

Leviticus 23 – 24 September 2020

“Jesus Fulfills The Feasts”

Introduction

Lev 1-7 – Seeing Christ in the sacrifices

Lev 8-10 – Seeing Christ during institution of priests

Lev 11-15 - Declaring difference between clean & not

Lev 16 – Day of Atonement for Israel

Lev 17-22 – Everyday practical values to represent Christ

Lev 23 presents 7 feasts of Israel (Appointed Times)

All commemorate something from the past

Are celebrated in the present

Are Concluded in Christ Jesus

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Today we’ll see how Christ Jesus fulfils all 7 Feasts of Israel on His timeline

We begin w/ a look at the Sabbath Day connection

Read Chap 23:1-3

1. Sabbath is tied to the feast as another holy convocation
2. **Commemorates:** God creating in 6 literal days, then rested (in a “I’m complete” sense)
3. **Celebrated:** Work 6 days in 7, then rest for 1
4. **Concluded:** 6,000 yrs then another 1,000 rest
 - a. Split up human history
 - i. Adam to Abraham – 2,000 yrs
 - ii. Abraham to Jesus – 2,000 yrs
 - iii. Jesus to the Rapture – 2,000 yrs
 - iv. 1,000 Millennium – of rest
 - b. Sabbath was made to benefit man
 - i. Matt 12 – Pharisees rigid about keeping Sab
 - ii. Jesus – Sab to benefit man not vis versa
 - iii. Like it was glorious thing in creation, it’s to be a glorious thing for us to look forward to
 1. Read Rev 20:4

#1 – How Christ Jesus Fulfills The Feast of Passover (Chap 23:4-5)

Read Chap 23:4-5

1. Passover & all feasts (appointed days) are holy convocations or special assemblies or meetings.
2. **Commemorates:** Death angel passing over them in Egypt, b/c they used substitutionary lamb's death
3. **Celebrated:** Sedar meal w/ all detail of what to eat that God gave them at 1st Passover
 - a. Lamb substituted for egg after temple years
 - b. A lamb – no substitutes allowed
4. **Concluded:** Jesus' substitutionary death
 - a. Jesus fulfills every part of Biblical Passover
 - i. Get lamb on 10th day & examine it 4 days
 - ii. Eat w/ bitter herbs – it's good but hard
 - iii. Don't break any of Passover lamb's bones
 - b. All of these spring feasts were fulfilled by Jesus at his 1st coming

#2 – How Christ Jesus Fulfills The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Chap 23:6-8)

Read Chap 23:6-8

1. U. B. started day after Passover for 7 days
2. The bread itself was a pic of perfection, strength & haste or surprise (no leaven – sin)
3. **Commemorates:** Israel being hastily & surprisingly delivered out of Egypt by the “strong hand” of God (Exo 13:9)
4. **Celebrated:** Sedar meal – Afikomen
 - a. Middle piece of U. B. placed in napkin and is hidden during meal
 - b. Children joyfully search for and find it!!
5. **Concluded:** Jesus is our strength, perfection and surprising hastily deliverance
 - a. Jesus is light & no darkness – I John 1:5-7
 - b. Jesus was tempted, yet w/o sin – Heb 4:15
 - c. Jesus is our U. B., so we too can live in sincerity, truth, and purity – I Cor 5:6-8

#3 – How Christ Jesus Fulfills The Feast of Firstfruits (Chap 23:9-14)

Read Chap 23:9-14

1. Timing – Passover (14), U.B. (15-21), FF (16)
2. Connected to the harvest crops
3. **Commemorates:** 1st born sons of Israel being spared death at Passover in Egypt. (Ex 13:11-16)
 - a. Firstborn were dedicated to the Lord
4. **Celebrated:** Lev 23 details offerings yr to yr
 - a. Firstfruits is the 1st of 3 parts to the harvest
 - b. FF, then main harvest, then gleanings
5. **Concluded:** Jesus is the Firstfruits of the resurrection harvest!
 - a. Read Rev 1:5, I Cor 15:20
 - b. Praise God that Jesus made the way for us to join Him as the main harvest
 - c. There will even be others to join as the gleanings at the end of the Tribulation.

