



RESTORING The Forgotten Feast of Israel

THE SEVEN FEASTS



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You would be so surprised at the
reactions I receive when I say to
Christians

“I can point a biblical command for every Holiday that I celebrate, can you?”

Too little is understand about the
commanded Holy Day as given to
His people, may this study forever
transform your mind and set you
free to obey your Heavenly Father
with joy and complete obedience.

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I am firmly convinced that any believer who does not have the full understanding of the *Feast of Israel* also will have not the understanding of Yahweh's total redemptive plan for humanity.

I was ignorant of these truths all of my Christian life until the Holy Spirit revealed the meanings of these feast by not only the writings of other great pioneers of truth but also by divine inspiration. Try as I might, I could not make the Word of God fit together as it should in my mind until this master key of understanding was given, which is desperately needed for the complete plan of God's program for the ages. This chapter will bring all the fragments of truth that are scattered in various pieces among many great denominations and sects into one whole picture of beauty; they will manifest perfectly in your mind. You will be fully convinced of God's perfection and His plan for the ages when you have finished this chapter, at least that is the authors hope.

The Feast of Israel, what are they? Why do they matter in our day? What's the big deal? The answers will amaze you!

The New Testament without the Old Testament is a great misnomer. There is no such thing as a New Testament Christian, because according to the words of Paul, the entire Word of God is for our instruction and our learning. For the reasons that I shall never understand the modern church has placed at enmity with each other; both the Old and New Testaments. Rather than realizing that the Old Testament is the only scripture used in the early church we choose to ignore the pages of the Pentateuch, the Law and the Prophets and in so doing we do a great disservice to the Body of Christ.

You should begin today with a thorough study of the Old Testament and listen to the truths in those ancient, Spirit breathed writings. In the early Apostolic church, these alone were referred to by Christ and the Apostles as the Holy Scriptures. Not one word of the Old Testament has been abrogated. Only the specific instructions concerning the temple, the sacrifices and the oral law of the elders have been modified; not done away with but modified.

When the legislature of a state amends a law, it does not abrogate or do away with the law, it simply modifies that certain law for the changes pressed upon it by the circumstances of the times and the changes in society. In days gone by the interstate speed limit was fifty-five (55) but that law has been modified as the circumstances change. However, we would be fool-hearty to say that the speed limit law has been done away with.

God's eternal laws that have existed before the creation of man has never nor will thy ever be done away with. Fall in love with this law, fall in love with the safeguards that the master has given to mankind and in so doing you will fall in love with the good way, the old paths and you will ultimately receive the reward of eternal life.

In those dust covered and forgotten pages of the Old Testament is hidden away, the unknown and often overlooked mysteries of the seven feast (*appointments*) that Yahweh (God) commanded His people to celebrate and to honor on an annual basis. Undoubtedly, those carnal minded Israelites had no idea why Yahweh was commanding these feast.

To those among the natural church of Israel, the keeping of these feast probably made very little sense to their way of thinking. If they had any understanding of the feast, it was simply a natural understanding as it related to their specific race and nation of people. However, I am certain that they had no idea that they were acting out in a type or a shadow what was to come upon the nations of the world. Just as the stars in the heavens preached the redemptive plans of God before the Bible was ever written, in the same way these Feast of Israel, as they were faithfully observed, they were also preaching and revealing God's awesome plan for the ages.

The happenings of the natural realm are mere symbols of the greater truths being played out in the spiritual dimension.

Actually, no one else in the world kept Israel's feast nor her Holy Days. These Feast indeed separated the children of Israel from the children of Satan otherwise known as the Gentiles; the various nations of the world.

These feast or Holy Days was their identifying traditions that caused them to be unique and holy unto Yahweh. They were forbidden to keep the holidays that had their source from the heathens and the pagans; because Yahweh was going to reveal to you and I His great plans for the ages in the keeping of these Feast.

While the mysteries of these feast might have been hidden in times past; they are now about to be revealed before your reading eyes!

I contend that once you see God's plan for the ages hidden in these Holy Days, the majority, if not all of your questions about the timing of His return will begin to be answered.

Before we continue; you need to ask yourself this question, Why was Yahweh so serious about the keeping of His Sabbaths or His Holy Days? He declares death to any man who didn't keep them, they would be "*cut off from the church of natural Israel.*" Why is this? There must have been a reason that God wanted these days honored forever; they must contain a message that His true church would be able to understand in the keeping of His Holy Days. This message is not plain on parchments of paper, they are not revealed to the carnal mind but it is made crystal clear on human hearts filled with the Spirit of God which is the spirit of truth and understanding. God never intended for His Bride to be ignorant of His plans. He hides his plan from the world but reveals them to the Bride. His word states plainly that He "*does nothing without revealing is first to His prophets.*"

THE SEVEN FEAST

- FEAST OF PASSOVER
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FEAST OF PASSOVER

All Bible scholars and commentators agree that Christ and the early Apostolic Church of God kept all of the feast of Israel without any second thought. Not keeping the feast was unthinkable in the New Testament church as we can easily prove from Paul's many references to his desire to "*keep this feast.*" He always seemingly planned his missionary journeys around the timing of the festivals and feast. There is a very good reason for this; he understood the validity of these feast and their correlation to the New Testament church, he understood not only their natural meanings but also their christological and eschatological meanings. ***"In the early Christian church the custom of celebrating the festivals together with the whole of the Jewish people was never questioned, so that it needed no special mention."*** (*The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology, Volume 1, page 628*)

The teachings of Christ gave these wonderful festivals new meaning in the hearts of that early *Apostolic Church of God* and in certain places he specifically modified and updated some of these festivals to better illustrate the true purpose of the feast. One must read no further than the *Encyclopedia Britannica* for the very proof of these statements; ***"The sanctity of special times such as Christmas and Easter was an idea absent from the early Christian church; they continued to observe the Jewish festivals of Leviticus 23, though in a new spirit, as commemorations of events which those festivals foreshadowed"*** (*Volume 8, page 828, 11th edition*)

These early believers, unlike the modern church had a great reverence for the commands of God and very special regards for his creation of these special appointments as found in *Leviticus 23:1-4*. You will find in these verses of scripture that these are not considered the "feast of the Jews or of Moses" but rather they are considered God's' feast, they are copyrighted by Him and belong exclusively to Him and His children forever as very special get-togethers and times of intense fellowship.

As you open your own Bibles now and begin to study these life changing truths with me you will begin this journey through the seven annual feast of God in the book of Leviticus where you will find the very first feast that God instituted.

