

# Feasts of Israel: Commemorative and Prophetic

Each of the feasts are commemorative and prophetic. Paul said they were "a shadow of things to come" (Cl.2:17)

Feasts	Commemorative (History)	Prophetic (Past and Future)
<b>1</b> Passover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This feast celebrated being delivered from oppression in Egypt, and being given the Promised land. It was a celebration of Jewish freedom.</li> <li>• The lamb was to be roasted with fire and completely consumed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was prophetic of the Messiah's death on the cross as the Passover (Ex.12:46; Ps.22; Is.53)</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> Unleavened Bread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is to remind Israel of the bitterness or bondage, and how they came out of Egypt at night in haste — not having time to leaven their dough (Ex.12:31-34).</li> <li>• Israel did not have time for leavened bread because they traveled in haste.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That no leaven was used speaks of Christ's body not seeing corruption in the grave.</li> <li>• The lamb was completely consumed which speaks of Messiah's not seeing corruption in His body (Ps.16:10; Ac. 2:25-27).</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> First Fruits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This feast is always on the first day of the week following Passover. It is the start of the Barley harvest when the first fruits of the harvest were waved before the LORD. This was for Israel when they entered Canaan for they could not celebrate it in the wilderness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This speaks of the resurrection of Christ as He rose from death (Jb.14:13-14; 19:25-26; Da.12:2-3; Is.60:1-3; 1Co.15:40-41; 1Co.15:20-21).</li> </ul>
<b>4</b> Pentecost or Weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is 50 days after the Feast of Firstfruits. It is the first day of the Wheat harvest when the firstfruits are waved before the LORD. It is called "weeks" because 7 weeks elapsed. This festival of joy concerns the completion of the harvest season.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is the only feast where leaven is used (Le.23"17). This pictured the Gentiles coming to faith in the Messiah.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> Trumpets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This commemorates the start of the civil new year. On this feast a horn was blown at the start of the new moon where the slightest crescent was visible. This required waiting and watching to witness the beginning of the civil new year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This pictures the re-gathering of Israel in the future when God's trumpets shall call them from the ends of the earth (Is.27:12-13; Mt.24:29-31). The application for the church: we await the "trump" to meet the LORD in the air (1Co.15:51-53).</li> </ul>
<b>6</b> Day of Atonement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The "scapegoat" (Le.16:8), which was led away, pictures the bearing of Israel's sin, and taking them away. The High Priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year to make atonement for himself and for the nation of Israel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This pictures the future re-gathering and national repentance of Israel when they will "look upon Him Whom they have pierced" (Zc.12:10-13:1).</li> </ul>
<b>7</b> Tabernacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This feast lasted for 7 days where Israel rejoiced before the LORD having been delivered from Egypt. During the 7 days Israel is to dwell in booths made of palm branches and willows to remember that they lived in temporary, portable dwellings in route to the Promised land. Here God protected and provided for Israel in the wilderness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This feast follows the harvest (Le.23:34, 39) which teaches us that God will gather all the "harvest" before Christ returns to establish His kingdom. This pictures the future millennial kingdom that God promised to the nation of Israel (Zc.14:16-21). As God provided for Israel in the past, He will provide for them in the future.</li> </ul>