



THE GREATEST STORY EVER...

as told through God's Seven Festivals

Though it has been unnoticed by many, God outlined His plan of salvation through seven harvest festivals. God used the annual agricultural cycle of the Holy Land to foreshadow the wonderful steps He is taking to save us from the destructiveness of sin and help us grow to become His own children.

The first spiritual harvest is pictured by the first three festivals, and the larger spiritual harvest is represented by the four fall festivals.

PASSOVER
Key scriptures: Peter 2:24;
1 Corinthians 5:7

Christ died for us.
The Passover lamb in the Old Testament pointed toward Christ giving His life to pay the death penalty for our sins.
The New Testament symbols of bread and wine represent Christ's broken body and shed blood.

FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
Key scripture: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

We must remove sin and pursue righteousness.
For seven days leaven represents sin.
Removing leaven reminds us to remove sin.
Eating unleavened bread reminds us to strive to live a life free from sin, putting Christ and His way of sincerity and truth into our lives.

PENTECOST
Key scriptures: Acts 2:38, 5:32; Romans 8:8-9; James 1:18; Revelation 14:4

God gives the Holy Spirit and begins His Church.
God gives His Holy Spirit to those who obey Him.
We must repent and be baptized to receive the Holy Spirit.
God launched the New Testament Church—the "firstfruits" of His plan.
We must continue to allow God's Spirit to lead us.

FEAST OF TRUMPETS
Key scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:51-52;
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 8:6-13; 11:15

Christ will return and resurrect the saints.
Trumpets will announce:
End-time plagues and war.
Christ's return to earth to establish the Kingdom of God.
The resurrection of the saints.

DAY OF ATONEMENT
Key scriptures: Leviticus 16:3-34;
Revelation 20:1-3

God will remove Satan and reconcile humanity.
God will bind Satan so he can't deceive humans.
Christ's sacrifice makes it possible to reconcile man to God.
Fasting helps us to learn humility and become at one with God.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES
Key scriptures: Isaiah 35:1-2, 5-6; Zechariah 14:16;
Revelation 5:10

Christ's government will produce 1,000 years of peace.
The saints will serve as kings and priests assisting Christ on earth.
People will be healed of diseases.
The earth will become peaceful and abundantly productive.

God will offer eternal life to all!
After the Millennium:
All humans who have ever lived without full knowledge of God's way of life will be resurrected to physical life.
They will be taught God's way and given a chance to respond.
In the end, every human will have had a full chance to accept God's calling to become His children!

LAST GREAT DAY
Key scriptures: Ezekiel 37:14;
Matthew 12:41-42; Revelation 20:11-12

God's plan to save humanity is a story of sacrifice and struggle, an epic tale of good vs. evil. And it has the happiest of endings.
For the dates of these festivals, see pages 42-43 of the booklet
From Holidays to Holy Days: God's Plan for You.

