

Jewish Calendar: 7-Fold (Heptadic) Structure

7 Feasts of Israel

CALENDAR MONTHS			FEASTS
RELIGIOUS CALENDAR IS 7 MONTHS	1	NISAN	These spring feasts were prophetic of Christ's first coming Passover Unleavened Bread First Fruits
	2	IYYAR	No Event
	3	SIVAN	Pentecost or Weeks
	4	TAMMUZ	No Event
	5	AB	
	6	ELUL	
	7	TISHRI	These fall feasts were prophetic of Christ's second coming Trumpets Day of Atonement Tabernacles
	8	MARCHESVAN	No Event
	9	CHISLEV	
	10	TEBETH	
	11	SHEBAT	
	12	ADAR	

Simple Periods of 7

Week (7) of Days	We are familiar with a week of 7 days with Saturday being the Sabbath
Week (7) of Weeks	This is also called the <i>Hog Shevot</i> or Feast of Weeks
Week (7) of Months	This is the Religious year from Nisan to Tishri
Week (7) of Years	For 6 years they would plow the land, but the 7th year the land is to lie fallow.
Week (7) of Years times 7 + 1 = 50th Year	(Following the week of years is the Jubilee Year . This is the "time of the restitution of all things." That is when the land is reverted back to its original owners. All slaves were set free, and all debts were forgiven. When a Jew sold land, it was actually a lease on its use. Peter speaks of Christ's second coming as "the time of the restitution of all things" (Ac.3:21)

All feasts are based on a cycle of seven with an emphasis on the new beginning. Three feasts are in the first and three in the seventh months, with Pentecost in between. The celebrations are based on about three sets of events. The first occurs in 14 days or two sabbaths. The second occurs in one week. And the last is based on a new beginning following a cycle of Sabbaths.

Sabbaths and new beginnings: The numbers eight and fifty are important because they are the day after a 7 (or multiple), and they begin a new cycle. With this understanding 8, 15, 22, 29, 36, 43 and 50 may assume some meaning because they are the day after.

Circumcision: 7 + 1 (8th day). The action of becoming one of the covenant people was a new beginning as one of the people of God. Jubilee. 49 + 1 = (7 x 7) + 1. The **Jubilee** meant freedom for every one, and was a true new beginning.