

FALL FEASTS OF ISRAEL

“The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts (appointed times).” Lev 23:2

“So let no one judge you... regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Messiah.” Col 2:16-17

Hebrew Calendar- There are two calendars (Religious and Civil). Each calendar has roughly 12 Lunar month (29d, 12h, 44m, 2.8s). The Religious starts in Nisan and the Civil starts in Tishri.

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Passover	<i>Pentecost*</i>	Trumpets (New Year)	Chanukkah (early)
<i>Unleavened Bread*</i>		Day of Atonement	Purim (late)
Firstfruits	<i>*Required visit to Jerusalem</i>	<i>Tabernacles*</i>	

FEAST OF TRUMPETS (Rosh HaShanah) Lev 23:24

- 1) The Biblical name is *Yom T'ruah* which means day of blowing.
- 2) Later it is celebrated as new year (literally means “head of the year”)
- 3) Sabbath rest (no work)
- 4) Make fire-offerings before the Lord (Numbers 29:1-6)
- 5) Not allowed to mourn, but were to celebrate! (See Neh 8:9-10)
- 6) Themes of repentance, restoration, judgment, and sovereignty of God.
- 7) Reflection begins one month prior knowing that God’s judgment was arriving.
- 8) Celebration of the creation of the World
- 9) Death and the afterlife are themes as well; Resurrection (Dan 12:1-2).
- 10) Connected with rapture? (Matt 24:31; 1 Cor 15:52; 1 Thess 4:16; Rev 4:1)

FEAST OF YOM KIPPUR (Day of Atonement) Lev 23:26-32

- 1) Occurred on the Tishri 10, but was preceded by 10 days of awe from Trumpet feast.
- 2) Called *The Fast* in Acts 27:9 and *The Day* in Talmud.
- 3) Date of atonement or “covering” of the sins that were committed that year.
- 4) Time when high priest would enter the Holy of Holies only once that year to make atonement.
- 5) Day of worship, fasting and “afflicting of souls”, offering of sacrifice (Lev 16), no work with risk of death.
- 6) Offering of the “scape-goat” and offering to God in the Holy of Holies.
- 7) Confession was made and they used the ineffable name of God three times on this occasion.
- 8) Jesus is our high priest and has made propitiation for our sins (Heb 2:17; Rom 3:25; 1 John 2:2; 4:10).
- 9) Tribulation is time of affliction and trial (Jeremiah 30:7; Hosea 5:15; Rev 3:10; Matt 24:21, 29).

FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths) Lev 23:33-44

- 1) Also called the “Feast of Ingathering”, simply *The Feast* or “The Season of our Joy”
- 2) The Building of Booths or “tents” to remind them of their wandering years
- 3) Seven days of rejoicing were commanded of everyone.
- 4) All the offerings laid out (182) and flour offerings (336) were all divisible by 7 (Num 29:12-34).
- 5) Priests would march to Pool of Siloam, draw water, and return to pour it into the great laver in commemoration of the Holy Spirit and God’s provision for life. Jesus is water of life (John 4:14; 7:37-39).
- 6) Four enormous 50 foot high candelabras were used to light the entire temple area. John 8:12
- 7) Will be observed during the 1000 year reign of Jesus the Messiah (Zechariah 14:16-19).