

God's
Feast Days
as Ordained
in the Bible

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Considering today's standards we know very little about God's ordained feast days. We don't put too much faith in what the Bible says in the Old Testament because our denomination's leaders have told us during our lifetime that the Old Covenant has been replaced by the New Covenant and the old no longer applies. I must read a different Bible from most people because of the simple reason of my personal faith and knowledge of what the Bible says.

My God did not instruct me to read only a portion of His guide book. He seems to have implied that the guide book was to be understood in its entirety. Part of that instruction was to show, and for us to see, the disobedience of God's chosen people and How God dealt with their disobedience. Finally, God sent His son so the breach between God and His people could be mended.

There will be those who will say that this statement is all fine and good but it doesn't apply to them because they are not Jewish. Those who question in this manner will also wonder why I'm leaving them out of the picture yet the great tie point for these people is through Jesus.

Allow me to make a quick point of reference and then I will attempt to tie the pieces together for everyone's understanding. There are three times every year a man is to appear before the Lord. These are the Feast of Passover, Feast of Weeks and Feast of Tabernacles. Here are the verses to prove these things to each person reading this material and the verses are given from three different translations: King James (KJV), New International (NIV) and the New English Translation (NET):

Exodus 23:17, *Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.* (KJV) *"Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord."* (NIV) *At three times in the year all your males will appear before the Lord God.* (NET)

Exodus 34:23, *Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.* (KJV) *Three times a year all your men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord, the God of Israel.* (NIV) *At three times in the year all your men must appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel.* (NET)

Deuteronomy 16:16, *Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty.* (KJV) *Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. No man should appear before the Lord empty-handed.* (NIV) *Three times a year all your males must appear before the Lord your God in the place he chooses for the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks, and the Festival of Temporary Shelters; and they must not appear before him empty-handed.* (NET)

We can also show that even King Solomon observed these feast days: 2 Chronicles 8:13, *Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.* (KJV) *According to the daily requirement for offerings commanded by Moses for Sabbaths, New Moons and the three annual feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles.* (NIV) *He observed the daily requirements for sacrifices that Moses had specified for Sabbaths, new moon festivals, and the three annual celebrations — the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Temporary Shelters.* (NET)

Why would it be necessary to use more than one verse from three different translations to have you, the reader, understand that every male must appear before the Lord on three occasions? It is

necessary to show you that there are the two or three witnesses to establish the truth. Deuteronomy 19:15 (NIV), *One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.* Matthew 18:16 (NIV), *“But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.”* Any time you can find the same wording in two or three different places in the Bible you have a principal rule from God. We must also remember that the Bible tells us that God cannot lie. Titus 1:2 (NIV), *In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.* So we have our basic fact and our confirmation that there is the requirement for every male to present himself before God on three days each year.

To establish the requirement for males to present themselves before God three times a year there is one other important conditional statement: This requirement never ends until the final days of the earth! Many will gasp and step back saying: No! I’m a New Testament Christian this doesn’t apply to me in any manner whatsoever.

Once again it becomes necessary to show those two or three witnesses to establish the testimony of truth. When God established His covenant with Moses as a guide for the Israelites He set aside His permanent rest day and His feast days for all future generations to follow. I know you don’t believe that because you have never been instructed to follow those days and feast. Let us see what the Bible says pertaining to each holy day or feast.

For Passover and Firstfruits: Leviticus 23:14 (NIV), *You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.* For Feast of Weeks: Leviticus 23:21 (NIV), *On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.* For Feast of Tabernacles: Leviticus 23:41 (NIV), *Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month.*

God’s instructions on celebrating His feast days fall on deaf ears for the most part. Our mainstream society is made up of people professing Jesus as God’s son in various denominations. All of these denominations do not, nor seemingly will not, declare that there is any association between them and Israel. They might offer a feeble attempt to call themselves the New Israel but they will overlook the truth for lack of knowledge of who we are in our mainstream society.