Leviticus 23:5
In the fourteenth day of the first month
at even is the Lords Passover.

The very first of the seven festivals to be observed each year is the Feast of Passover. God instituted this feast at the beginning of the exodus from the land of Egypt as recorded in the book of Exodus 12:1-27. Now, as promised we will begin to journey into the meaning of these festivals especially as it relates to God's plan for the ages.

This feast of Passover is the very beginning of the series of feast for a reason; because it represents and reveals to us the very first step in God's plan for the salvation and redemption of God's greatest creation, mankind. This festival of Passover not only looks back and remembers the delivering of Israel's firstborn sons from the curse of death but it also looked forward to the great sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Passover lamb.

Please study the following scriptures for a better understanding; *I Corinthians 5:7, I Peter 1:18-19.*

What is the just punishment for your sins? Do you realize that you were born in the state of a fallen man and born a sinner in utter depravity? Do you understand that you were born in the land of Egypt as a slave to the control and the sickness of sin without any hope of freedom? Your addictions and your fleshly desires ruled you, they were your Pharaoh; your taskmaster. You bowed down to your alcohol, drugs, pornography, bitterness and hate and you said "Yes Sir Master" to all of their demands. Each and every time the master of nicotine commanded you to "light up" you said "Yes Sir Master"; every time a woman or man gave you attention and your flesh began to lust as a dog does, you said "Yes Sir Master"; just as those natural Israelites were born slaves and just as they served a Pharaoh, you once served sin. As a slave to sin,

the price for that sin must be paid and according to Holy Writ, that certain penalty is nothing less than death.

As we celebrate the feast of Passover we are in fact celebrating and remembering the above mentioned truths; we celebrate our freedom from the life of sin and bondage, our exodus from the stronghold of addictions and lawlessness. Each year as we celebrate this appointment with God, called Passover, it helps our continued understanding, it keeps before our minds the beautiful reality of our first step; our beginning on the path from Egypt to our promised land of rest, the coming Kingdom of God.

As we continue to read the scriptures in this study we will find that God commanded that this feast of Passover be kept forever¹. Of course, our Lord Jesus Christ was obedient to every word of His father and He continued to celebrate this feast every year as our example to doing the same². Before His crucifixion, the Lord Jesus Christ made a few modifications to this annual feast of Passover that the church mistakenly calls “Communion”; this is a term instituted by the Catholic Church and not the Word of God. God calls this feast, Passover³. What changes did Jesus make to the Passover feast? Very few indeed, he simply modified this annual feast by changing the elements of the Feast to more closely represent His body and His blood, the true meaning of Passover. Rather than shedding the blood of a lamb and roasting its body; the ritual was simplified to the elements of wine and unleavened bread. Then, He commanded His disciples to continue keeping this annual Feast as a constant reminder of the Passover Lamb providing freedom from the curse of death to all that believe upon Him⁴.

Shortly after His resurrection He called His disciples together and told them to “*go and teach all believers around the world to continue keeping all the commands of Christ*”⁵ I have shown you in the previous scriptures that the annual keeping of the feast of Passover is a clear command of our Lord. . Lest someone think that we make these claims without Apostolic authority; please

1 Exodus 12:23-24

2 John 2:13, 23

3 Matthew 26:17-20

4 Luke 22:19-20

5 Matthew 28:19-20

read the words of the Apostle to the Gentiles, Paul himself⁶. It is clearly seen in Paul's writing that the early years of the *Apostolic Church of God* were filled with the annual observance of Passover, the Lord's supper. Unlike the modern church, those early believers were clueless of any festival called Easter or Christmas, the records of history show that they kept only the original feast that God commanded.

Finally, allow the scriptures to show you that this annual Feast of Passover will continue to be kept throughout eternity as the sainted millions remember the glorious victory wrought by Christ, our elder brother on the mount called Calvary⁷. Today only the true *Apostolic Church of God* keeps this annual feast but in the coming kingdom age, the entire world will join in with us⁸ as together we celebrate this beginning of our salvation experience as represented in the annual Feast of Passover.

FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

Next we approach the second feast in God's plan for the ages. This feast reveals to us the "next step" on the path of salvation the next chapter in God's story of redemption. Passover is indicative of our initial leaving from Egypt, making a decision to follow Christ, to be converted, it's the perfect anti-type of true repentance. However, accepting Christ and repentance is NOT enough! You must now begin running this race towards the prize which is eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Now, you must begin training for your place on *The Dream Team*.

Now that you have repented, confessed and acknowledged your need for a saviour; now that you have been forgiven by God for all previous sins as symbolized in the Feast of Passover; it is now time to actually forsake sin. The forsaking of sin is the message being preached to us quite loudly as we celebrate the annual feast of Unleavened Bread. God grants us grace at the ~~feast of Passover~~, at our initial repentance. However, he now empowers us

⁶ 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 ; 11:23-26

⁷ Matthew 26:29, Luke 22:15-16.

⁸ Isaiah 66:23

by the Holy Ghost to begin the process of forsaking our lifestyles of lawlessness, which is sin. We must now strive to put all sin away from us, we must begin pressing towards the Overcomers path as we choose to travel down the road less traveled, that narrow path of sanctification and holiness. Passover is wonderful and Oh how we thank God for it but without our participating with God in the Feast of Unleavened Bread then Passover was a waste of time for all involved. God did not bring you out of sin to be nonchalant about your remaining there. At Passover, God did His part. He gave a pardon, full and free. He paid a debt He did not owe. As we celebrate this second feast or appointment with God each year, we do so to be constantly reminded of our part of the agreement; the forsaking of all sinful lifestyles. God gave His church this second feast to keep before our forgetful minds the constant reminder to not only keep the Passover; to not only receive the pardon from death but to also LEAVE the place where we were once bound. Christ accepts you *“Just as I am”* However, He only remains with you as you become *“Just as He is.”* The purpose of your redemption is for your deliverance from the slavery of sin and it’s dominion over you.

As we search the scriptures about this second feast we find that God commanded His children to keep this feast immediately after Passover⁹. Just like the Feast of Passover, this second feast of Unleavened Bread was commanded to be kept forever! Just as we use the natural elements of wine and bread in the previous annual feast; during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we also use a natural means to impress upon our natural minds the vital and life giving spiritual truths represented by these natural symbols.

