

Christian Proclamation of the Feast of Pentecost

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Date of the Feast of Pentecost for 2010

The **Feast of First Fruits**, or **Pentecost**, occurs on the 50th day *after* the Passover Sabbath. (cf., *Lev 23:15-16*; *Exodus 12:14-28*; *1 Cor 15:20, 23*)

Pentecost commemorates Jesus as the *first-fruits* to God.

Some call this the Feast of Harvest. Some following the nonbiblical Roman Catholic *traditions* call it 'Whitsunday,' a term not in vogue today.

Note: God's time is reckoned from sunset to sunset, so a new Hebrew calendar day starts at sunset *on the Gregorian day before*. Thus, when we say Pentecost is on a set date, you begin celebrating it on sunset the day before. (cf., *Lev 23:15-16*)

Pentecost fell on the day that God had spoken the Torah (the Ten Commandments) on Mt. Sinai after the Jews had celebrated the first Passover

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in Egypt.

God performed mighty deeds on His feast days like:

- Speaking the Ten Commandments to the Israelites on Mount Sinai.
- Pouring out His Holy Spirit and writing God's law in the hearts and minds of humanity during the Pentecostal revival. (cf., *Ex* 19:17-25; *Deut* 10:4; *Neh* 9:13; *Acts* 2:1-5, 14-24; *Joel* 2:23, 28-32)

To find the date of Pentecost count 50 days beginning on the day after the first holy day of the feast of Unleavened Bread [i.e., the day the sheaf offering was made]. (*Lev* 23:15)

Thus, begin counting Nisan (Abib) 16 [the day after the first holy day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is the first of the 50 days].

See **How to Calculate the Date of the Feast of Pentecost** at the end of this bible study to resolve various questions about calculating the date of Pentecost.

**The Purpose of the Feast
of Pentecost**

Jesus is the Lamb of God and the ‘first fruit.’ (*John* 1:29, 36) His followers are counted likewise, as shown by the following Scriptures:

- “Christ [has] risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of” (1 *Cor* 15:20, 23; cf., *Lev* 23:9-22; *Acts* 2:1; 20:16)
- “Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.” (*James* 1:18)
- “These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.” (*Rev* 14:4) This verse refers to the followers of Jesus — Christians.

**How to Observe the Feast
of Pentecost**

As with the weekly Sabbath day, the feast is a holy day and you may not go to work nor work others, etc.

You should attend a holy convocation (meeting with other believers) if possible on the holy day and do good works. (*Lev* 23:21)

**Praising Jesus for the
Gift of Salvation is the
Focus During Pentecost**

Reading the following Scriptures will help you praise Jesus for the gift of eternal life:

- “By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to His name.” (*Heb* 13:15; cf., *Jer* 33:11)
- “I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.” (*Jonah* 2:9)

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Spiritual Activities for the Feast Day and All Year

The First Pentecost After the Resurrection Fulfilled Joel's Prophecy

Note: Jesus' mother, Mary, was still alive; she was not a spirit, nor could she have been the Holy Spirit.

- "Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice." (*Ps* 141:2; cf., *Ps* 116:17; *Ps* 54:6; *Ps* 4:5; *Ps* 27:6)
- "The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise." (*Ps* 51: 17)
- "Sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare His works with rejoicing." (*Ps* 107:22)
- "But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (*Heb* 13:16)
- "You also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (1 *Pet* 2:5)

As with the weekly Sabbath day, the feast is a holy day and you may not go to work nor work others, etc.

