

# Feasts + Festivals

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1	Passover	Pesach	14 Nisan (March or April)	Exodus 12:1-4 Leviticus 23:4-5	Commemorates God's deliverance of Israel out of Egypt	The Last Supper was held on Passover (Luke 22). After the Passover meal, they sang a hymn and went to the Mount of Olives (Matt. 26:30). The Jewish Talmud states that the Hallel was traditionally sung which includes Psalm 118:22: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Jesus is that cornerstone (1 Peter 2:4-7).
2	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Hag HaMatzot	15-21 Nisan (March or April)	Exodus 12:15-20 Leviticus 23:6-8	Commemorates God's deliverance of Israel out of Egypt in haste.	Unleavened bread (matzah) is the only type of bread eaten for 7 days. This bread, made in a hurry without yeast represents what the Israelites had to eat in their hasty departure from Egypt.  Leaven or yeast, in the Bible, is a symbol of sin (1 Cor. 5:7-8).
3	Feast of Firstfruits	Reishit	16 Nisan (March or April)	Exodus 23:16; Leviticus 23:9-14	Offerings of the first of the harvest in anticipation and dedication of the full harvest to come.	Firstfruits is a picture of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus rose on the third day of Passover season, 16 Nisan, the day of Firstfruits.  The manna, which God provided as food for the Israelites stopped after they crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land on this day. (Joshua 5:10-12)  Esther risked her life to save the Jewish people on this day. (Esther 3:12-5:7)  Jesus rose from the dead on this day. (Luke 24:44)
4	Feast of Weeks or Pentacost or Feast of Harvest	Shavuot	6 Sivan (May or June)	Leviticus 23:15-21 Deuteronomy 16:9-10	Offerings are given in thanks for the harvest and commemorates the giving of the law.	Celebrated 50 days after Passover. Pentecost means 50 in Greek.  The Holy Spirit was given to the disciples on this day (Acts 2).

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5	Feast of Trumpets or New Year	Rosh HaShanah	1 Tishri (Sept or Oct)	Leviticus 23:23-25 Numbers 29:1-6	The beginning of the Jewish new year	Sometimes referred to as the Day of Judgment (John 5:24-27).  Not to be confused with the other new year mentioned to Moses in Exodus as 1 Nisan.
6	Day of Atonement	Yom Kippur	10 Tishri (Sept/Oct)	Leviticus 23:26-32 Leviticus 25:9 Numbers 29:7-11 Ezekiel 45:20 Zechariah 12:10-13:9 Acts 27:9	The day the High Priest makes atonement for sin.	The Most Holy Place, in the temple, was separated from the Holy Place by a veil from floor to ceiling. It was entered once a year on Yom Kippur, when the high priest offered the blood sacrifice of atonement. When Jesus died on the cross, the veil was ripped from top to bottom (Luke 23:44-46).
7	Feast of Booths or Tabernacles	Sukkot	15-22 Tishri (Sept or Oct)	Leviticus 23-33-43 Numbers 29:12-40 Deuteronomy 16:13-15 John 7	Commemorates the 40-year wilderness journey	Booths or temporary shelters are built and lived for a week to remember how the Israelites lived.
8	Feast of Dedication or Festival of Lights	Hanukkah	25 Kislev – 2 Tevet (Nov or Dec)	John 10:22	Commemorates the purification of the Temple	Celebrates the Maccabee's victory over the Greeks and the rededication of the temple in 165 BC.  Called the Festival of lights because of legendary miraculous provision of oil for the eternal light in the temple.
9	Feast of Lots	Purim	14 or 15 Adar (Feb or Mar)	Esther 9	Commemorates the preservation of the Jewish people through Esther	Purim means "lots" and refers to the lot Haman cast to decide the day he would kill the Jews.