

Spring Feasts

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Sanctuary / Feast Days; Feasts and Festivals of Israel / Leviticus 23:4

How should the modern Christian understand and apply the concept of the feast days from the Old Testament today?

Covering the Feasts.

Typology

Definition

- When God commands something to be done,
- or orchestrates events to happen,
- that foreshadow a future, more important event to come.

Examples

- Abraham and Isaac
- Sampson
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Feasts

The feasts are:

- Passover
- Unleavened Bread
- First Fruits
- Pentecost
- Trumpets
- Atonement
- Booths

- Spring
 - and
- Fall

Spring Feasts

- Old Testament History

- OT Typological Meaning
- New Testament Fulfillment
- How Should it Apply Today?

- Powerful idea

"These types were fulfilled not only as to the event, but as to the time."-Great Controversy, p. 399

Type vs. Antitype

Feast of Passover

First, the Passover.

History

- 400 years of slavery
- Moses and Burning Bush
- 10 Plagues
- Final Plagues

New Testament Fulfillment

1 Corinthians 5:7 ESV

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

- Christ fulfillment of passover...

TYPOLOGY

- Passover - type
- Jesus - antitype
- What does that mean
 - something did
 - literally happen.
- What happened is
 - meaningful
 - beautiful
 - commemorates redemption
- More importantly

- (for us today)
- **foreshadowed redemption to come**

The Old and New

- passover process

Exodus 12:5 ESV

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,

Lamb without blemish...

1 Peter 2:22 ESV

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

Jesus without sin.

Date

Exodus 12:6 ESV

and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

- 14th of Nisan
- Exact Day Jesus killed

John 18:28 ESV

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover.

- Why would they not go into
 - Pilates house?
 - Passover
 - Ceremonial Clean

John 19:14 ESV

Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

John 19:31 ESV

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.

- Same day
 - kill lamb for passover!

Time of Day

Exodus 12:6 ESV

and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

- The lamb was slain
 - “between the two evenings”
 - [twilight].

Mark 15:34–37 ESV

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

- 9th hour would be 3pm.

No Bone Broken**Exodus 12:46 ESV**

It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones.

Not a bone broken...

John 19:33–36 ESV

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may

believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”

None of Jesus’ bones broken.

Safety Under the Blood

Exodus 12:22–23 ESV

Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

no safety except under blood.

Acts 4:12 ESV

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Feast of Unleavened Bread

Story of passover...

- started the next day
- after killing the lamb
- for 7 day.

Exodus 12:34 ESV

So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders.

... and

Exodus 12:39 ESV

And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

Old Testament Feast Day

What is done on on this day?

Leviticus 23:6-7 ESV

And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work.

Deuteronomy 16:3-4 ESV

You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, the bread of affliction—for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste—that all the days of your life you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt. No leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall any of the flesh that you sacrifice on the evening of the first day remain all night until morning.

No leaven

Seven days.

Why?

- OT - as memorial of passover
- NT - ???

New Testament Meaning?

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 ESV

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

- Leaven = sin
- Jesus had no sin.
- He wants us to have no sin.
- What was Jesus doing on this day?

Typological Fulfillment

Luke 23:54-56 ESV

It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

John 19:31 ESV

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.

- Jesus was resting in the tomb.
- The perfect, sinless, sacrifice

First Fruits

Story of Passover

Exodus 13:2–3 ESV

“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten.

- firstborn

Exodus 13:11–13 ESV

“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your

sons you shall redeem.

- firstborn son
- firstborn animals
- first fruit of the land

Old Testament Process

Leviticus 23:5–11 ESV

In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. But you shall present a food offering to the LORD for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work."

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

- Nisan 16th
- Wave offering
 - harvest celebration

First Garden Harvest

New Testament Application

1 Corinthians 15:23 ESV

But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

- What does the firstfruits represent?
- Resurrection of Jesus!
- He is the firstfruit of the resurrected.

1 Corinthians 15:20 ESV

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

- firstfruit = resurrection
- Resurrection of Jesus

Typological Fulfillment

- Nisan 16
- This happened on
- Resurrection Sunday.

- Exact Date!

Timeline

"Christ was the antitype of the wave-sheaf, and His resurrection took place on the very day when the wave-sheaf was to be presented before the Lord."-Desire of Ages, p. 785

- All of the feast are
 - typical and prophetic.

Pentecost

- Name
 - 50 days
- Timing

Old Testament Story

- Giving of law

Old Testament Feast Keeping

Leviticus 23:16 ESV

You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD.

- fifty days later
- about 1.5 months

Exodus 23:17 ESV

Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God.

- Passover
- Pentecost
- Day of Atonement
- What did they do?

Exodus 23:16 ESV

You shall keep the Feast of Harvest, of the firstfruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor.

... more description...

Deuteronomy 16:11–12 ESV

And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who is within your towns, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell there. You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

- Harvest Celebration
- Celebration of freedom from slaver
- Celebration of possession of Canaan
- Celebration to be God's people

Final Garden harvest

New Testament Fulfillment

- You know the story of Pentecost
- Outpouring of HS

Acts 2:1-4 ESV

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- How did this end up in a “harvest festival?”

Acts 2:41 ESV

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

- Many people were baptized.
- Many people were freed from bondage to sin.

How Does It Apply Today?

- Commemorates Redemption of Israel
- Foreshadows Redemption on Cross
- We are not Israelite
- Based on Harvest in Israel
 - We don't live there
 - We are not agrarian
- Connected with Sanctuary

- We don't have sanctuary

Should We keep Feasts?

- How to commemorate
 - Jesus'
 - Life
 - Death
 - Resurrection
 - ???
- Covered in future

Spring Feasts

- connected to Jesus' first coming
- connected to earthly ministry.
- Connected to daily service.

Fall Feasts

- connected to Jesus' second coming
- connected to heavenly ministry.
- Connected to yearly service.

Summary

- God Gave Feasts to Foreshadow What He Would Do In the New Testament.
- We Should Understand
 - Historical Meaning
 - Typological Meaning
 - New Testament Fulfillment
- We Should Celebrate What He Accomplished for Us.