During this seven day feast we are instructed by God to celebrate this feast by removing all natural products from our homes that contain yeast which is the symbol of sin. In removing these items from our home it’s a most wonderful opportunity for us to be reminded annually and a time to teach our children the dire consequences of sin and our responsibility to rise above the flesh and the leavening of Satan. We have such a wonderful opportunity during this feast to use these natural actions such as simply removing natural leaven from our homes to teach us the profound truths that we so often forget about sin and its tendency to spread as a malignant disease through our

⁹ Exodus 12:14-17, Leviticus 23:5-6

bodies until it ends in death.

As you read *Exodus 12:15-19; 13:7* you will see how serious God is about this annual appointment with Him as together with the Holy church we focus our attention on the lessons provided in this annual feast.

I just love how the Old Testament and the New Testament are always in agreement. We know from Paul's writing that the early church also kept this annual festival. He continues to teach us in his writings about the importance of removing sin from our lives on a daily basis and quite ironically he also compares our sin to leaven¹⁰. Leaven puffs up and so does sin. Sin left unconfessed will become your worst nightmare. Sin left unhealed will disease not only your mind and your body but everyone that you love and hold dear will suffer from your selfishness of sin. As you refuse to confess and rise about your sins you are making a mockery of the cross of Christ. As you claim to follow Him and yet remain in Egypt you commit sacrilege of the highest order. You cannot rightfully celebrate Passover without entering into the long and winding journey through the Feast of Unleavened Bread. God hates sin and you must hate it with the same passion.

Unleavened bread contains no leaven and therefore indicates the absence of sin. Our lives must become as unleavened as this natural unleavened bread used as a symbol in this feast; as we abrogate sin, as we abhor sin and we eradicate the very last vestiges of it from our lives. We must not only be delivered from Egypt but that cursed land must be delivered from us. Our passions must not smell like Egypt, our looks must not remind us of Egypt, our language must not be indicative of that filthy land. Look back at Egypt, what did you lose there? All I see when I look back is a life filled with shame and embarrassment. Yet, so many Christians wish to celebrate Passover (communion) each year while living in Egypt, drinking the blood and eating the body while mocking those very elements by the lives they live. One cannot adequately celebrate the crucified Christ until they have been crucified with him as a living sacrifice.

This annual appointment with God is to serve as our constant reminder to put all sin, all breaking of God's laws away from us as we move on from the

¹⁰ *1 Corinthians 5:8*

elementary doctrines of Christ and move unto perfection; completeness in the full stature of Jesus Christ.

FEAST OF PENTECOST, WEEKS OR FIRSTFRUIT

Again why does God give us the command to keep these annual appointments with Him? He wishes to use these simple celebrations, these natural illustrations to reveal to us the continuity of His eternal plan for the church and the world. The keeping of these feast could be compared to your employers continuing education classes; for the purpose of keeping employees in constant remembrance of company policies, plans and strategies. Many employees dread these events because most of the time it's the same thing they heard last time. However, repetition is the best teacher and these annual feast serve as the continuing education of God's Apostolic Church. It is during these annual events that the truth which lies behind the symbols are revealed to us over and over again and it gives us constant assurance that our God has everything in perfect control, on a perfect path and in perfect timing.

This third feast is one of the least understood of them all and sadly so because contained within this simple feast are some of the most prolific truths that the church has ever known. When you think of the word "Firstfruit" or "First born" what do those terms indicate? In order for something to be "first" there must be others yet to come. If I tell you that "*I was here first*" then you can safely assume that others are here also, correct? This third feast of Pentecost was originally called the feast of Firstfruit and for very obvious reasons.

Without the knowledge of the mysteries hidden behind this Feast of Firstfruit it is not hard to understand why most churches believe that every person who dies "unsaved" before Christ returns can never receive salvation. They believe that Christ came the first time for the purpose of desperately trying to save the world in some last ditch effort to try and rectify the damage done by Satan. They seem to think that some sort of contest is going on between

Christ and Satan for the souls of men; if they are correct in their assumptions then the score is not looking very promising for Christ. I wish to say magisterially that there is absolutely no contest going on between Christ and Satan and no matter what the mirage may look like, Satan has never nor will he ever have “one up” on our King. This annual feast of Firstfruit reveals to us that in fact one day God will redeem the majority of His creation. He will not walk away into eternity with perhaps five percent of His created beings and walk away content with His defeat and wonder for all eternity how he could have lost so many. He will not simply allow Satan to bring the majority of His created beings into the clutches of eternal death. However, at this juncture; at this moment in God's time clock, at this act in the seven act play; God is not calling the world to salvation; He is only calling the Firstfruit, the elect, the Church of God. One day He will indeed call in the “other” fruit, the final harvest, the larger harvest but today He is only calling those who will make up the first harvest. Let us begin studying the scriptures as this vital master key of truth helps you to unlock the treasures of an understanding that perhaps before now you have never known. The truth of this matter will amaze you and you begin to see the hidden mysteries of these festivals the so perfectly show God's plan for the ages in regards to the redemption of His created beings.

As we read *Leviticus 23:15-17, 20* ; we find God's specific instructions concerning this third annual feast. In those scriptures we find that this feast is also to be kept forever! We must stop and understand that all of these feasts were scheduled around the agricultural events of Israel's annual harvest seasons. God uses these two natural barley and wheat harvest which came forth in the spring and the autumn, to demonstrate to us his “*two spiritual har-vest*.” One day God will gather into his barn a very large harvest of souls; the majority of His creation will be gleaned into His kingdom from the clutches of Satan. However, today His focus is not on that large autumn harvest but rather His focus is on that small spring harvest, often called that “*little flock*” in the Bible.

God intended for the spring harvest to represent the church which is being called out as a firstfruit company of believers. We are in fact called by God,

the “*firstfruit of salvation*”¹¹. This firstfruit harvest-this early spring harvest of souls marks the small beginning of His final harvest which shall be called to him during the Millennium reign of Christ and also at the second resurrection.

Now, let's study in detail the specifications of this great feast called Firstfruit. Here is exactly how the first harvest, also called the spring harvest proceeded. First, on the morning of the first day of the week (Sunday) during the Feast of Unleavened Bread a sheaf or one stalk of fresh cut barley was prepared and brought to the priest. The priest would then wave this first grain or this first sheaf from this early first springtime harvest as a wave offering to be accepted of the Lord, Yahweh. This particular offering was referred to as the “wavesheaf offering” and this offering represented the “first” of the firstfruit harvest. In simpler terms; when the early spring harvest was ready to be harvested it could not be harvested until the first stalk was taken from the spring harvest and waved before the Lord as a dedication of the entire harvest being represented in the first of the firstfruit. Once the “first of the firstfruit” harvest had been waved before Yahweh then the spring harvest could begin of this relatively small crop compared to the much anticipated autumn harvest later in the year. Beginning with this day of the waving of the offering the gleaning began and continued until 50 days later when this harvesting would culminate in the feast of firstfruit when Israel gathered to celebrate and give thanks for their early harvest. This feast of firstfruit was held 50 days after the feast of unleavened bread and thus the reason we now call it the feast of Pentecost because the word Pentecost simply means 50.

