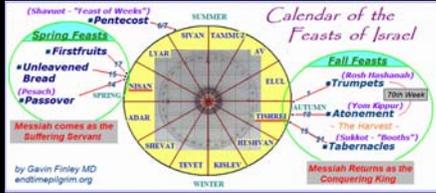


# The Feasts of Israel



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- 3 Spring Feasts
  - Feast of Passover
  - Feast of Unleavened Bread
  - Feast of Sheaf of Firstfruits

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- One Summer Feast
  - The Feast of Pentecost

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- 3 Fall Feasts
  - The Feast of Trumpets
  - The Feast of Atonement
  - The feast of Tabernacles

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### Three Festivals with Seven Feasts

- When we study the Feasts of Israel, there were seven main feast. These feast come under the umbrella of three times of festivals: Spring festival (passover, unleavened bread, firstfruits), summer festival (Pentecost), and fall festival (trumpets, atonement, and tabernacles).

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### General Observations Regarding The Feasts of Israel

- Definition of the Word
  - A. English – Festival “a religious festival of rejoicing as opposed to a fast.
  - B. Hebrew – “Chagag” “to dance, indicating occasions of joy and gladness”.
  - C. Greek – “Herote” “a festival, a holyday”

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- Other definitions of the word "feast" state that it means "an appointed day" or "an assembly", or "a fixed time or season", "times of assembling"

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- These Feast days were occasions when Israel kept Divine appointments; times when they assembled before the Lord, times of gladness and joyousness, times of festivity. All of their worship centered around these three religious festivals.

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### Three Times In A Year



- The Lord commanded Israel to keep these set appointments three times in a year
  - Exodus 23:14, 17
  - Exodus 34:23
  - Deuteronomy 16: 16-17

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## The Feasts And Their Appointments

- The Feasts and their appointments originated with the Lord, not with the Children of Israel. It was God's desire to meet with His people, on His terms, and on His grounds of approach. They were HIS feasts. The Lord was the host and Israel was the guest, invited to feast with HIM

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## The Feasts And Their Appointments

- There are four aspects of the appointment that we consider as we observe each of these feasts:
  - The Appointed Covenant Nation
  - The Appointed Times and Seasons
  - The Appointed Sacrifices and Oblations

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## The Appointed Covenant Nation

- It was to a redeemed people, redeemed from the slavery of Egypt and separated unto the Lord, that the instructions concerning the feasts were given.  
Exodus 19:4  
Psalm 148:14

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## The Appointed Covenant Nation

- The only way any Gentile could participate in the festivals was to become a proselyte to the faith of Israel.

-Ephesians 2:11-13

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## The Appointed Covenant Nation

- It was mandatory that none partake of the feast of tabernacles without the feast of Pentecost. None can partake of the feast of Pentecost without the feast of Passover.

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- Passover = Salvation
- Pentecost = Fullness of the Spirit
- Tabernacle = Perfection of the Church

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## The Appointed Covenant Nation

- 1. All Males Are to Keep the Feasts (Deut 16:16; Exodus 23:17; 34:23)

Deut 16:16

Exodus 23:17

Exodus 34:23

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- The male is the representation of Headship, representing the whole family. He would come to the feast, learn the ways of the Lord and take it back to his family and teach them.

Deuteronomy 6: 3-15

Ephesians 5:23-33

Ephesians 6: 1-4

Colossians 3: 18-21

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- The typical U.S. Congregation draws an adult crowd that's 61% female, 39% male. This gender gap shows up in all age categories.

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- On any given Sunday there are 13 million more adult women than men in America's churches.

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- This Sunday almost 25 percent of married, churchgoing women will worship without their husbands.

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- Midweek activities often draw 70 to 80 percent female participants.

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- As many as 90 percent of the boys who are being raised in church will abandon it by their 20th birthday. Many of these boys will never return.

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- More than 90 percent of American men believe in God, and five out of six call themselves Christians. But only two out of six attend church on a given Sunday. The average man accepts the reality of Jesus Christ, but fails to see any value in going to church.

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## The Appointed Covenant Nation



- 2. None to appear before the Lord empty (Deut 16: 16-17)

Free will offering (Deut 16:10-12)

None were excused because all had something (Exodus 23:15; 34:20)

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- These free will offerings were then distributed to the Levite, the stranger, the widow, the fatherless, the poor and the needy.

- II Corinthians 8-9
- I Corinthians 16: 1-3
- Acts 4: 32-37
- Acts 11:27-30

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- Though Christians number only 33% of the world population, they receive 53% of the entire world's annual income - and spend 98% of it on themselves

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- Only 3 to 5% of Americans who donate money to a church (tithes), although many more claim to do so.

- The typical Protestant gives \$1,219/year to church.

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## The Appointed Covenant Nation

- 3. Promise of Inheritance Preservation (Exodus 34:24)

His promises still hold true if the husband would head the family. (Matthew 6: 24-34, Psalm 121:1-8; Deut 28: 1-6)

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- Next week, the appointed times and seasons.

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