#4 – How Christ Jesus Fulfills The Feast of Weeks (Chap 23:15-22)

Read Chap 23:15-16

1. Timing – 50 days after Firstfruits
2. Firstfruits at beginning of the harvest
3. Feast of Weeks at end of harvest (Deut 16:9)

Read Chap 23:17-22

1. **Commemorates:** Deliverance from slavery in Egypt to freedom w/ God & His Law (see Deut 16:12)
 - a. Relationship w/ God was codified with the giving of the law on this very day. (see Exo 19)
 - i. Mt Sinai was on fire (Exo 24:17)
 - ii. 3,000 people died at Law (Ex 32:28)
2. **Celebrated:** 4 of 5 main offering performed
 - a. Trespass O. was to forgive rebellion
 - b. Unusually there is a Sin O.
 - c. Meat (Grain) O. is *two* loaves *w/ leaven*
3. **Concluded:** Jesus poured His H.S. upon all men

- a. Weeks is also known as Pentecost meaning fifty.
- b. Acts 2 shows the flaming tongues of fire
- c. It shows that 3,000 people are saved!
- d. The way for Jews AND Gentiles to be brought together as one, has been revealed

#5 – How Christ Jesus Fulfills The Feast of Trumpets (Chap 23:23-25)

Read Chap 23:23-25

1. 7th month 1st day – This is religious calendar
2. It's the 1st day of the year on the civil calendar
3. **Commemorates:** Nothing but it symbolizes the readiness for war
 - a. Num 31:6 – The trump calls to battle
 - b. Isa 27:12-13 – Israel called to battle
 - c. I Cor 14:8 – Designed to ready u for battle
4. **Celebrated:** By the blowing of the trumpet
 - a. Only Feast w/o name - Shrouded in mystery
 - b. Draws attention to Day of Atonement coming
5. **Concluded:** 2nd Coming of Jesus
 - a. Some have associated this w/ the rapture
 - i. No, b/c just as all 4 spring feasts were fulfilled in a single year, we'll see all 3 falls feasts are fulfilled in a single year
 - b. Matt 24:31 – Trump to gather Israel

#6 – How Christ Jesus Fulfills The Day of Atonement (Chap 23:26-32)

Read Chap 23:26-32

1. 9 days after the new year Trumpets
2. **Commemorates:** Nothing, but it symbolizes a bitter redemption
 - a. Atonement means a cover – as in sin
 - b. This was such a powerful day that Israel called it “The Day”.
3. **Celebrated:** An affliction of souls (only sober Feast of the seven)
 - a. Lev 16 – we took a deep dive
 - b. Scapegoat removed national sins of Israel
4. **Concluded:** The redemptive work of Christ on the cross presented to Israel
 - a. Lev 16:34 – Day of Atonement was specifically for Israel
 - b. Zec 12:8-31:1 – Read Zec 12:10 – mourn
 - c. Rom 11:25-27 – All Israel will be saved

#7 – How Christ Jesus Fulfills The Feast of Tabernacles (Chap 23:33-44)

Read Chap 23:33-44

1. Called the Feast of Booths, Tabernacles or Ingathering.
2. Trumpets=Repentance, Atonement=Remission, Tabernacles=Rejoicing! (see vs 40)
3. **Commemorated:** The temporary dwelling in booths after deliverance they didn't earn (see vss 42-43)
4. **Celebrated:** Rejoicing for God's provision of what we did not earn
 - a. Remember God's bringing them into cities they did not build and fields they did not plant.
 - b. It's a rejoicing for all, even the strangers or foreigners living with you. (Deut 16:14)
 - c. Only those who experience the deliverance from Egypt would dwell in booths for 7 days.

5. **Concluded:** Jesus Himself has prepared us new permeant houses (bodies) that did not earn
- a. Our earthly body = the temporary booth
 - b. Our heavenly body = the permeant one
 - c. We know these bodies were short term
 - i. Peter knew it – II Pet 1:13-14
 - ii. Ab knew there was more – Heb 11:9-10
 - iii. Paul longed to be free of this 1 – Rom 7:24
 - iv. Jesus knew it – John 2:18-21
 - v. Read more in II Cor 5:1-8
 - d. Key section – Read John 14:1-3
 - e. We'll celebrate Jesus' provision of a new permeant body, we didn't earn, in Millennium
 - i. Eze 45:25 & Zec 14:16-19
 - ii. Will we somehow have an earthly body for a week during the millennium? Who knows, God knows.
 - f. Jesus offers this provision constantly
 - i. John 7:2, 37-29 – I'll give u eternal H.S.
 - ii. John 8:12 – I'm the light of the world

Conclusion

So all 7 Feasts point to Jesus' provision, perfection, victory and offer to all who may, to join Him in eternal life!

1. **Passover** – His substitutionary death for us
2. **Unleavened Bread** – His perfection enabling the way
3. **Firstfruits** – His resurrection proving the way has been made
4. **Feast of Weeks** – His provision to all people of the Holy Spirit for eternal life
5. **Trumpets** – His coming again as judge in battle
6. **Day of Atonement** – His provision for all Israel to be saved
7. **Tabernacles** – Remembrance of His provision after our deliverance from sin while we temporarily lived on earth with all things temporary