

Leviticus 23:1-44 The Biblical Holy Days Pt 1

The Christian church and the people of the world celebrate shared religious holy days like Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving that cannot be found in the Bible. This is done while rejecting the Biblical Holy Days given by YeHoVaH that are clearly mentioned and celebrated by the people of the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments.

In this Chapter of Leviticus, **YeHoVaH, the Most High, instructs Moses to give His people the Holy Days that are to be celebrated by the Body of Messiah with Him as the focus.**

Lev 23:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev 23:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.*

Hebrew Definition

Israel – **03478** יִשְׂרָאֵל Yisra'el {yis-raw-ale'}

Meaning: Israel = "God prevails" 1) the second name for Jacob given to him by God after his wrestling with the angel at Peniel 2) the name of the descendants and the nation of the descendants of Jacob 2a) the name of the nation until the death of Solomon and the split 2b) the name used and given to the northern kingdom consisting of the 10 tribes under Jeroboam; the southern kingdom was known as Judah 2c) the name of the nation after the return from exile

Usage: AV - Israel 2489, Israelites 16; 2505

Greek Definition

Israel - **2474** Ἰσραήλ Israel {is-rah-ale'}

Meaning: Israel = "he shall be a prince of God" 1) the name given to the patriarch Jacob (and borne by him in addition to his former name) 2) the family or descendants of Israel, the race of Israel

3) Christians, the Israel of God (Gal 6:16), for not all those who draw their bodily descent from Israel are true Israelites, i.e. are those whom God pronounces to be Israelites and has chosen to salvation

Usage: AV - Israel 70; 70

YeHoVaH established the foundation for the Feast Days on the fourth day of Creation and established the Seventh Day Sabbath on the seventh day of Creation.

Ge 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Feasts – **04150** מוֹעֵד mo'ed {mo-ade'} or מִוְעֵד mo'ed {mo-ade'} or (fem. מוֹעֵדָה) mo'edah (2 Chr 8:13) {mo-aw-daw'}

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Usage: AV - congregation 150, feast 23, season 13, appointed 12, time 12, assembly 4, solemnity 4, solemn 2, days 1, sign 1, synagogues 1; 223

Ge 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

Ge 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

Ge 1:17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

Ge 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was good*.

Ge 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

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Convocation – **04744** מִקְרָא *mikra'* {mik-raw'}

Meaning: 1) convocation, convoking, reading, a calling together 1a) convocation, sacred assembly 1b) convoking 1c) reading

Usage: AV - convocation 19, assemblies 2, calling 1, reading 1; 23

YeHoVaH established the foundation for the Seventh Day Sabbath on the seventh day of Creation.

Ge 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Ge 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Sabbath, the weekly Feast:

Lev 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but the **seventh day** is the **sabbath** of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein*: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

Sabbath – **07676** שַׁבָּת *shabbath* {shab-bawth'}

Meaning: 1) Sabbath 1a) sabbath 1b) day of atonement 1c) sabbath year 1d) week 1e) produce (in sabbath year)

Usage: AV - sabbath 107, another 1; 108

The first time Moses mentions the Sabbath is when YeHoVaH gave him instructions that would test the people.

Ex 16:1 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

Ex 16:2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

Ex 16:3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

Ex 16:4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

Ex 16:23 And he said unto them, This *is that* which the LORD hath said, Tomorrow *is* the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake *today*, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

Ex 16:24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

Ex 16:25 And Moses said, Eat that today; for today *is* a sabbath unto the LORD: today ye shall not find it in the field.

Ex 16:26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which is* the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

Ex 16:27 And it came to pass, *that* there went out *some* of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

Ex 16:28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

The Early Feasts

Passover/Pesach

Unleavened Bread First Day/Matza

Firstfruits

Unleavened Bread Seventh Day

Feast of Harvest/Weeks/Pentecost

The Latter Feasts

Day of Trumpets/Yom Teruah

Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur

Tabernacles/Sukkot

The Eighth Day/Shemini Atzeret

Within each of the Feast days, commanded by YeHoVaH to be celebrated, there were:

- The Responsibilities of the People
- The Responsibilities of the Priests

Everyone was required to assemble.

The people presented their Offerings, etc.

The Priests presented their Offerings.

The Priests performed the required duties within the Tabernacle/Temple unto YeHoVaH on behalf of the people.

Lev 23:4 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

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Passover/Pesach

Lev 23:5 In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover.

Passover is not a Sabbath day.

Passover is not a whole day.

Passover is a sacrifice that is done in the evening of the fourteenth day of Abib.

Passover – **06453** פֶּסַח *pecach* {peh'-sakh}

Meaning: 1) passover 1a) sacrifice of passover 1b) animal victim of the passover 1c) festival of the passover

Usage: AV - passover 46, passover offerings 3; 49

YeHoVaH established the first month of the Year for Israel in Exodus 12.

The Biblical New Year

Ex 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

Ex 12:2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.

The Month of Abib

Dt 16:1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

Abib – **0024** אֲבִיב *abiyb* {aw-beeb'}

Meaning: 1) fresh, young barley ears, barley 2) month of ear-forming, of greening of crop, of growing green Abib, month of exodus and passover (March or April)

Usage: AV - Abib 6, in the ear 1, green ears of corn 1; 8

The First and Seventh Days of Unleavened Bread

Lev 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

Lev 23:7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

Lev 23:8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day *is* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

Lev 23:9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Unleavened Bread is a seven-day Feast.

The first day and the seventh day are Sabbath days.

Firstfruits

Lev 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

The morrow after the **Sabbath** is referring to the **weekly Sabbath**.

Lev 23:12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

Lev 23:13 And the meat offering thereof *shall be* two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin.

Lev 23:14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

On the morrow after the Sabbath, the fifty-day count begins; it includes seven weekly Sabbaths and a day after the seventh Sabbath.

The count up to Feast of Harvest/Weeks/Pentecost

Lev 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

Lev 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

Lev 23:17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; *they are* the firstfruits unto the LORD.

Lev 23:18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, *even* an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.

Lev 23:19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

Lev 23:20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits *for* a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

Lev 23:21 And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein*: *it shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

Lev 23:22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

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