**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. 10:10; 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 FOUR SPRING FEASTS

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**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**

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.

**THEME:**

Sanctification, Holiness to the Lord

**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**

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.

**THEME:**

Reaping the Barley 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**

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.

**THEME:**

Reaping a Fuller Harvest

**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).