

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

The Lord is located in Capernaum where He has completed the private instruction to His disciples emphasizing humility and unity.

The Feast of Booths is near.

Jewish calendar

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| 1. Nissan - (Mar-Apr) 30 days | 7. Tishri (Sep-Oct) 30 days |
| 2. Iyar (Apr-May) 29 days | 8. Cheshvan (Oct-Nov) 29/30 days |
| 3. Sivan (May-Jun) 30 days | 9. Kislev (Nov-Dec) 29/30 days |
| 4. Tammuz (Jun-Jul) 29 days | 10. Tevet (Dec-Jan) 29 days |
| 5. Av (Jul-Aug) 30 | 11. Shevat (Jan-Feb) 30 days |
| 6. Elul (Aug-Sep) 29 days | 12. Adar (Feb-Mar) 29/30 days |

Jewish Feasts

1. **Passover:** 14th day of Nissan (Mar-Apr) - (**Lev. 23:5**)

Leviticus 23:5 'In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is the LORD's Passover.'

2. **Unleavened Bread:** 15th day of Nissan - (**Lev. 23:6**)
3. **First Fruits:** 1st Sunday following the feast of unleavened bread – (**Lev. 23:10-11**)

[After 50 days]

4. **Pentecost:** (Feast of Harvest): 50 days following 1st Fruits – (May-June) - (**Lev. 23:15-16**)

[3-4 months]

5. **Trumpets:** 1st day of Tishri (Sept/Oct) - (**Lev. 23:24**)
6. **Atonement:** 10th day of Tishri - (**Lev. 23:27-32**)
7. **Feast of Booths:** 15th day of Tishri - (**Lev. 23:33-34**)

- The prescribed sacrifice for Passover: unblemished male lamb (**Exodus 12:3-5**)
- The sacrifice on the cross at the Passover was Jesus Christ who John described as "the Lamb of God without spot or blemish."

Feast of Unleavened Bread –

- Jesus Christ was the “Bread of Life.” He is impeccable. He is without sin, therefore, unleavened bread. He was put into the earth and God brought forth the “Bread of Life” in His Son, Jesus Christ, from the earth, in resurrection as the First Fruits.

The Feast of Pentecost – 50 days after the Feast of First Fruits

Leviticus 23:15-16 ‘You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering [*feast of first fruits*]; there shall be seven complete sabbaths. ¹⁶ You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath;

- The Sabbath is on Saturday.
- The day after would be Sunday.

... then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD.’

- This is the feast of Pentecost or the feast of harvest.
- The offering of new grain was to express thanksgiving for the harvest after the first fruits were harvested.

Sunday, May 24th in 33 AD is the day that God told the Jews to observe Pentecost.

Acts 2:1-8 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other **tongues**.

- Tongues - γλῶσσα – **GLOSSA** – *languages*

... as the Spirit was giving them utterance. ⁵ Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language [**διάλεκτος - DIALECT**]. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, “Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born [a native dialect]?”

The Holy Spirit came on this day and brought forth a harvest of souls.

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard *this*,

Heard Peter’s Gospel Presentation that is. . .

Acts 2:22-24 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— ²³ this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God,

- God the Father sacrificed His Lamb without spot or blemish on the Passover.

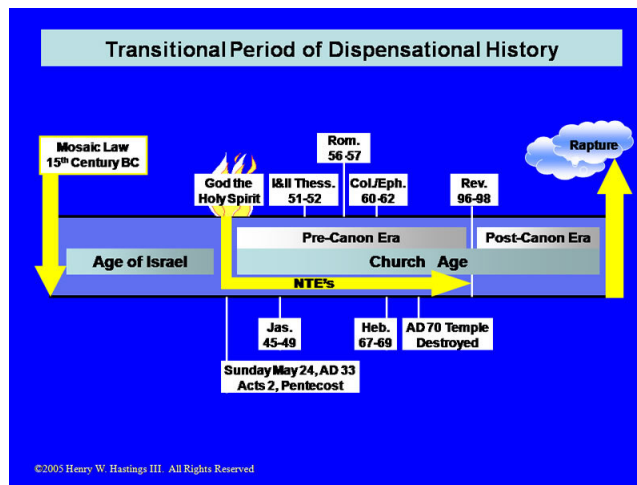
... **you** nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. ²⁴ But God raised Him up again [*during the Feast of First fruits – He brought forth that unleavened bread*

that was buried in the earth], putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.”

Acts 2:37-41 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!” ⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized [*baptism of the Holy Spirit*]; and **that day there were added about three thousand souls.**

1. Passover (Christ was sacrificed as the lamb without spot or blemish.)
2. Unleavened bread (Christ, as the bread of life without sin, was put into the earth.)
3. First fruits (Christ was resurrected.)
4. Pentecost (50 days after Christ was resurrected, the Holy Spirit came and brought forth another harvest of about 3000 souls.)

God observes His feasts when He established them to be observed.



Leviticus 23:23 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴ “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘In the seventh month on the first of the month. . .

- 7th month is Tishri (Sep-Oct).
- Feast of Trumpets

. . . you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing *of trumpets*, a holy convocation.

- Trumpets would be blown from the temple as a signal for everyone in the fields to assemble for worship.
- All work was to cease.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

God celebrates His feasts on the days He appointed them to be celebrated.

The next feast for Him to celebrate is the feast of trumpets which will occur -

‘In the seventh month on the first of the month. . .

➤ 7th of Tishri (Sep-Oct).

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Leviticus 23:25 ‘You shall not do any laborious work, but you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD.’

- **Fire** is a symbol throughout the Bible for the Holy Spirit.
- We will be presented to the Lord by God the Holy Spirit in resurrection.

6th Feast: Atonement 10th day of Tishri (**Lev. 23:27-32**)

- It will be fulfilled by God at the 2nd advent. **Daniel 9:24** – “to make atonement for iniquity.”

7th Feast of Booths – (Ref. our passage **John 7:2.**)

Leviticus 23:33-44 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁴ “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘On the fifteenth of this seventh month (Tishri = Sep-Oct) is the Feast of Booths for seven days to the LORD.

- From the 15th – 22nd of the month of Tishri

³⁵ ‘On the first day is a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work of any kind. ³⁶ For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD; it is an assembly. You shall do no laborious work.

- The Lord’s half brothers want Him to go to Jerusalem and present Himself as the Messiah.

³⁹ ‘On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days, with a rest on the first day and a rest on the eighth day. ⁴⁰ Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. ⁴¹ You shall thus celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It *shall be* a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths, ⁴³ so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.’ ” ⁴⁴ So Moses declared to the sons of Israel the appointed times of the LORD.

God has an Eschatological Plan and He is going to insure that His plan is fulfilled.

He is God and His plan is sovereign.

Zechariah 14:16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

John 7:2-5 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. ³ Therefore His brothers said to Him,

- “His brothers” are the sons that were born to Mary and Joseph after the birth of Christ.
- They were *naturally* conceived and born - - the humanity of Christ was *supernaturally* conceived and born.

“Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. ⁴

“For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be *known* publicly.

If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.”

⁵ For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard Bible (NASB) unless otherwise noted.