I am not Jewish, but I am an Israelite, a proud descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. No! That does not make me Jewish, nor you either for that matter. We really don’t study the old Testament to that extent and when we do, we don’t see any connection that we may have to the people identified as God’s chosen people.

We should all understand that the original individual to be considered the forefather of the chosen people was Able. Cain killed Able and the line was cut off the first time. Seth was then born and the line once again had a connecting link as God’s chosen people. We transferred the chosen line across the flood event of Noah and ended with the birth of Abraham as the father of all the blessed nations. Through Sarah’s maid Hagar, Abraham had Ishmael but it was not through Ishmael that the chosen line was to follow. God performed a miracle and Isaac was born. God tested Abraham’s faith and told him to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham did as God instructed and this act became the type for the prototype of Jesus who was sacrificed for all of mankind’s sins. But where does the link to the people in the United States enter? That part of the overall picture begins to form with the birth of Isaac’s two sons Esau and Jacob. Esau was the oldest and therefore the holder of the birthright as the forbearer of all the multitude to become God’s chosen people. However, by trickery, Jacob bought Esau’s birthright and then by deception gained Esau’s blessing from a blind father and became the forefather of God’s chosen people.

Stop for a moment and think! Jacob was the father of twelve sons and one daughter. Those twelve sons are the so called Twelve Tribes of Israel. While Jacob, whose name was changed by God to Israel, was father to these twelve sons, however, there are four women who mothered these sons. Let us look at the birth of the sons by each of the four women. Leah was Israel's first wife and she bore Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun and the only daughter Dinah. Leah's maid Zilpah bore Gad and Asher. Leah's sister Rachel bore Joseph and Benjamin. Rachel's maid Bilhah bore Dan and Naphtali.

History must move forward toward the present day. We see that Levi is appointed as the priest for all the tribes and removed from those counted toward the inheritance or fighting strength. Our count of tribes is now reduced by one to make eleven. Reuben and the other brothers, outside of Benjamin, sold Joseph into slavery and he was taken to Egypt. Years later Joseph was the governor of Egypt and his brothers came to him, unaware that he was their brother. They went to Egypt to buy grain during a period of extended famine. Joseph invited his brothers, their families and his father Israel to come and live in Egypt when it came time to reveal who he was. With Israel's advanced age it was not long before he called his sons to his death bed. When Joseph appeared, he had with him his two sons that had been born in Egypt. Israel took it upon himself to adopt these two sons and make them as his own. Genesis 48:5-6 (NIV), *"Now then, your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine. Any children born to you after them will be yours; in the territory they inherit they will be reckoned under the names of their brothers."* With this being done, we see that the name Joseph is also removed from the tribes but the two new names of Ephraim and Manasseh are added, once again, making twelve tribes.

I have said that I was an Israelite but not Jewish. That is true for my forefather was an Israelite-Egyptian governor and his wife as my Egyptian mother. I am a part of the thirteenth tribe of Manasseh, which is represented as the United States. Great Britain is our brother country of Ephraim. Together we are a portion of the ten lost tribes of Israel. Those tribes are lost because God gave Israel a divorce and scattered them throughout the nations. I am including the entire third chapter of Jeremiah to illustrate for you the displeasure of the Lord God and why God gave Israel a divorce! Jeremiah 3:1-25 (NKJV),

They say, "If a man divorces his wife, and she goes from him and becomes another man's, may he return to her again? Would not that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the harlot with many lovers; yet return to Me," says the Lord. "Lift up your eyes to the desolate heights and see: Where have you not lain with men? By the road you have sat for them like an Arabian in the wilderness; and you have polluted the land with your harlotries and your wickedness. Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain. You have had a harlot's forehead; you refuse to be ashamed. Will you not from this time cry to Me, 'My father, you are the guide of my youth?' Will He remain angry forever? Will He keep it to the end? Behold, you have spoken and done evil things, as you were able."

The Lord said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: "Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot. And I said, after she had done all these things, 'Return to Me.' But she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, **I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce**; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in

pretense,” says the Lord.

