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

The Acceptable Year of the Lord

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Introduction and Overview

The annual cycle of the feasts of the Lord (in *Leviticus* chapter 23) is what Jesus referred to as "**the acceptable year of the Lord**;" which is not a jubilee.

In *Luke* 4:18, Jesus reads *Isaiah* chapter 61, applying it to His own mission on earth. He says "The Spirit of the Lord ... has anointed Me to ... preach the acceptable year of the Lord.'" Paul exemplifies all of this in *Acts* chapter 18.

The Greek word for **preach** in *Luke* has the same meaning as the Hebrew word for "**proclaim**" in *Isaiah*, a word that is repeated throughout *Lev* 23 as a commandment on each of us that we shall proclaim each of the feasts of the Lord.

One test of whether you are 100% Spirit filled is whether you proclaim the feasts of the Lord! If you are not, ask whether you understand *Jesus*' mission.

Another test is whether you observe / practice the feasts of the Lord! If you are not, ask whether you understand *your* mission as a follower of Messiah.

The Feasts of the Lord Are Part of God's Law, Commandments, Statutes, Judgments, and Precepts

Feasts of the Lord (comprising the "Acceptable Year of the Lord") are in the Old & New Testaments, continuing after the resurrection and ascension.

God's true holy days are the "feasts of the Lord" in Old & New Testaments:

1. God's Holy weekly seventh-day Sabbath. (*Lev* 23:1-3; *Mat* 24:20; 28:1; *Jn* 5:9-18; 7:21-23; *Heb* 4:4; 9-11; *Rev* 22:14)

Note: *Mat* 28:1 says the first day came after the Sabbath, not that the first day is *now* the Sabbath. In *John* chapters 5 and 7 Jesus is affirming the right to do good works on Sabbath; He is not abolishing it. (cf., *Mat* 5:18-19)

Jesus, His Disciples, and Apostles kept these very feasts during their entire lives, even after His Resurrection and Ascension.

2. Passover. (*Lev* 23:5; *Mathew* 26:2-5; 17; 27:15; *Mark* 14:1-2; 15:6; *Luke* 2:41-42; 22:1; 23:17; *John* 2:23; 4:45; 5:1; 6:4; 11:56; 12:1; 12:12; 12:20; 13:1, 29; 18:39; *1 Corinthians* 5:8)
3. Unleavened Bread, day 1. (*Lev* 23:6-8; *Luke* 22:1)
4. Unleavened Bread, day 7. (*Lev* 23:8; *Luke* 22:1)
5. Pentecost / Feast of First Fruits. (*Leviticus* 23:9-22; *Acts* 2:1; 18:21; 20:16; *1 Corinthians* 16:8)
6. Trumpets [a ten-day feast 'ten days of awe']. (*Lev* 23:23-25; *Acts* 17:9)
7. Atonement [a fast]. (*Lev* 23:26-32; *Acts* 27:9)
8. Tabernacles I. (*Lev* 23:33-44; *John* 7:2-14)
9. Last Great Day (day after Tabernacles day 7). (*Lev* 23:36; *John* 7:37)

The man of sin (*2 Thes* 2:3) falsely claims to substitute fake worldly holidays for God's true holy days to deceive the 'very elect.' (*Mat* 24:24)

The Feasts of the Lord Are Part of God's Law, Commandments, Statutes, Judgments, and Precepts, ***Continued***:

Jesus, His Disciples, and Apostles kept these very feasts during their entire lives, even after His resurrection and Ascension. (e.g., *Acts* 18:21) Apostles never heard of antichrist's FAKE worldly holidays.

Jesus began His earthly ministry in the flesh by applying *Isaiah* chapter 61 to Himself; and, the chapter outlines His entire life and mission on earth: to keep, to teach, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Thus, He reaffirmed **God's system of religious truth**.

Feasts of the Lord are critical. Jesus was crucified on the Passover. The feast of the Last Great Day symbolizes redemption in Him on Judgment Day.

Jesus turned this mission over to us, **those worshiping *in truth***, to continue proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord —to walk as Messiah walked.

The feasts of the Lord are "statutes forever." (*Lev* 23:14, 21, 31, and 41)

Christians must observe the feasts of the Lord as the true holy days (holidays) —God's system of religious truth!

Remember, Jesus, His Disciples, and Apostles kept the feasts of the Lord throughout the New Testament, even after His resurrection and Ascension!

Acceptable Year of the Lord Does Not Mean a Jubilee Year

See a related study:

"The Feasts of the Lord in the Old and NewTestaments"

"Proclaim" specifically means to speak assertively, as *accosting* others. The acceptable year of the Lord does not refer to nor does it mean a jubilee year.

The commandment to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord is completely separate and totally different from the commandment to declare a jubilee year. (cf., *Lev* chapters 23 and 25)

The two distinct commands are: 1) unrelated; 2) given in different chapters of *The Holy Bible*; 3) symbolize and teach entirely different lessons for us; and, 4) dates of each are calculated differently.

"Jubilee" specifically means "clamor, that is, acclamation of joy or a battle cry; especially clangor of trumpets, as an alarm:—alarm, blowing of the trumpets, joy, jubilee, loud noise, rejoicing, shouting, high, joyful sounding."

Note: See: *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, Electronic Edition STEP Files*, 1998, Parsons Technology, Inc.

Why is "the acceptable year of the Lord" so important?