Acceptable activities for holy days include:

- Attending a holy convocation ("assembling of ourselves together").
- Doing good works ("provoke unto love and to good works," e.g., remember the poor and the stranger) like helping others. (cf., *Heb* 10:19-29; *Lev* 23:21-22; see also: *James* 1:27)

With the presence of God's Holy Spirit, we can practice 'true religion:'

- "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service." (*Rom* 12:1)
- "**Pure religion ... is** to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (*James* 1:27; cf., *Acts* 9:36-39)
- "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (*Heb* 13:1-3)

First, Yeshua (Jesus) poured out His Holy Spirit upon His earliest followers. (cf., *John* 20:21-23; *Lk* 24:49)

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ... And they were **all** filled with the Holy Ghost, ... Peter ... lifted up his voice, and said unto them ... this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. ... And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (cf., *Acts* 1:8; 2:1-5, 14-24; *Joel* 2:23, 28-32; *Lk* 24:49)

The Purpose of the Nine Feasts of the Lord

God's System of Religious Truth is the Acceptable Year of the Lord!

The plague in Rev 16:2 symbolizes the corruption of truth done by the false holidays of antichrist. See *A Still Small Voice*, pp. 320 - 323.

Our Era of Terror

The Lord's Feasts are the Seal or Mark of the Living God

The nine Feasts of the Lord (including the weekly seventh-day Sabbath) in *Leviticus* chapter 23 act-out God's plan of salvation through Christ Jesus and prepare us to be children of God.

Thus, Christians must observe the nine Feasts of the Lord because God describes them as perpetual.

Jesus and His Disciples and Apostles kept these very feasts. (*Mark* 14:12-26; *Acts* 13:14, 17:2, 18:4, 20-21, 20:16, 21:17-24, *1 Cor* 5:7-8; *Heb* 4:8-11)

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- *The Acceptable Year of the Lord.*
- *Jesus' Most Mysterious Speech Revealed.*
- *The Feasts of the Lord in the Old and New Testaments*

The Disciples and Apostles commanded us to keep the faith as it was delivered to the saints —God's system of religious truth, the acceptable year of the Lord.

Note: See the discussion of God's system of religious truth in "A Still Small Voice: The Vatican, The USA, and Israel in Bible Prophecy," pp. 27-42, esp., p. 33, ISBN: 9780978947002. Only by following God's system of religious truth may you worship God in truth. (*John* 4:24; *Acts* 17:11)

Remember, we must search the Scriptures daily to discover God's system of religious truth.

The Antichrist power arose during the time of the Disciples and began fabricating a false system of religious calling itself 'Christian' when in fact it is the Antichrist's system of religion.

See our other free study on the *Antichrist System of Religion*.

Observing these holy days proves that you are willing to submit to the will of the living God. (cf., "A Still Small Voice: The Vatican, The USA, and Israel in Bible Prophecy," pp. 33, 545 ISBN: 9780978947002) ←

Those who observe these holy days are marking themselves off from the world as the children of the living God. (cf., *Rev* 14:12; *2 Thes* 3:2; *Jude* 1:3)

So important are the feasts of the Lord as part of God's commandments, statutes, and judgments that He warned that **the specific consequence of failing to observe them would be terrorism**, enemy victory, and the withdrawal of blessings. (*Lev* 26:1-21) Christians ought to heed His warning! (*Eph* 5:6-7)

By observing and keeping the nine holy days listed in *Leviticus* 23, you are taking the seal or mark of the living God. (*2 Tim* 2:19) The choice is yours:

The Lord's Feasts are the Seal or Mark of the Living God, Continued:

Saved by Grace
Not by Feasts —
Feasts of the Lord
Prepare Us for
Everlasting Life

- “The foundation of God stands sure, having this seal: the Lord knows those who are His.” (2 Tim 2:19; cf., Rev 7:2-3) All others perish. (Rev 9:4; 14:9-11)
- These feasts do not earn us salvation, for we are saved by faith in the blood of Christ Jesus.
- Rather, these Feasts of the Lord prepare us to be a part of God's everlasting kingdom in heaven when the last trump is sounded! (1 Cor 15:52)

Jesus Ended the Sin Offerings

Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ) is symbolized by the sacrificial references to lambs, sin offering, and priest in *Leviticus* 23:18-20.

