**The Seven Jewish Festivals***The Prophetic Calendar of Israel*
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The seven festivals in [Leviticus 23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23&t=NKJV) constitute what could be called, “The Prophetic Calendar of Israel.”

(These seven festivals are *Jewish*, not Christian. They were given to Israel, through Moses, and *have to do with the Jewish people alone*.

A secondary application of that seen in these festivals — that foreshadowed by the events, along with the sequence in which these events occurred — can be seen in the history of the Church, but that is neither here nor there. These *festivals are Jewish, they have to do first and foremost with the Jewish people, and this must be recognized*.)

These seven festivals outline in chronological order a sequence of events about to transpire in the camp of Israel, and are all *unfulfilled* insofar as Israel is concerned. The *fulfillment* of Israel’s national Passover (the first of the seven festivals) in the *antitype* of [Exodus 12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12&t=NKJV) is *yet future*, as *are* events in the *other* six festivals.

Events surrounding the Passover must occur *first*, and this feast of the Lord will *not* be fulfilled until the *end* of the Tribulation.

The progression of events in these seven festivals reveal a progression of events which will occur in the camp of Israel when Christ *returns* as the great King-Priest after the order of Melchizedek to deliver His covenant people:

*a)* ***Passover*** ([Leviticus 23:4-5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23.4-5&t=NKJV)):

This festival has to do with the *national conversion of Israel*, when the nation looks upon the Pierced One.

The Lamb has *already died*, the blood has *been shed* ([Exodus 12:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12.6&t=NKJV)), but Israel *has yet to apply the blood* ([Exodus 12:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12.7&t=NKJV)).

In this respect, the festival was *partially* fulfilled almost 2,000 years ago, but the *complete* fulfillment awaits a future date. Israel today dwells *between* the statement ending [Exodus 12:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12.6&t=NKJV) and the statement beginning [Exodus 12:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12.7&t=NKJV), and this festival can be fulfilled *only* when the nation acts in accordance with that stated in verse seven:

*“…the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it* [the paschal lamb, foreshadowing the Paschal Lamb which Israel slew 1,500 years later] *in the evening* [*lit*., ‘between the evenings,’ which is part way between noon and 6 PM].

*And they shall take of the blood* [that which Israel has yet to do]…” ([Exodus 12:6b](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12.6b&t=NKJV) - [Exodus 12:7a](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+12.7a&t=NKJV)).

Note in the type that the Passover occurred while Israel was *still* in Egypt. In the antitype Israel will have her national Passover while the nation is *still* scattered throughout the Gentile world (“Egypt” is always a type of *the world* in Scripture). This is the time when “they [the Jewish people] will look upon” their Messiah, and a nation will be “born at once” ([Zechariah 12:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Zechariah+12.10&t=NKJV); [Isaiah 66:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Isaiah+66.8&t=NKJV)).

*b)* ***Unleavened Bread***([Leviticus 23:6-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23.6-8&t=NKJV)):

This festival has to do with the *removal of sin from the house* (house of Israel) *after the Passover*. Of what sins is Israel guilty?

Israel is guilty of disobedience over centuries of time, with an *apex* of this disobedience seen in Israel’s harlotry out among the nations.

Then the Jewish people *climaxed* their sins by crucifying their Messiah when He appeared to the nation.

And, because of this climactic act, Israel is *presently* unclean through contact with the dead body of the nation’s Messiah, and will *remain* unclean for two days (2,000 years). After two days, on the third day (on the third 1,000-year period [after the Tribulation, which will end the two days]), Israel is going to *acknowledge* her sins in the presence of the very One Whom she crucified (*cf.* [Genesis 44:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+44.16&t=NKJV)). Israel will then *put sin out of the house* (out of the house of Israel).

*c)* ***First Fruits***([Leviticus 23:9-14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23.9-14&t=NKJV)):

This festival has to do with *resurrection*. Christ *was* raised from the dead on this day, and Old Testament saints *will be* raised from the dead at this time, fulfilling this festival. The first fruits of the resurrection of Old Testament saints occurred *after* Christ was raised ([Matthew 27:52-53](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+27.52-53&t=NKJV)). The main harvest will *follow*.