So, what is the connection with this wave offering and our Lord Jesus Christ? Remember, the first harvest was completely represented in that very first stalk of barley that was waved during the feast of unleavened bread. Who was the very first to be resurrected from the dead into God's family or into the God family? We find the answer in Acts 26:23; we are plainly told that Jesus Christ was the first to rise from the dead. Again, if He is designated as the first then this can only mean He is not the only one that's going to rise from the dead. His being recognized as the first only reiterates the obvious. . .there must be more to come. With His designation as “first of the firstfruit”

as noted in *I Corinthians 15:20.23* and *Colossians 1:18* . . .who do you rightfully imagine the firstfruit will be? If we can safely assume that His being the “first of the firstfruit” can only mean that there is more to come after Him in the resurrection.Can we not also assume that if we are the firstfruit then there must be another harvest to come after we have been harvested?¹²

Let us proceed deeper into this marvelous truth. Please note that Jesus Christ was resurrected towards the closing hours of Saturday, the Sabbath and then later on the first day of the week (Sunday) He ascended to His father to be waved before Yahweh and to be accepted as the representative of the entire first harvest¹³. The resurrection happened at the exact same time as the wavesheaf offering was presented to the priest in the Old Testament, on the first day of the week during the feast of Unleavened bread. Remember, Jesus died during the Passover which immediately precedes and leads into the seven day feast of unleavened bread. So while Christ lay in the tomb the feast of Unleavened Bread was being celebrated in Israel. On the first day of the week during this festival, Jesus Christ, the first of the firstfruit, the first sheaf of the first harvest of souls was waved before Yahweh and accepted. He was now the first resurrected Son of God, not the first begotten or the first created Son of God but rather the first resurrected, spiritually born Son of God and as such He was the first harvested product of God's master plan for the ages. Jesus Christ was now the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of many brethren, the very firstborn Son of God, the first human to overcome temptation and to complete the process of salvation of being completely born again.

Now, we must consider a very important element of this great mystery. Jesus Christ needed power to overcome sin! Jesus Christ was a man, His godliness had been abdicated for His manliness. He did no spiritual works in the entirety of His life until a very special even took place, the infilling of the Holy Ghost. The very blood brothers of Christ, His entire family refused to recognize Him as anyone special; they called Him mad on a few occasions. Apparently He never seemed to impress upon them who lived with Him daily that he was anything more than a man. He in fact did no miracles and no

¹² *James 1:18, Romans 8:23*

¹³ *John 20:17*

spiritual work until he finds Himself in the river of Jordan¹⁴. In the following verse it will be made abundantly clear to you that Jesus was a man just like you and I who depended completely upon and desperately needed the baptism of the Holy Spirit before He could begin His ministry.

John 14:10

Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I speak not of myself: BUT THE FATHER THAT DWELLETH IN ME HE DOETH THE WORKS.

Who does the works? Not the man Christ Jesus, He was just like you and I, helpless without God. Who did the works that Jesus was able to do? Something dwelled in Him that gave Him the power to overcome, the power to heal, the power to cast out devils and this power was not His power it was the power of the Holy Ghost which is the Father as He indwells each spiritually begotten Son of God. The Holy Ghost is not a separate person from the Father. If Jesus credits all these wonderful works to the Father and we know that He didnt do all these works until the “Holy Spirit” settled upon Him in baptism then who is doing the works? The Holy Spirit or the Father? Absolutely, it’s the Father because the Father is the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is in fact as the scriptures teach us the very Spirit of God or the Spirit of the Father or the very essence, life, breath, the very substance of the Father. This substance, this essence filled the man Christ Jesus and as the scriptures teach Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost and power. He was totally dependent upon His father for everything. He walked on the water only because His father graced Him to do so. As He trusted in God He was able to walk upon the water. He walked on water as a man not as a God; He used the very same source that Peter used to walk on the water, faith in the Father, the Holy Ghost. Jesus is God because Jesus learned obedience and at His resurrection was declared to be Very God¹⁵

The first of the firstfruit promised those of us who shall make up that first small harvest that we needed that same spiritual help that He had; in fact He promised us that same spiritual help¹⁶. When you read the verses in John chapter 14 please note that Christ has promised them a Comforter. Now, slide down to verse twenty-six (26) and we learn that this Comforter is

¹⁴ John 5:30, 8:28

¹⁵ Romans 1:4

¹⁶ John 14:16

indeed the Holy Ghost and this Holy Ghost when it comes would tell them the exact same things that Christ had already taught them. The reason for this? Because Christ said repeatedly that He only taught what He heard His Father say; His Father was the Holy Ghost. One must only read the account of the Immaculate Conception to identify who the Father of Jesus is “***For the Holy Ghost shall conceive in you***”¹⁷ that’s the words spoken to Mary by the angel. The reason the Holy Ghost will speak the same words as Jesus spoke is because Jesus only spoke what His Father, the Holy Ghost was speaking so therefore their words would be identical.

Up until this point the Holy Ghost had been “With” the disciples because it had dwelled in Christ and Christ was “with” them. However, the administration of the plan now changes and the Holy Ghost will no longer be “with” them but it shall soon be “in” them; the exact same Holy Ghost that dwelled in Christ now dwells in the church. We find that the church received this wonderful promise exactly fifty (50) days after Jesus, the “first of the first-fruit” was waved before Yahweh. The first harvest was now empowered to begin building the church of Jesus Christ. On this wonderful day of Pentecost, the firstfruit were established in the earth as a sure guarantee to the Father that very soon at the first resurrection this first harvest would come to full fruition and from this first harvest will eventually come an even larger and greater harvest, the second harvest.

Many people have no problem experiencing Passover (the forgiveness of sins) they even venture into the feast of Unleavened Bread (the forsaking of sin, sanctification) but they fail to proceed and celebrate the feast of Firstfruit or Pentecost; they fail to receive power which comes from the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ. If you have not received the Holy Spirit today then you are in fact missing out on this tremendous Feast of Firstfruit. This gift is freely given upon true repentance which results from true and living faith in Jesus Christ. That faith then produces its natural results; works; and then you follow Christ in obedience to the watery grave of baptism where you call on and confess the name of the Lord Jesus Christ publically and following that obedience and by the ministry of the laying on of hands you are guaranteed to receive the Holy Ghost; this is the promise of God to all who obey Him.

