

*THE THREE FALL FEASTS*

***Feast of  
Trumpets***

**ROSH HASHANAH**

Tishri 1-2 or September - October

The Seventh Month

Beginning of the Civil New Year

Lev. 23:23-25,

Num. 10:9-10; 29:1-11

**THEME:**

*Judgment*

**FULFILLMENT:**

When the LORD Jesus returns to the earth upon the Mount of Olives, He will judge the sins of Israel and Gentile nations (Zech. 14:1-5, Matt. 24:29-31, Rev. 19:11-16).

***Feast of  
Atonement***

**YOM KIPPUR**

Tishri 10 or September - October

The Seventh Month

Yearly National Mourning Over Sin

Seeking a Covering for Sin

Lev. 16:1-28; 23:26-32

**THEME:**

*A Covering for Sin*

**FULFILLMENT:**

National cleansing was provided for Israel when Christ died on the cross of Calvary (Isa. 53:1-12, John 19:30, Matt. 27:50-51). The application and fulfillment of Christ's work on the cross for Israel's national cleansing will be realized when Christ returns to the earth and they will look on Him whom they have pierced and be saved (Zech. 12:9-13:9).

***Feast of  
Tabernacles***

**SUKKOT**

Tishri 15-21 or September - October

The Seventh Month

The last of the Fall Feasts was held at the end of the harvest season when the harvest time was over for the year. The Israelites would erect temporary booths to remember the forty years of wilderness wanderings when God dwelt or tabernacled among them in the cloud by day and fire by night.

Ex. 40:34-38, Lev. 23:33-44, Num. 29:12-39

**THEME:**

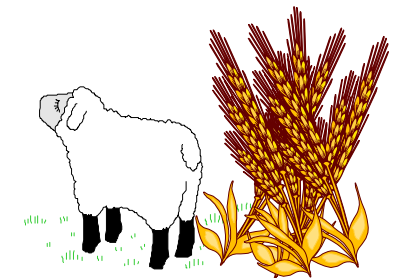
*God Dwelling with Men*

*Ingathering of a Full Harvest*

**FULFILLMENT:**

God came and dwelt with men at the time of the incarnation or birth of the Lord Jesus Christ (Zech.9:9, John 1:14, Matt. 21:9). His dwelling within men became possible through Christ's death and the new birth. The Lord Jesus will return to earth from heaven with all His resurrected ones to gather a full harvest of Israelite and Gentile nations. He will set up His earthly Kingdom for 1,000 years where He will dwell with men once again (Zech. 14:1-19, Rev. 20:4-6).

***THE  
SEVEN  
FEASTS  
OF  
THE LORD***



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## THE FOUR SPRING FEASTS

### Feast of Passover

PESAH

Nisan 14 or March - April

The First Month

Beginning of Religious New Year

Ex. 12:1-36, Lev. 23:5

**THEME:**

*Redemption out of Egyptian slavery*

**FULFILLMENT:**

Christ's death on the cross brought redemption out of sins slavery. In order for Christ to be a true Passover Lamb He must die on Nisan 14 at twilight (Ex. 12:6). To fulfill Christ's own prophetic words, He must be in the grave 3 full days and 3 full nights (Matt. 12:40).

### Feast of Unleavened Bread

PESAH

Nisan 15-21 or March - April

The First Month

Lev. 23:6-8

**THEME:**

*Sanctification, Holiness to the Lord*

The Feast of Unleavened Bread was the Passover Sabbath or a high day. All leaven was to be removed from every house and place of Passover observance. Leaven, which represents sin and corruption, needed to be removed in order to have this feast as holiness to the LORD. This is the very day that Israel was delivered or separated by God out of Egypt.

**FULFILLMENT:**

The offering of the holy, spotless LORD Jesus on the cross, in which all who believe on Him will be forgiven, holy, and sanctified (I Pet. 1:18-19).

### Feast of First Fruits

PESAH

Nisan 16 or March - April

The First Month

Lev. 23:10-14

**THEME:**

*Reaping the Barley Harvest*

On the Feast of First Fruits a sheaf of barley was taken from the winter barley harvest and made into meal mixed with oil by the priests. It would be waved before the Lord as a dedication of the entire harvest. The first fruits of a harvest always indicated the reaping of yet a fuller harvest.

**FULFILLMENT:**

The LORD Jesus Christ was the first to receive a resurrected body. He became the first fruits of a resurrection harvest, with a fuller harvest yet to come of resurrected ones (I Cor. 15:20-23).

### Feast of Pentecost

SHAVUOT

Sivan 6 or May - June

The Third Month

Fifty days after the Feast of First Fruits

Ex. 23:14-17, Lev. 23:15-21,

Deut. 8:8

**THEME:**

*Reaping a Fuller Harvest*

Some combine the Feast of First Fruits and the Feast of Pentecost or Weeks as one feast. During this feast every Israelite brought the first fruits of their own individual harvests to the LORD. Then the spring harvest was fully taken in.

**FULFILLMENT:**

The fuller harvest of the church begins to be brought in as a result of Christ being the first fruits of the resurrected ones (Acts 2:1-47; 4:4, I Cor. 15:20-24, 51-55).