

Many say that the feasts are Old Testament (OT) and we as New Testament (NT) believers no longer have to observe the Father's appointed times. What is the application of the feasts in these last days?

- A. Feasts given as part of the perpetual covenant.
 1. Covenant is more than just the Decalogue.
 2. Covenant is found from **Exodus 20:1 to 23:33**, with Israel ratifying it in **24:3, 7**.
 3. Three feasts found in **Exodus 23:14-17** are part of the covenant.

- B. **Passover/Unleavened Bread. 2 Kings 23:21 (Part of covenant) Leviticus 23:4-8**
 1. Keyed to barley harvest. **Exodus 9:31, Leviticus 23:14, Joshua 5:11** The Passover lamb and the ceremony performed in Egypt was to be a perpetual memorial of Israel's miraculous deliverance from Egypt. **Exodus 12:25-28** This was done on Passover day.
 - a. However, there is a distinction between the lamb and the day.
 - b. The day: The 14th day of Abib (**Ex. 23:15, Lev. 23:4-8, and Deut. 16:1**)
 - c. The lamb: **Deut. 16:2, 2 Chronicles 35:13, Exodus 12:11, Ex. 12:43-47, Matthew 26:17, Mark 14:12-14, Luke 22:7,15** all refer to ordinances of an eaten Passover, not a period of time.
 2. What does the leaven represent here? No offering during this feast was to be brought to the Father with leaven, **Leviticus 2:11**, which seems to represent the sin of hypocrisy (**Luke 12:1, Isaiah 32:6**). Hypocrisy is the secret sin, Do as I say, not as I do (**Matthew 23:1-7, 23:13**), which should not exist in the righteous body of believers.

- C. **Pentecost (Feast of Weeks, Feast of Harvest). Leviticus 23:15-22**
 1. Keyed to the summer wheat harvest. **Exodus 34:22**
 2. This feast is characterized by fire. The verses below are all linked to the summer wheat harvest:
 - a. Sampson torches the Philistines "wheat"--**Judges 15:1-5**
 - b. When Saul was crowned king, Samuel calls fire from heaven--**1 Samuel 12:17-18**
 - c. Cloven tongues of fire descend on those in the upper room--**Acts 2:1-4**
 3. The leaven of Unleavened Bread represents sin. Two loaves were also offered, these with leaven. How do we reconcile **Leviticus 2:11** with this? **Matthew 4:4**...
 - a. Scripture is considered bread, the leaven is doctrine. The bread at Pentecost represents pure doctrine, or said another way, the plain truth.
 - b. Does the leaven at Pentecost also represent sin? If so, Pentecost represents the message of the church presented to the world with sin not yet entirely purged. Or consider c. below...
 - c. The offerings/sacrifices in **Leviticus 2:11** are fire (sin) offerings. The two loaves offered at Pentecost are a wave offering, not a sin offering.
 4. Leaven was used in the loaves at Pentecost for one of two reasons, maybe both.
 - a. Perhaps representing the false doctrine still in the early assembly. **Matthew 16:6, Matt. 16:12, Mark 8:15**

- b. It represented the down payment of the Holy Spirit in the assembly which would leaven the whole lump over time. **Matthew 13:33, Luke 13:20-21**
 1. Every believer is given the earnest (down payment) of the Spirit as soon as they believe. **2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 1:13-14** Every believer is supposed to have an early rain experience or they will not receive the latter rain.
 2. The indwelling at Pentecost seems to represent the earnest (first part or down payment) of the Spirit that the assembly of true believers experienced.

D. **Feast of Trumpets/Day of Atonement** **Leviticus 23:23-32, Lev. all of chapter 16, vss. 33-34** specifically. (D3a and c. is the author's conjecture, and his understanding is subject to change upon further light being shed in this subject.)