Now, that you have left Egypt, (Passover) forsaken a lifestyle of sin (Unleavened Bread) you really should celebrate this third Feast of Firstfruit and allow the baptism of the Holy Spirit to place you into this first harvest called the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are placed into this first harvest upon receiving the Holy Ghost. So, annually we as the *Apostolic Church of God* gather to wave our physical symbols of wheat before the Lord as we remember the resurrection of our Lord and as we are reminded of our resurrection, what a glorious reminder. Only in keeping this annual feast are we constantly aware of the hope that lieth within us, the hope of the resurrection of life.

FEAST OF TRUMPETS

As glorious as the Feast of Firstfruit is; without the feast of trumpets it's only a wish rather than a true hope. The firstfruit harvest of believers cannot be reaped without those believers being completely born again as spiritual beings. This born again experience will not happen until the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and as we celebrate each year the Feast of Trumpets this is what our celebration is in fact reminding us of on a consistent basis; the second coming of Christ.

This festival and all of the ones we will discuss from here on out are unlike all the previous ones; they have not yet been fulfilled. The prior feast we've discussed have found their fulfillment in Christ and in the Day of Pentecost. So therefore those feast are commemorative feast, in remembrance of past events. However, all of the feast have not yet found their fulfillment and they are in fact shadows of things still to come. This feast of Trumpets not only foreshadows and foretells the coming of Christ to resurrect and change the firstfruits, it also foretells the terrible times of war and destruction that lie just ahead in God's time line as revealed in these feast. The feast of Trumpets that we celebrate annually by the physical blowing of trumpets serves as a wonderful time of anticipation as we remember God's promise to protect us from the horrors that shall soon come upon the clueless world.

To understand the feast you must read its origins as recorded in the book of *Leviticus 23:23-25*. Please make a special note that this feast begins the final autumn feast which we celebrate each year. All the previous feast took place in the early part of the year in the spring. Those spring festivals have all been fulfilled in our lives. However, these upcoming feast we celebrate in anticipation of their fulfillment not in remembrance as we do the spring feast. The feast of Trumpets is to begin in the seventh month, towards the end of the year. As a scriptural numerologist I pay particular attention to any sevens that I see in scripture as this is the number of completion, it's God's signature. In this seventh month we will find the remaining four feast. All of the up-coming, yet unfulfilled feast are all set to take place in the seventh month, the time of completion and fulfillment. The festival that begins on the first day of this seventh month, the Feast of Trumpets is actually the beginning of the end on God's time line and in God's plan for the ages.

Whenever a trumpet sounded in ancient Israel, great fear fell upon the people because this sound was normally associated with war and destruction. This Feast of Trumpets is actually celebrated each year in our congregations with the blowing of several different types of trumpets. This simple and symbolic ritual keeps before our eyes the truth of the wrath of God upon ungodly men. This festival reminds us to be ready for these cataclysmic events that will begin as the seven angels begin to sound these seven trumpets and especially when the Lord Jesus Christ descends from heaven with a shout and the voice of a trumpet.

We know from the teachings of Christ Himself that His kingdom would be established, His second coming would happen during a time of great world war¹⁸. There is a very good reason why Jesus must return. Man, in our quest for global domination; as a result of our evil hearts, we have devised weapons of mass destruction such as our forbears have never known nor even dreamed of. For the first time in the history of our species we could totally annihilate our very existence on earth with the push of a few buttons and the entering of a few codes. The destruction of all flesh would be completed in a matter of hours around the world if in fact Satans diabolical plan of mass destruction

18 *Matthew 24:3, 6-8*

takes place, everyone would die. Should Jesus not return at the very moment that He will return then in fact we would destroy our own selves¹⁹ According to the scriptures in Matthew 24 the final trumpet, the last trump, the seventh trumpet when it sounds will save all flesh from complete extinction by that glorious appearing, the blessed hope of the saints.

Unfortunately, the modern church with itching ears have been lulled into complacency and absolute deception with the theory of a rapture when we shall all somehow escape the tribulation. However, nothing could be farther from the truth. While we shall have supernatural protection during those evil days; we shall not be exempt from troubles and trials. If those early martyrs suffered for the cause of Christ how do we consider ourselves more privileged than they? However, the scripture plainly states that while we wait here on earth, we shall know God's sovereign protection²⁰. In fact the only reason that Christ will intervene during this time of trouble on the earth, this World War III is simply for the sake of "*the elect*" which is the Church, the firstfruit harvest. He will cut time short and rescue mankind from nuclear annihilation²¹.

Each year as the true Church of God celebrates this feast we not only keep this appointment in anticipation of the second coming of Christ but also as a continual reminder that God has promised to protect His little flock during these horrible times of wrath to be visited upon the earth. Once the persecution has ended and at that very dramatic point when the nations are engaged in a global religious war of mass devastation then our Lord at the moment of our utter destruction as a species will intervene and call forth His *Dream Team*, His family of tried and proven brothers and as they rise to meet Him in the air, they will then descend with Him as the 144,000 upon the Mount of Olives and together rule the nations with Him. These are the glorious events that annually we as a church celebrate. We choose to keep these truths before our eyes and in our consciousness in the forms of these feasts and this is the very reason God commands us to keep them forever; in doing so we keep these truths before our eyes. When Satan tries to convince the chosen people of God that our God has lost control; our God is grasping at straws trying

19 Matthew 24:21-22

20 Revelations 3:10, 12:14

21 Matthew 24:22

to think of some way to counter Satans plan; our God is asleep at the wheel; the world is in chaos . . . Whatever his lies are we are assured in the keeping of the annual Feast of Trumpets that our God, Yahweh, is a sovereign ruler with an absolutely well timed plan for Satans final defeat and for the soon coming final harvest when Jesus Christ will offer as an offering to His father, the nations of the world that was lost in the garden of Eden! Who wouldn't want to join with God's true church in the keeping of such annual celebrations of truth? We, the saints of the most high God can be assured that as we come together each year in constant celebration of these truths we have a very special destiny tied to the Feast of Trumpets. Not only are we celebrating our promised resurrection but also our promised potential as rulers in the government of God;

Revelation 20:6

***. . .they shall be priest of God and of Christ and they shall reign with Him
a thousand years***

I invite you to experience more than Passover, Unleavened Bread and Pentecost . . .strive to arrive at this great Feast of Trumpets . . .this will be the great rendezvous of the Church both the Old Testament church and the New Testament church. It is so wonderful each year to arrive at our meeting location and in perfect unity with God's true saints rejoice together at our future role in God's government on this restored earth, this heavenly earth.