When Jesus fulfilled His role as our Messiah, dying on the cross, resurrecting Himself three days later, no more sacrifices (sin offerings) are required.

“We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ... This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, **there is no more offering for sin.**” (Heb 10:6-18)

How to Calculate the Date of the Feast of Pentecost

God's Word Trumps the
“man of sin” (2 Thes 2:3)

Novices get confused when calculating the feast of Pentecost, perhaps due to the repetition of instructions in *Leviticus* which actually serve as a math check.

The Holy Bible gives perfectly clear instructions for calculating the exact date of all the feasts, including Pentecost. (cf., Lev 23:15; 1 Cor 15:20, 23)

Follow God's Word, not the tradition of men (cf., Mat 15:3, 6; Mk 7:9; Col 2:8) for Satan tries to deceive, if possible, the very elect. (Mat 24:24)

[Look at God's Signs in
the Sky!](#)
[A Still Small Voice, p. 52](#)

The Feast of First Fruits, or Pentecost, occurs on the 50th day after Passover—always on 6 Sivan. (cf., Lev 23:15-16; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Cor 15:20, 23)

Note: The sheaf offering is waved on the day after the first holy day of the feast of Unleavened Bread; Lev 23:15 says begin counting on that date. This ancient Jewish method of reckoning dates is called “inclusive.”

Ancient Hebrews used
the inclusive method of
counting dates.

On the Hebrew Calendar, the first month is Nisan (also known as Abib). Thus, the following facts are very clear:

- Passover is observed on Nisan 14. (Lev 23:5)
- Unleavened Bread, first holy day is on Nisan 15. (Lev 23:6-7)
- Sheaf of the wave offering is on Nisan 16. (Lev 23:11-12; 15-16)
- Unleavened Bread, second holy day is on Nisan 21. (Lev 23:8)

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The “sabbath” in *Lev* 23:15 is Nisan 15. Verse 16 says the 50 days counted in verse 15 is even (equal) to the day after seven sabbaths therefrom (i.e., “seven sabbaths is an idiom meaning seven weeks therefrom”).

Step Procedure to Find the Gregorian Date (*Lev* 23:15-16):

- 1 On the Hebrew Calendar, find the month of Nisan day 16 (date of the sheaf of wave offering). [This is believed to be the date that Jesus raised Himself from the dead.] (*Lev* 23:11-12; 15-16)
- 2 Including Nisan 16, count 50 days (i.e., Nisan 16 is day 1; Nisan 17 is day 2, etc.). *Lev* 23:15 is the most clearly stated calculation method.

Note: *Lev* 23:15-16 give two different ways to count to the same date: “... count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall you number fifty days; and you shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.” (*Lev* 23:15-16)

- 3 On the Gregorian Calendar, find the date corresponding to the 50th day counted in step 2 above. Hint: Pentecost is always on day 6 of Sivan.

Note: Begin Pentecost at sunset the day before the Gregorian calendar date because biblical days are from sunset to sunset. (*Gen* 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23; 2:3; *Mat* 28:1; cf., *A Still Small Voice*, p. 174).

Other Bible Studies

See video “The Plagues” at www.youtube.com/user/ChristianHebrewRoots

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† Endnotes

Read the details in our book, “*A Still Small Voice: The Vatican, the USA, and Israel in Bible Prophecy*,” pp. vii, 271. ISBN: 9780978947002

A.D. – In the year of our Lord; Anno Domini. [Instead of C.E., Common Era.] This is the popular year designation on the global commercial Gregorian calendar in universal use. “Because the British laws applied to the colonies in 1752, the United Colonies of North America (the future USA) began using the Gregorian Calendar when Britain did.” It was the USA that introduced the Gregorian Calendar into universal global commerce in modern times.

A.H. – In the Hebrew Year; Anno Hebraico.

B.C. – Before Christ. [Instead of B.C.E., Before the Common Era.] This is the popular year designation for historical events predating Christ on the global commercial Gregorian calendar in universal use.