1. These feasts are not named in **Exodus 23** as part of the perpetual covenant for a reason.
2. Why were Trumpets and Day of Atonement (DOA) not included in the covenant?
 - a. Trumpets sounded the alarm. Judgment was coming.
 - b. DOA was a day of afflicting of the soul. Judgment was here.
3. Break down the word Atonement = At-one-ment.
 - a. Judgment will not take place throughout eternity. Final judgment is a one play act.
 - b. We will be At-one-ment with the Creator.
 - c. There is no need for these feasts to be part of the perpetual covenant as judgment will not again be needed in the earth made new.
4. These two feasts (in type) brought about the At-one-ment of the assembly with their Creator.
5. These two feasts, while not part of the perpetual covenant, are still in effect today because judgment of the earth is not yet complete--they have not met antitype.

E. **Feast of Tabernacles (Feast of Ingathering, Feast of Booths)** **Leviticus 23:33-43**

1. Keyed to the fall harvest, the final or great harvest of the year. **Exodus 23:16b** (I believe this represents the Final Harvest of the righteous.)
2. **Zechariah 14** says that the Feast of Tabernacles will be observed after the Father's kingdom has been set up on Earth.
 - a. **Zechariah 14:3-4** uses language John borrowed in **Revelation 20** showing us how the New Jerusalem will descend to earth. In all of its dazzling splendor, arrayed as a bride, the Set-Apart City comes down out of heaven and rests upon the place purified and made ready to receive it.
 - b. **Zechariah 14:16-19** tells us that the wicked, who have no desire to observe the feast of Tabernacles and will not come to the city observe this feast (even though the gates are open), and will receive the plagues of Egypt.
 1. Egypt represents sin, and/or....
 2. Pantheism, the worship of Creation rather than the Creator.

3. Those inside the city are the wheat gathered into the Father's storehouse.
4. Those outside the city represent the tares bundled to be thrown into the lake of fire.

F. **These feasts are still applicable to believers today.**

1. These feasts have still not completely met antitype.
 - a. Passover—People are still being delivered from bondage.
 - b. Unleavened Bread—The assembly of believers is still beset with sin (leaven) of which we need to be rid. **1 Corinthians 5:6-8**
 - c. Pentecost—**Lev. 23:21** (all your generations = forever [Strongs H# 1775], not Jewish generations). Have we received the Spirit in full measure? (Latter Rain)
 - d. Trumpets/Day of Atonement have already been discussed in D5.
 - e. Feast of Tabernacles--**Zechariah 14** Discussed in E2.
2. **Colossians 2:14-17** is in no way nailing a law of any sort to the stake. The word for law (nomos) appears nowhere in the whole book of Colossians. The Torah lives...

G. **How are the feasts prophetic? Step by step, they reveal the plan of redemption for man...**

1. Passover represents the first step in the plan of redemption. We are instructed to do something that is against our nature--to obey. And if we do, we will be delivered from bondage. What would have happened if Israel had NOT put the blood on the doorposts that night? Basically, we are told to stick our neck out, be different, OBEY. Now there's a novel idea!
2. Unleavened Bread represents what we are inclined to do after we have been delivered from bondage. We are horrified at our filthy, sinful condition. We will want to get rid of the leaven (or sin). At this point we stand justified before YHVH and our restoration has begun. As we succeed in displacing sin, (in my own studied opinion) we begin to display the fruit of the Spirit, **Galatians 5:22-23**. Because we are given a new heart, the Father is actually responsible for this success. **Jeremiah 31:31-33, Ezekiel 11:19-20 and 36:26-27**.
3. Pentecost represents the indwelling of the Set-Apart Spirit to strengthen us to be overcomers. When we display the fruits of the Spirit we are fit to receive the gifts of the Spirit (this is my own studied opinion). **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**. This is beginning of sanctification.... (NOTE: I have to admit that I do not have any OT support for this. So I have to say that this is my opinion only since I have not yet found the evidence for this in the Torah or the prophets, but do you think the Father will trust us with the gifts of the Spirit if we are not displaying the fruit of the Spirit?)
4. Feast of Trumpets is the most festive of all the feasts, but it also represents the warning that Judgment approaches, get ready. Whether one is nearing the end of life before the return of the Most High, or still alive at the end of time, this feast represents the same. This is the last call to prepare for final judgment.
5. Day of Atonement represents judgment, including the Final Judgment. Everyone will receive his/her day in court. At a point no one yet knows, final judgment will commence.