Then the Lord said to me, “Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: ‘Return, backsliding Israel,’” says the Lord; “I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,” says the Lord; “I will not remain angry forever. Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the Lord your God, and have scattered your charms to alien deities under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice,” says the Lord.

“Return, O backsliding children,” says the Lord; “for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,” says the Lord, “that they will say no more, ‘The ark of the covenant of the Lord.’ It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore. At that time Jerusalem shall be called *The Throne of the Lord*, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers.”

But I said: “How can I put you among the children and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful heritage of the hosts of nations?” And I said: “You shall call Me, ‘My Father,’ and not turn away from Me. Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel,” says the Lord.

A voice was heard on the desolate heights, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel. For they have perverted their way; they have forgotten the Lord their God.

“Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.”

“Indeed we do come to You, for You are the Lord our God. Truly, in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly, in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel. For shame has devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth—their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. We lie down in our shame, and our reproach covers us. For we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.”

Read Jeremiah chapters 2 through Jeremiah 11:17 to further see the truth of Israel’s disobedience and its affect on the land and the people. Read my book *The Thirteenth Tribe of Israel* for additional information on who the tribe of Manasseh are and to show how this all fits together.

We have now linked the United States to Israel and our connection to the stories and prophecies of the Old Testament! Any location in the Bible where the term Manasseh is used, especially when used with Ephraim, indicates something that should be known to all the people of the tribe of Manasseh! This also means that the feasts God set up with Moses and had placed under the Law still apply to us today, this day and all the following days until there are no more generations to come.

Therefore God’s feast days should be our feast days and we should know about them. The following will identify the various feast days, give a reference from the Bible and tell you when the feast days are on the calendar.

The Sabbath — Every Saturday

Leviticus 23:3 (NIV), *“There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the Lord.”*

Any calendar will show that on the left side is the first day of each week and that is shown as Sunday. The day shown on the right side is the last day of the week and is labeled Saturday, the Sabbath. Mankind has done all that Satan has directed and stated that Jesus arose on the first day of the week and that should be the reason to change God’s Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday as the present day of worship. The Bible reads different and identifies Jesus as *Lord of the Sabbath* and not as Lord of the first day of the week! Matthew 12:8 (NIV), *“For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”* Mark 2:28 (NIV), *“So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”* Luke 6:5 (NIV), *Then Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”* Remember what Jesus said in Mark 2:27 (NIV), *Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.”* Read my book *Jesus, the Life of Christ* to understand the entire day by day activity during Passion week. All of my books are available on www.VQPub.org as a free download of a PDF file.

The Passover and Unleavened Bread — Passover April 14th, Feast April 15th

We have to begin our study of God’s feast days with more information than normal. There are certain pre-Passover activities that must be understood along with understanding the month with which Passover is identified. The following scripture will give us both answers. The first month does not indicate January, this is identifying the beginning month of the sacred year. The name for that month is Abib or Nissan and represents our month of April. Therefore April tenth is when you select your Passover lamb. The fourteenth is when the lamb is slain and the Passover meal is eaten.

Exodus 12:2-11 (NIV), *“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire--head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover.”*

Leviticus 23:4-8 (NIV), *“These are the Lord’s appointed feasts, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times: The Lord’s Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. On the fifteenth day of that month the Lord’s Feast of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast. On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. For seven days present an offering made to the Lord by fire. And on the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.”*

Firstfruits — April 16th

Firstfruits is almost a mystery feast. Actually, it is a part of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and is performed on April 16th. The key to understanding is the underlined portion found in verse 11. Firstfruits offering is the first grain you harvest. In Israel this would be the barley harvest.