True vs. False Worshippers

Jesus warned us to worship God in spirit and in truth. (*John* 4:24)

• Jesus and His Disciples and Apostles warn that a powerful **antichrist system** will arise with such *strong delusion* that it threatens to *deceive* the very elect! (*Mat* 24:24)

- "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (*Mat* 7:23)

- Thus, Jesus warned that there are two types of people claiming to be Christians (*Jn* 4:23-24; *Lk* 4:14-22; cf., *Is* 61:1-2):

- Those who worship God in spirit and *in truth* (*Jn* 4:23-24) by keeping

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Tell 3 friends!
Blog it!
Call a talk show!
Pray about it!

the Ten Commandments and Feasts of the Lord ("Acceptable Year of the Lord," *Lev* 23:1-44) —the only way to worship in truth. (*Jn* 4:23-24; *Lk* 4:14-22; *Is* 61:1-2)
Note: These are those who receive eternal life.

- Those who worship God in spirit but *in vain* (*Mat* 15:9; *Mk* 7:7) by keeping the fake commandments and worldly holidays of the man of sin (*2 Thes* 2:3) —deceiving many to worship in vain. (*Mat* 24:24; *Rev* 13:1-10; 18; 22:15)
  Note: These are those who burn in the lake of fire.

God's system of religious truth has two main parts:

1. God's times (9 perpetual feasts of the Lord/'*Acceptable Year of the Lord*').

2. God's law (the Ten Commandments).

God's times and law are the core of His system of religious truth— which is how you worship God in truth instead of *in vain*.

The prophet Daniel warned that the **antichrist** power would arise and think to change God's "times and law." (*Dan* 7:25)

The **antichrist power is** a sovereign nation, **the Vatican City State**, which **thinks to change God's** times and law by:

1. Falsely teaching that Roman Catholic holidays are now the "feasts of the Lord." (cf., *Vatican II*)

2. Falsely teaching that the Ten Commandments have changed (deleted the Second Commandment against idol worship; moved Commandment numbers 3-9 up a notch each; and, split the Tenth Commandment into two parts to make up for the lost Second one.

So important are God's times that He commanded nine specific times as feasts (true holy days) **to be observed perpetually**, meaning both now on earth as well as in heaven after the fullness of times. (cf., *Lev* 23; *Num* 28 and 29; *Zec* 14)

Note: If you still feel enmity against keeping the feasts of the Lord, then you have not fully accepted **Jesus' grace** which is defined as *abolishing our enmity*; that is, abolishing our opposition to His statutes, laws, etc...

Antichrist Teaches Lies *Against* Christ

Spirit of antichrist attempts to confuse the faithful and trick them into taking the **mark of the beast** leading to condemnation and hell fire. (cf., *Rev* 14:9-11)

The Vatican's pretense to have authority to change God's times and laws results in their dogma (fake 10 commandments & worldly holidays) which teaches lies against Christ's Ten Commandments and true Holy Days!

In prophecy, **a "beast" represents a kingdom or nation**. (*Dan* 7:23) Thus, the beasts in the books of *Daniel* and the *Revelation* symbolize nations.

Antichrist Teaches Lies *Against* Christ, *Continued*:	The 'man of sin' (*2 Thes* 2:3) has the number 666. (*Rev* 13:18) *Rev* 13:1-10, 18; and 17:5 identify the Vatican City State, the world's smallest nation (the Roman Catholic Church) as the Antichrist beast, because: 1. It is the only 'Mother Church' that is also a nation. (*Rev* 13:1; *Dan* 7:23) 2. Vatican City State has civil sovereign power and governance. (*Rev* 13:2) 3. Vatican City State commands *worldwide* worship. (*Rev* 13:3-4, 8; 14:9-11) 4. It fulfills all of the other corollary prophecies describing the beast power. The prophet Daniel warned that the **antichrist** nation would arise and think to change God's "times and law." (*Dan* 7:25) The Vatican has done both. The Vatican thinks to change times by teaching that the Catholic holidays are now the "feasts of the Lord" (Sunday, Easter, Christmas, Mary's Octave (New Year's Day), Cult of Saints (St. Pat's / St. Valentine / All Saints Day, etc.).
What Was Nailed to Jesus' Cross? Will you worship in truth or your own carnal way?	Jesus came in the flesh to destroy your enmity (*your* opposition) against His law, Commandments, statutes, judgments, and precepts (His times and law). (*Eph* 2:15; *Mat* 5:17-20) Times are the feasts; Law is Ten Commandments! Jesus nailed your enmity (opposition) against God's times (feasts of the Lord) and law (Ten Commandments) to the cross. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (*Rom* 8:7; cf., *Rom* 8:3-4; *1 John* 4:2-3)

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JESUS' FREE GIFT TO YOU —
DESTROYED YOUR ENMITY TO GOD'S LAWS

Jesus' flesh died on the cross as propitiation for our sins.
(*1 John* 4:2)
⇕
Abolished enmity (opposition to God's laws).
(*Eph* 2:15-16)
⇕
Magnifies God's laws.
(*Mat* 5:17; *1 John* 2:3; *Isa* 42:18-21; *Ps* 34:3)
⇕
Jesus' Holy Spirit empowers us to keep God's love, His law.
(*1 John* 5:1-3; *1 Thes* 1:5; *Ps* 40:8)
⇕
God marks His saints with the fruits of the indwelling Holy Spirit
(including the willingness to keep God's law and to do good works).
(*Gal* 5:22; *Eph* 5:9; *James* 1:27; *Acts* 15:20-29; 21:25)

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To avoid the Antichrist, you must understand the doctrine that Jesus' flesh abolished enmity instead of destroying God's laws.

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