) As the first fruits from the dead, Christ brought not only Himself, the Lamb, but He also brought a harvest of Old Testament saints out of the graves and up to stand before the Ancient of Days. (Levi. 23:10-12 / 1 Cor. 15:20-24 / Matthew 27:50-53)

## ***The Feast of Weeks (Shavuot / Pentecost Sunday)***

Leviticus 23:15-16

**15** 'And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. **16** Count **fifty days** to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord.

- 1) Seven Sabbaths (seven weeks) after the Feast of First Fruits (Resurrection Sunday), on the fiftieth (50<sup>th</sup>) day, Jesus poured out His Spirit (the Holy Spirit / Spirit of Christ) on those who had gathered in Jerusalem for the appointed day

with faith in Jesus Christ. (Levi. 23:15-16 / Acts 2:1-4)

1) The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) is also the day that Israel entered into the first (Old) Covenant with God and the Law was given on Mt. Sinai.

(Exodus Chapters 19 and 20)

- Just as Christ fulfilled the Spring Feasts of the LORD to the day and hour in His first coming, so will He fulfill the Fall Feasts of the LORD to the day and hour in His second coming! For this reason it behooves us to be aware of God's calendar, His times and seasons.

**“Take heed, **watch** and pray; for you do not know when the time is.”**

(Mark 13:33)

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