Leviticus 23:9-14 (NIV), *The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the Lord a lamb a year old without defect, together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil--an offering made to the Lord by fire, a pleasing aroma--and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin of wine. You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live."*

The Folly of Easter — March 21st to as late as April 22

Because of the misunderstanding between the term sabbath and Sabbath, Satan found an opening to change what God said and what Jesus did. When we find sabbath spelled with a lower case s it indicates the weekly sabbath of Saturday. When we find Sabbath spelled with an upper case S or termed a sacred assembly or a holy convocation this is a high holy day. We must also remove this foolishness of Jewish reckoning. Jesus said He had to spend three days and three nights in the tomb as Jonah spent in the great fish. Matthew 12:40 (NIV), *"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."* To not accept this as truth, and with full understanding, means we are calling Jesus a liar who did not mean what He said! I'm sorry but I prefer to accept Jesus' own words and not those of men on the number of days and nights He would be in the grave. Besides, there is no possible way Friday to Sunday completes three days and three nights. At best there is about forty hours, or not even a two day period. Along with this fact there is another to aid in our understanding. The chief priest and the Pharisees went to Pilate to ask that a guard detail be stationed at the tomb for three days. Matthew 27:62-66 (NIV), *The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."*

"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

Recall the order of the feast. Passover is the 14th, the high holy day of the 1st day of Unleavened Bread is the 15th and Firstfruits is the 16th. There is to be no work on the high holy day of the 15th. If Jesus is crucified on Passover the 14th as a Friday then the high holy day of the 15th is Saturday. The priest could not go to Pilate and perform work at the time to have it sealed because they would violate their own rule of law. Text tells us that the tomb was opened by early the morning of the first day of the week, Sunday. Look and read! The priest and the Pharisees understood what Jesus said about spending three days in the grave. Why don't we understand this today? Read my book, *Jesus, the Life of Christ*, if you desire to see the full truth explained.

Allow me to explain how we get this false date called Easter. The church had divided into

several different viewpoints with different dates for feast and festival by the time of Constantine. There was the Catholic viewpoint along with the Greek, Syrian and Russian Orthodox. Constantine charged the bishops at Alexandria to determine a fixed date for Easter at the Council of Nicea in 325. This date was a movable date based upon a lunar cycle by Constantine's decree. Therefore, Easter is the first Sunday after the full moon after the Spring Equinox. Even this has some variance for the date. The Spring Equinox may be on the 19th, 20th or 21st of March, so there is another rule given. What I desire for you to understand is that mankind has set a date for a feast to be equivalent to Passover outside of the Ordained feast given in the Bible. If we use the structure given here we should all see that if the Spring Equinox was on the 20th of March, a full moon was that night and the next day was Sunday the parameters are met. We can see that the earliest Easter could be is the 21st of March. On the other end of this equation, we should see that if the full moon was the night before the Spring Equinox we must add 28 days for the lunar cycle to get to the next full moon. If at that point we find the full moon occurring on a Sunday, we must also add another week to get the first Sunday after the full moon. Therefore the latter date for Easter could be as late as April 22nd.

Here is my question. Do you find any of this foolishness in the instructions ordained by God? Plainly and absolutely, I do not! My God said Passover was the 14th of April and that it is to be such in all of mankind's generations. Why have we allowed ourselves to listen to men and not to God?

Second Passover — May 14

Moses was approached and asked: How can a person who has buried a dead body eat the Passover meal when they are unclean. Moses said he would inquire of the Lord. Numbers 9:9-12 (NIV), *Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites: When any of you or your descendants are unclean because of a dead body or are away on a journey, they may still celebrate the Lord's Passover. They are to celebrate it on the fourteenth day of the second month at twilight. They are to eat the lamb, together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They must not leave any of it till morning or break any of its bones. When they celebrate the Passover, they must follow all the regulations."*

Feast of Weeks, also known as Pentecost — June 6

Leviticus 23:15-22 (NIV), *"From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord. From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the Lord. Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the Lord, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings—an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the Lord. Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering. The priest is to wave the two lambs before the Lord as a wave offering, together with the bread of the firstfruits. They are a sacred offering to the Lord for the priest. On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.*

When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God."