We are all weighed in the balances and....

6. Feast of Tabernacles represents the harvest of two distinct classes. Those who are weighed in the balances and found wanting (tares, bundled to be thrown into the fire) and those found not wanting, (wheat, gathered into His storehouse). The sanctification process is complete, we are then elevated and honored....
 - a. The imputed justification, restoration, sanctification, elevation, and final redemption is complete.
 - b. Since the feasts are a “dress rehearsal” for the plan of redemption, something we can appreciate with our eyes, ears, nose, mouth and hands, does it not make sense to observe them now? Would you cheat yourself of this experience?
 - c. No one can change the law, but there are some that show us how it was successfully observed. **Matthew 5:17-18**
 - d. The man from Galilee was a feast keeper. **Matthew 26:17-19, John 7**

H. **Friend, what will you do?**

1. The carpenter from Nazareth told us to continue to keep Passover, which Paul did and taught. Passover is a memorial of the exodus (**Exodus 12:25-28**) which was to be observed for a perpetual covenant and has no future prophetic application.
2. There is still sin (leaven) in the assembly of believers, so the Feast of Unleavened Bread has not yet met antitype in full.
3. Believers have still not displayed the full measure of the Spirit of Yah, so the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) has still not met antitype in full.
4. The warning that judgment is coming is still sounding, so Feast of Trumpets has not yet met antitype.
5. The high priest has yet to transfer the sins of the nation (for the last time) onto the head of the scapegoat--representing Satan, so Day of Atonement has not yet met antitype.
6. The final harvest (of earth's history) has not taken place, so the Feast of Tabernacles, which represents the final harvest and the separation of the wheat and tares, has not met antitype at all.
7. If Yeshua or Paul taught that the feasts were abolished, they would have been considered false teachers. **Isaiah 8:20** says there would be no light in them--teaching against the Torah (law).

I. **Did Yeshua do away with all of the sacrifices?** This is a newly added section as it has come to my attention that this issue is causing a lot of confusion on this topic.

1. Even if Yeshua did do away with the sacrifices, you can still observe the Feasts. The Feasts are appointed times, a time set apart by YHVH Most High to worship Him. The sacrifices were ordinances, things done on the Feast day, having nothing to do with the time set apart.

2. There were double sacrifices performed on the Sabbath, yet we will observe the Sabbath. Why then wouldn't the annual Feasts still be able to be observed without the sacrifices?
3. The New Testament writers did not do away with the Feasts, not in the slightest. If you have not been offered this material, ask for it.
4. If all sacrifices were going to be done away with, why do all these verses address a time when Israel would be WITHOUT a sacrifice? If there is a time prophesied that there would be no sacrificing, does that not indicate that the sacrificial system would be restored?

Hosea 3:4-5, 6:6, 14:2, Psalm 54:6, 51:16-17, Micah 6:8 and Jeremiah 33:11

Said another way, the feasts have nothing to do with the ordinance of sacrifices. There were sacrifices offered on days that were NOT feast days. Yes, when the bright light of Shekinah resided in the third compartment of the tabernacle, sacrifices were to be brought before YHVH on the Sabbaths and feasts. But when in bondage, the sacrificial law was suspended. You can still keep the feasts without the blood sacrifices. We are now in bondage. If it were not so, we would not be told to *Come out of Babylon* (the bondage of confusion) *My people*.

5. If Yeshua did away with all the sacrifices, why are all these sacrifices being offered to YHVH at the end of time? The word "sacrifice" in the texts below is the Hebrew word for burnt offering. Clearly, this is the evidence that the sacrificial system would be restored AND that nothing Yeshua did caused the sacrificial law to be eliminated.
 - a. **Zechariah 14:21** – Read the whole chapter. This is about the time after the Kingdom of YHVH is here on earth.
 - b. **Isaiah 19:21** – Here Egypt (the wicked) will sacrifice to YHVH and in context, it is an end time prophecy (see verses 18-20)

I hope you appreciate this study as it was meant to not only enlighten you to the truth but to dispel any myths that surround the festival system.

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