FEAST OF ATONEMENT

The fifth festival celebrated each year by the *Apostolic Church of God* is one of my favorites. This feast is a true celebration of the saints as we join together to be reminded each year of the final demise of our arch enemy, Satan himself. Lest we grow weary in our minds by Satans daily attacks, lest we fail to remember that he indeed has a short time; we joyfully celebrate the day of atonement. After the feast of Trumpets, the second coming of Christ, immediately Satan, the God of this world will be dealt with.

Please be reminded that at Christ first coming He did not come to remove Satan from his legally given realm of authority. Jesus came to be obedient to His father, to earn His position as the first born Son of God in the resurrection, to pass the test of temptations, to obey every word of God's eternal laws. Just as Christ passed His first test, just as sure as He cried "it is finished" and accomplished His first goal; He shall do the same at His second coming. The Lamb will return as a Lion, not for peace and not for suffering but to receive His promised kingdom and there cannot be two Kings in a kingdom; so one of these kings must be deposed. This is the true purpose of Christ second coming; to finish what he started, to destroy the works of Satan; to end His tyrannical rule over the hearts of men created in the very image of God. Pauls tells us that Satan is still the current world ruler²². However, immediately following the feast of Trumpets when the second coming occurs and the members of the government of God's new and glorious kingdom is resurrected to eternal life; then immediately after the marriage supper Satan will then be imprisoned for one thousand years during the 7th day of the Kingdom of God on earth.

What does this mean? Remember, Satan as ruler of the airwaves; he controls the population through the atmosphere where his dominion is located. He saturates the minds of men with conflicting emotions of hate and lust and greed and envy. He causes men to be unable to see the truth of God's Word unless of course they are called by the Holy Spirit and chosen or elected, then the scales are removed supernaturally by the Holy Ghost. However, for the rest of humanity; they are completely deceived²³. Only when he is bound and his influences stymied will the nations of the world who were not called in this day; only then will all men be able to truly hear the gospel. Only then will the eyes of the blind be open to the marvellous truths that you and I can now so plainly see by the gift of grace. You and I have come to God under Satans government. While living as an exiled colony of God's kingdom under the control of a fallen government ruled by the forces of evil; we have re-mained faithful to the laws of God in a lawless world. This is the very reason for this special group of believers; there is great position awaiting in God's

22 *II Corinthians 4:4*

23 *Rev 12:9*

future world-ruling government. However, one day men will hear the gospel without being deceived. Satans power over the minds of humanity will be broken and then every “*eye will see, every tongue shall confess*” because they will no longer be held in Satans sway. This all happens on the Day of Atonement which we celebrate annually with a great revival style atmosphere of praise and celebration and we gleefully anticipate the victory of our God over the forces of darkness. All of humanity living in the coming 7th day will finally be made - at one- with God and His resurrected sons, the royal family of eternity, the ultimate *Dream Team*.

To better understand the mysteries contained in this feast let us study it's true purposes from the scriptures. We find this feast described in the book of *Leviticus 23:27; 16:29-31*. I strongly encourage you to read all scriptural references to determine these truths for yourself. Here we find that this annual celebration or feast or appointment was to occur nine (9) days after the Feast of Trumpets. I absolutely love to see God's perfect plan being revealed in the timing and unfolding of these often misunderstood festivals. The modern church has robbed herself completely of these annual celebration from the modern preacher who has completely distorted some of Pauls writings concerning annual festivals²⁴. On this Feast of At-one-ment God's church is commanded to appear before Him in a holy convocation and to do no work on this day, it is what we refer to as a High Sabbath²⁵. This is the only feast where we are required to fast; all other annual feast are celebrations which involve feasting. However, on this particular day there is a reminder before our eyes of the results of Satans six-thousand (6,000) years of ruling and that result is the awful consequences of sin. As we fast at this Feast of Atonement we are both celebrating Satans defeat and also recognizing the horrors of his rule and such an acknowledgment causes us to mourn for the loss of millions who have died as his slaves in this fallen world. Also, we must remember that the thought of “Atonement” gives us an interesting word play of etymology. Literally when the word is broken down we can see that finally at this coming feast man will truly and finally be set At-One-ment with God our Heavenly Father. However, this grand reunion cannot truly happen until the progenitor of sin is restrained and our fellowship with God will be unhindered unlike it

²⁴ *Order my book; God's Holy Day for a better explanation and deeper study of Pauls writings concerning the Holy Days*

²⁵ *Leviticus 23:27*

was in the garden of Eden.

In the Old Testament God has plainly revealed to spiritual minds how this Feast of Atonement on that future day will be carried out. We find this mystery revealed to us in the entire 16th chapter of Leviticus. In this chapter, the Levitical priesthood have been instructed by God how the Day of Atonement should be symbolized: The priesthood was to make a special offering once a year for the sins of the entire nation of Israel²⁶. Before this offering could be made two goats were brought before the priest and lots were cast to determine which one would be the sin offering and which one would be the “Azazel Goat” sometimes mistakenly called the Scapegoat²⁷. One of these goats of course represented Christ, the sin offering that would remove the sins from the nation. However, many people fail to recognize who the second goat represents. Read closely in verse ten (10) and you will see that this second goat was to be banished. Our English word “*Scapegoat*” is absolutely a wrong translation of the original Hebrew word from which it derives. Most Bibles have corrected this error and now state in the margins that rather than scapegoat this should be known as the Azazel goat. The word Azazel among those desert dwellers of Sinai always referred to Satan, the Devil.

Now, note carefully something most interesting in this symbology; once the goat representing Christ was killed and the sins removed from the people; those sins didn’t just evaporate into the unknown; they actually had to be placed on a responsible party and in this story that would be the Azazel goat. Although the sin offering removed the past sins from the people; he couldn’t carry responsibility for the sin. You will note that in verses 21-22 of this same chapter in Leviticus that once the sins had been transferred to the responsible part, the Azazel goat, he was then removed from the camp and taken into the wilderness which is always the symbol for sins and temptations.