*d)* ***Pentecost*** *[Feast of Weeks]* ([Leviticus 23:15-22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23.15-22&t=NKJV)):

Note what began to occur on the day of Pentecost, 33 A.D. ([Acts 2:1ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.1ff&t=NKJV)). Joel’s prophecy began to be fulfilled, and this prophecy would have been *completely* fulfilled had Israel *done* what Peter told the Jews to do in [Acts 2:38](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.38&t=NKJV) — national *repentance*, followed by national *baptism*.

However, Israel did *not* repent, the nation was subsequently *set aside* for a dispensation, and any fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy has *also* been set aside with Israel for a dispensation. *Joel’s prophecy cannot be fulfilled today, even in part. But it will be fulfilled immediately after the resurrection of Old Testament saints* ([Joel 2:27-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Joel+2.27-32&t=NKJV)).

*e)* ***Trumpets***([Leviticus 23:23-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23.23-25&t=NKJV)):

This festival has to do with the *regathering of Israel*. Christians await a trumpet calling them into the heavens *before* the Tribulation; Israel awaits a trumpet calling the nation back into the land *after* the Tribulation, *following* Christ’s return ([Matthew 24:29-31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Matthew+24.29-31&t=NKJV); [1 Thessalonians 4:16-18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Thessalonians+4.16-18&t=NKJV)).

*f)* ***Atonement***([Leviticus 23:26-32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23.26-32&t=NKJV)):

This festival has to do with a *cleansing from sin for a people who will have already availed themselves of the blood of the Passover Lamb*. Activities on this day have to do with blood on the mercy seat and cleansing from sin (sins *previously* acknowledged and *put out* of the house [the house of Israel]), *fulfilling* the festival of unleavened bread.

Atonement is to be provided for Israel’s sin of crucifying her Messiah (the same blood shed at Calvary, now on the mercy seat). Note the order in [Ezekiel 36:24-25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+36.24-25&t=NKJV) — a regathering *before* cleansing from sin.

*g)* ***Tabernacles***([Leviticus 23:33-44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23.33-44&t=NKJV)):

This is the last of the festivals and has to do with *offerings made unto the Lord and a time of rest at the conclusion of the preceding feasts of the Lord*. This points forward to the millennial offerings ([Ezekiel 45:15ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+45.15ff&t=NKJV); [46:2ff](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ezekiel+46.2ff&t=NKJV)) and a time of rest in the coming age after the conclusion of events surrounding the first six feasts of the Lord.

This festival lasted for seven days — a complete period of time — pointing forward to the complete duration of the Millennium.

*Following* the return of Christ at the end of the Tribulation, as previously seen, there will be a *seventy-five-day* period between the *end* of the last seven years of Daniel’s prophecy and the *beginning* of the Millennium ([Daniel 12:11-13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Daniel+12.11-13&t=NKJV)). It appears evident that the events set forth in the *first six feasts* of the Lord, leading up to events in the terminal festival, the feast of Tabernacles, will transpire *during this time*.

Then the feast of Tabernacles itself *will be fulfilled during the ensuing millennial reign*.

**Aside**: Described in [Leviticus 23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Leviticus+23&t=NKJV), The Feast of Weeks is the second of the three “solemn feasts” that all Jewish males were required to travel to Jerusalem to attend ([Exodus 23:14–17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+23.14%E2%80%9317&t=NKJV); [34:22–23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Exodus+34.22%E2%80%9323&t=NKJV); [Deuteronomy 16:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Deuteronomy+16.16&t=NKJV)). This important feast gets its name from the fact that it starts seven full *weeks*, or exactly *50 days*, *after* the Feast of Firstfruits. Since it takes place *exactly* 50 days after the previous feast, this feast is *also known as* “Pentecost” ([Acts 2:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.1&t=NKJV)), which means “fifty.”

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