This feast also has a grain offering as a portion of its regulations. The firstfruit grain in this case is wheat.

Feast of Trumpets — October 1

Leviticus 23:23-25 (NIV), *The Lord said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites: On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present an offering made to the Lord by fire.”*

Remember, the first month is April, therefore, the seventh month is October.

Day of Atonement — October 10

Leviticus 23:26-32 (NIV), *The Lord said to Moses, “The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present an offering made to the Lord by fire. Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the Lord your God. Anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people. I will destroy from among his people anyone who does any work on that day. You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. It is a sabbath of rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath.”*

It seems the implication is a full day of fasting and abstaining from anything (deny yourself). No food!, No drink! No drugs! No smoking! No earthly pleasure! You are to abstain from all things and to rest!

Feast of Tabernacles — October 15

Leviticus 23:33-43 (NIV), *The Lord said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites: On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the Lord’s Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days. The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work. For seven days present offerings made to the Lord by fire, and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly and present an offering made to the Lord by fire. It is the closing assembly; do no regular work.*

These are the Lord’s appointed feasts, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies for bringing offerings made to the Lord by fire—the burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings required for each day. These offerings are in addition to those for the Lord’s Sabbaths and in addition to your gifts and whatever you have vowed and all the freewill offerings you give to the Lord.

So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the Lord for seven days; the first day is a day of rest, and the eighth day also is a day of rest. On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. Live in booths for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in booths so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

There is another firstfruit offering to be made within the Feast of Tabernacles. The firstfruit for this offering is grapes (wine) and olives (oil).

The procedures of the feast ceremonies require sacrifice and burnt offerings as documented throughout the 23rd chapter of Leviticus. Now we can bring Jesus into the picture and what He did for us. We must remember that Jesus did not come to destroy the Law, instead to fulfill it. Matthew 5:17-

18 (NIV), *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”* Jesus became the required sacrifice once and for all. Recall that when Jesus was crucified on the cross the veil of the Holy of Holies at the temple was torn in half. Matthew 27:51 (NIV), *At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split.* Mark 15:38 (NIV), *The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.* Luke 23:45 (NIV), *For the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.* This removed the separation between mankind and God and completed the healing of the breach. Jesus effectively removed the curse of the Law: Those parts that required a burnt offering or a sacrifice were removed. However, the instructions for God’s ordained feast days were not removed and remain in effect throughout all of mankind’s generations.

These are the ordained Feasts of God. Why is it we do not celebrate these feast at their appointed times? We have been deceived in our disobedience to the point that we truthfully do not understand the request of God to obey seven feast each year. The words to identify God’s feast days are given and simple to read. The three feast days that every male is required to appear before God are shown. How did we get so far from the truth?

I find it interesting to note that Jesus spent 40 days on the earth after His resurrection. Acts 1:1-3 (NIV), *In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.* That would indicate that Jesus was taken from the earth just before Pentecost on the 27th of May.

It is hard for me to practice these days for the simple reason that they were not included in my teachings from the largest Protestant denomination in the United States. I have read, and reread these verses and have marked calendar after calendar to try and teach myself and my wife the importance of observing God’s feast days. I pray earnestly that you may find this pamphlet helpful in understanding God’s feast days and who the people of the United States truly are.

To help you recall the feast days of God I have prepared a table to give the name of the feast, the date it is to occur and if there is a sacred assembly or not and on what day.

Feast	Date	Sacred Assembly
1) Passover	April 14th	No
2) Unleavened Bread	April 15th	Yes
3) Firstfruit	April 16th	No
End of Unleavened Bread	April 21st	Yes
Second Passover	May 14th	Yes
(only if you meet the conditions of missing the first Passover)		
4) Weeks/Pentecost	June 6th	Yes
5) Trumpets	October 1st	Yes
6) Atonement	October 10th	Yes
7) Tabernacles	October 15th	Yes
End of Tabernacles	October 22nd	Yes

Enjoy and may God bless you.