These types have been and shall be fulfilled in the persons of Christ and Lucifer. While Jesus took the penalty for our sins, he suffered the “*curse of the law*” which is death; He is not responsible for the origins of sin, He is not the source of sin and therefore is not ultimately responsible. The real cause of sin

²⁶ Leviticus 16: 29-34

²⁷ Leviticus 16:7-8 - Most Bible translators have corrected the word “scapegoat” to “Azazel goat”

is a person, Lucifer²⁸. As seen in the symbols of Atonement, all the sins originated by Satan will ultimately wind right back up on his head as he will finally bear the responsibility. Although Jesus paid the penalty, true justice will not have been served if the responsible party doesn't pay the final price and bear the ultimate responsibility. He shall bear a great punishment for all eternity because he is an eternal creature with eternal life inherit within him and he cannot die so therefore he must suffer eternal torment, his only just reward.

Rev 20:1-2

***And I saw the angel come down from heaven
having the key to the bottomless pit in his
hand and a great chain in his hand.***

***And he laid hold on the Dragon, that
old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan and
bound him a thousand years.***

Notice where Satan will be cast . . . into the great abyss or bottomless pit. What is this? This is the same in typology as the ancient wilderness as mentioned in the book of Leviticus. Both places; the wilderness and bottomless pit are metaphors for the unknown, a place to be feared. The Azazel goat was to be cast into the exact same type of place as the bottomless pit, into the wilderness where he would be forgotten. When Satan is bound just like the Azazel goat he will no longer be able to broadcast his thoughts into the mind sets of humanity and thus continuing his deception; his purpose will have ended.

Also, it should excite the spiritually begotten child of God to notice another intricate detail revealed in the feast of Atonement. The Azazel goat in the Old Testament was bound by what's called in the King James version "*a fit man*"²⁹. When this part of that Old Testament symbology is fulfilled very soon after the second coming, there will be another "*fit man*" referred to as an angel in the book of Revelation and this "*fit man*" will bind Satan and lead him away into the wilderness, the unknown area called the bottomless pit.

²⁸ John 8:42-44

²⁹ Leviticus 16:21

The fifth step in God's plan for the ages will have been fulfilled then because at this event people will then begin to realize their sins and without Satans deception they will desire to repent and in this last day God's spirit will then fall on all flesh as prophesied by Joel, the true outpouring on all flesh will happen after Satan is bound. Only then will people be "At One" with Christ at this beautiful feast of "At-One-Ment."

I personally invite you to find some of God's people who annually keep this coming event in the forfronts of our minds as we joyfully keep this feast of Atonement. You should be reminded on a regular basis that Satan is a defeated with a definite end. Is there any other holiday that your keeping which portrays such a wonderful message? Then perhaps God is calling you to join others in rejoicing in the annual festivals. Are we advocating the keeping of these feast as necessary for salvation? Absolutely not. However, we do conclude that these feast will help you on your journey in keeping the truths of God's plan ever before your eyes. Why do many Christians continue to celebrate Christmas, the birth of Christ? Isn't one time enough? No! In the constant annual remembrance our focus is kept in a right direction, a con-stant reminder of Christ birth. God's holy festivals are designed to help your faith, to keep your hope alive. Rather than the holidays of pagans and men who have no hope in God perhaps you might consider celebrating God's Holy Days, His feast and appointments. In doing so your faith will arise to a new level, you will look forward all year to the celebrations that Yahweh instituted rather than the meaningless holidays of pagans and men.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

The sixth event on Gods calender, the sixth festival or appointment is one of extreme importance. You should pray diligently for God to personally reveal to you the depths of this particular feast. Only with a true understanding of these yet to be fulfilled feast of Israel can you see God's hand working in the kingdoms of men.

The Feast of Tabernacles occurs only five days after the feast of Atonement.

So, it occurs shortly after Satan and his evil influences over the minds of men has been bound. You can find the details of this feast for your own personal study in *Leviticus 23:34 and also Deuteronomy 16: 13-15*. This particular festival is a seven day feast just like the feast of Unleavened Bread. You will notice in verse 35 of Leviticus 23 that God commanded this feast to be kept by his true followers forever! This feast is also known as the *Feast of Ingathering* because it is associated with the two annual harvest in Israel. While the Feast of Firstfruit was the early and small spring time harvest and as it represents the small little flock called The Church . . .the Feast of Tabernacles is held during the late autumn harvest where the large harvest is gathered in, representing a much larger harvest than the small church gathered in the first harvest³⁰.

In order to get a true feel of the celebratory nature of this particular feast of God you need to spend some time studying Deuteronomy 16: 14-15. They are told to “**rejoice in their feast.**” This was to be a time of dancing and joy and merriment. Everyone including the servants and the strangers were to participate in this free for all celebration. Again they are told “**Thou shalt surely rejoice**” . . .Laugh, Play, Sing, Dance, Rejoice, all of those words indicate the festivities that the inhabitants of earth shall know when Satan has been bound and the Kingdom of God is being established upon the earth and the **Dream Team** begins to bring forth the plans of God throughout humanity. An old song of the church reminds us “*What rejoicing there will be when the saints shall rise.*”

As we study more about this 6th feast which will transpire during the 7th day of God's plan for the ages, we read about the food that is to be enjoyed during this feast³¹. In this verse we see God telling them and us that during the celebration of this feast we are to enjoy everything, all the bounty of the earth. Why? Because every year as the church gathers for this seven day conference, we all spend this week in total feasting and celebration and rejoicing as we anticipate the coming fulfillment when God shall use us to help Him gather in the much larger harvest of souls, the greatest revival the world has ever known, this shall all occur during the golden age of God's kingdom on

30 *Leviticus 23:39*

31 *Duet 14:26*

earth. During the Millennium under the righteous rule of Christ and His glorious sons the earth shall rejoice, she shall give forth abundantly of her crops, every man shall know the ways of God, the laws of God, every man shall be filled with the Holy Spirit and given a great gift of enjoying the earth as Adam and Eve did, in its Edenistic qualities. Every year as a church we celebrate this coming celebration as we worship the Lord in song and dancing and joyful fellowship and banqueting. This wonderful world tomorrow will be a literal utopia and you and I shall serve the nations of the world during this time if we have been counted worthy of the kingdom of God by our living and active faith which drives us into complete obedience to the Masters will, His commands.

