

**The New Testament Church**  
***The Feast of Tabernacles***  
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I Passover and Pentecost – Leviticus 23:4-22

- A. The Feast of Passover – *drawn to Jesus* because He has made peace with God for us!
  - 1. It marks the “first day of the new year” – and our first day of new life in Christ
  - 2. Jesus fulfilled the Passover – a perfect lamb, slain, whose blood cover us
- B. The Feast of Pentecost – *direction from God’s Law and empowerment by the Spirit*
  - 1. 50 days after passover, it was a pouring out and release of the Spirit!
  - 2. A wave offering of Jew and Gentile, fire of prayer language, law written on the heart
  - 3. We learn to cooperate with the Spirit in prayer – *we pray, but the Spirit gives the words*

II Feast of Tabernacles – Leviticus 23:23-44 – *resting in God until He returns!*

- A. Feast of Trumpets – to announce the arrival of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (September-October)
  - 1. The last month of the year; when God would complete what He began
  - 2. The *shofar* (Hebrew for trumpet) was God’s means of communicating with His people
- B. Day of Atonement – 10 days after Trumpets, it was a national day of repentance
  - 1. Once a year the Priest would go behind the veil into the holy of holies
  - 2. He would place the blood of the sacrifice on the altar for the nation’s sins
  - 3. Two goats offered, one for sacrifice, and the other as a scapegoat to bear sins
  - 4. The Year of Jubilee began on the day of Atonement... - Jesus is *sacrifice* and *scapegoat*
- C. Tabernacles – the feast of ingathering or thanksgiving
  - 1. Begins on the 15<sup>th</sup> day, rest on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> days, dwell in booths for the rest
  - 2. A reminder of 40 years in the wilderness, symbolized by three months with no feasts
  - 3. Jesus tabernacled on earth (John 1:14); foreshadowing spiritual rest (Mt. 11:28-30), as well as the final rest at His return (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:52-58)
    - a. The pouring of the water (rain, and the Spirit) – quoting Isaiah 12:3; 44:3
    - b. Jesus spoke of the water at the time of this feast – John 7:37-39
- D. Last Days and End-times
  - 1. It is imperative to interpret prophecy “first the Jew, then the Gentile” (Romans 1:16)
  - 2. The “last days” refer to the end of the Jewish system of sacrifice for sins
    - a. For forty years prior to 70 AD, the miracle of the lot (black stone), scarlet thread not turning white, the temple doors opening and the main menorah candle couldn’t be lit
    - b. Matthew 24 and other Scriptures were initially fulfilled in 70 AD...
  - 3. Though Jesus fulfilled the Feast of Tabernacles – he “tabernacled” in the flesh (Jn. 1:14)
    - a. Elements are still to be fulfilled – particularly in Christ’s second coming and return!
    - b. Signs of the times – on Christ, not anti-Christ – *rising repentance, revival, and the presence of God strategically marking the advance of the Kingdom in cities and towns!*

III Themes in our own Church in preparation for the return of the Lord

- A. *Occupy* till I come, don’t divide over when and how He comes
- B. *Mature* the Bride so she has made herself ready – will there be faith on the earth?
- C. *They Kingdom come* on earth as it is in heaven – in the world but not of the world
- D. *Jesus will return physically* and thus He is our blessed hope and ultimate reward