As you continue to read more about this particular feast you will find it was also called the Feast of Booths; *Leviticus 23:40-42*. During this feast all the Israelites moved from their permanent homes and pitched temporary dwellings or booths for the duration of this feast. Why did they do this? Because in moving into temporary dwellings they and we are reminded of the temporary nature of this fleshly body that we currently live in. We are reminded that during this coming Feast of Tabernacles during the Millennium we shall all be released from the holds of the flesh and live in our new Spirit bodies. We also know that by reading *Micah 4:1-2* that during this time the nations of the world will come to us for instructions in the ways of God. According to *Isaiah 11:9 and Jeremiah 31:34* the whole world will finally be gathered in as the final harvest of God. Before God could acquire this large autumn harvest he first called for the early spring harvest, you and I. Oh the glory and the majesty of God's ways.

FEAST OF THE LAST GREAT DAY

After the One Thousand years foreshadowed by the annual feast of Tabernacles have ended then the great finale of God's plans will finally be shown to the world. Only those who understand these wonderful feast and their meanings have any idea of how God plans to deal with the billions who have died without having a chance to hear the gospel. Of all the subjects that I discuss with theologians and ministers, this subject always produces a mixed bag of answers of which none make any sense. It wasn't until I began to understand this final feast of Israel that finally I understood God's plans for those that He did not call to salvation in this our day. He is a fair and just God and He will never allow anyone to die eternally without a chance. However, He is also a Holy God and He will never allow anyone to come to Him through any other means than the gospel of Jesus Christ and believing in the same. So, this presents the world of theology with a great conundrum.

Perhaps you have an answer to the age old question; What happens to all of those billions who have lived and died without the luck of a missionary reaching them? What about those who live around you that the Holy Spirit has not drawn them to repentance, they are completely blinded to truth. What effects you and produces a response falls off of them like water on a ducks back. Are these people lost forever? What about the aborted children? What about those who died before ever hearing the gospel in any form? Is the destiny of all these people an eternal death, separated from God? What is your answer to this question? It begs an answer rather than a preconceived idea that in the end makes absolutely no sense. Learned men of great wisdom have answered this same question for me with the following answers:

- *Well, God has a special plan for those people.*
- *Well, anyone can look at nature and know there's a God and therefore they are without excuse.*
- *Well, God in His mercy will allow them to be saved without accepting Christ.*

The reason that none of the above “canned answers” will work is because they are based upon mans reasoning rather than the plain dictates of the Word of God. The answer to this age old and daunting questions is gloriously revealed to spiritually understanding minds in this last, seventh and final feast of Israel, the Feast of the Last Great Day.

I can't help but wonder why we have come to believe that God will be satisfied with just a little handful of His created beings. Do we really surmise that God created a people that He was absolutely unable to bring to salvation? Are to accept that this amazing and august God will walk off into eternity accepting the loss of His created being and wonder for all eternity how Satan won and what more could God have done to keep from losing His own creation. Of the 155,000,000 that have lived and died without the gospel, we seem to think that God is just going to say “Oh well, I tried” and relinquish their souls to His archenemy? We misinterpret the words of Jesus when he talks about “few there be that find it” as he taught on eternal life. What people fail to understand is that during the age of the church there is indeed very few who will find eternal life but during the kingdom age, eternal life will find each and everyone that at one time died without having heard the gospel. As Joel prophesied “ In that Day, God will pour out His Spirit upon ALL FLESH” (*Order my book: Was This really That for a better understanding of the happenings at Pentecost*) God created mankind and claimed that crowning achievement as His own masterpiece and I dare conclude that He has absolutely no intentions of accepting defeat and relinquishing 90% of His handiwork to the belching flames of hell. Scripture plainly tells us that God has one desire, to see all men saved!

II Peter 3:9

The Lord is not willing that any should perish . . .but that all men should come to repentance.

I Time 2:4

God our Saviour. . .who would have ALL MEN to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Try as I might, I cannot fathom the great Creator as not seeing His desires come to pass. According to the Word of God, His desire is that ALL MEN be set free from Satans control so that they may hear the glorious message of truth and be brought unto salvation. So, is it any stretch of the imagination that in fact He has designed a perfect plan as revealed in these Feast of Israel to bring to pass His eternal plan for the majority of men to be saved and returned unto God, their Creator. You can believe on thing, God didn't create a plan for salvation and then only granting this plan to those lucky enough to have someone "reach them: with this plan and then all others not so lucky will simply be out of luck. On the other hand according the Word of God, no person, no one will ever be saved without accepting Jesus Christ as the sacrifice for their sins by faith.

This feast of the Last Great Day reveals to us so perfectly how that God will in fact give every man born to woman the opportunity to hear the glorious message of Christ. All of those that He did not personally call to salvation in the church age, all of those who died before Calvary, all of those who were completely blinded on purpose such as natural Israel; they must all get their chance. But when? But how? But where? All these answers God has beautifully revealed in this final feast. Just as the week is not complete without God's seventh day Sabbath, neither is the plan of God complete without this seventh feast. God's justice, love and mercy is grandly presented in this final and seventh feast. Let us study this feast a little deeper.

What was the last and final feast and how was it celebrated? We must turn to *Leviticus 23: 36,39*. Immediately following the Feast of Tabernacles or the Millennium reign of a thousand years we find in the above scriptures evidence of yet another feast, completely separate and yet at the same perfectly united, it is referred to as the 8th day. This 8th day transpires after the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles and of course 8 is always the number of new beginnings and its at this point that John the Revelator sees a "*New heaven and a New earth*" . . . coincidence? This 8th day being mentioned is in fact "the last day of the feast" making it plain that this celebration ends the plan for the ages of time and it ushers us into the new day of eternity. Notice carefully that Jesus Himself kept this 8th day festival as proven in *John 7:37*. This festival is a perfect type of The Great White Throne Judgement which will occur at the 2nd resurrection of those who didn't die in the faith, they are referred to as "the rest of the dead." These events are described for your further

study in the book of Revelation 20:5 - 12. At this point all mortals who were not in the elect, or members of this chosen Dream Team, they shall rise again to mortal life whereas the church rises in the first resurrection to eternal life. In the first resurrection the judgement will not be for eternal life but rather it will be a judgment of rewards for the works of Christians done in this life-time. However, the second judgement, the Great White Throne Judgement will be for God to judge the souls of men to eternal life or eternal death. If you read the scriptures you will notice here that this judgement will be a place where decisions are made according to the works of these people who have never heard the gospel and if you will notice, not only will the Book of Life be there but also other will books will be there for the judgement. It just so happens that the original Greek word for “books” is “biblia” which is the exact same word used for the English word “Bible”. We have reasons to believe that the actual books that will be opened at this final judgement will in fact be the very Word of God. The gospel will be presented from these books and every man and woman and child will be then judged by their response to the gospel presented to them during this time of judgement.



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