

Recap of the Feasts: *The Season of Harvest — Fall Feasts Ahead*

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2026 Teaching Series

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God has a calendar too. The Hebrew word behind “feasts” is moed (מוֹעֵד) — a fixed, appointed meeting time (Lev. 23:1-4), the same word Genesis 1:14-15 uses for “seasons.” God set His calendar in place at creation. We may miss appointments on our own calendars — but God never misses His. “Appointments” is actually a better translation than “feasts.”

1. Passover 2. Unleavened Bread 3. First Fruits 4. Pentecost 5. Trumpets 6. Atonement 7. Tabernacle

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This Spring — Christ's First Coming

1. **Passover** “Pesach” (פֶּסַח) — April 2 — *our Passover Lamb, whose blood causes judgment to pass over us (1 Cor. 5:7).*
2. **Unleavened Bread** “Chag HaMatzot” (חַג הַמַּצּוֹת) — April 2 – 8 — *His sinless body, calling us to purge sin's leaven from our own lives.*
3. **Firstfruits (Easter)** “Yom HaBikkurim” (יוֹם הַבִּכּוּרִים) — April 5 — *Christ rose as the firstfruits, guaranteeing our resurrection to come (1 Cor. 15:20, 23).*
4. **Pentecost** “Shavuot” (שָׁבֻעוֹת) — May 24 — *the Spirit fell and the Church was born; God's law now written on hearts (Acts 2).*

This Fall — Christ's Second Coming

5. **Feast of Trumpets** “Yom Teruah” (יום תְּרוּעָה) — September 12 — *a trumpet will announce His return and gather His people (1 Thess. 4:16-17).*
6. **Day of Atonement** “Yom Kippur” (יום כִּפּוּר) — September 21 — *He will appear a second time to save those who wait for Him (Heb. 9:28).*
7. **Feast of Tabernacles** “Sukkot” (סֻכּוֹת) — September 26 – October 2 — *God will dwell with His people forever (Rev. 21:3).*

WHY WE KEEP THESE APPOINTMENTS

- To Reveal Jesus — gaining revelation of His person and work, growing in intimacy with Him. (*Col. 2:17; Heb. 9:9-10, 10:1; 1 Cor. 5:7, 15:20*)
- To Remember Jesus — a memorial against our tendency to forget who He is and what He's done. (*Ex. 12:14; Num. 10:10; Lk. 22:19; Zec. 14:16-18*)
- To Realign with Jesus — a heart-check; an invitation to repent where we've drifted. (*Lev. 23:26-32; Joel 2:12-13; Neh. 8:9-12*)
- To Keep God's Appointments — following Jesus's own rhythm of withdrawing to meet with the Father, even when the crowd pulls the other way. (*Mark 1:35, 6:31-32; Luke 5:16, 5:18, 22:39-41; John 6:15; Matt. 6:6; Daniel 6:10; Psa. 5:3, 55:17*)

THE SEASON OF HARVEST

We're in the season between Pentecost and Trumpets — when Israel harvests grapes and olives. “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37; Luke 10:2).

Grapes — Abide to Bear Fruit

“I am the true vine... Abide in me, and I in you... apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:1-5). The best wine grapes grow under stress — rocky soil, little water — because struggle redirects the vine's energy into the fruit instead of the leaves. Hardship and pruning are part of the process that forms something more valuable in us.

Olives — Pressed to Give Light

Olives are crushed and pressed in stages to produce the purest oil. Often it's our own pressing — our trials, our surrendered suffering — that produces the oil that lights someone else's way (Matthew 5:16). “Count it all joy... when you meet trials of various kinds, for the testing of your faith produces steadfastness” (James 1:2-3).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. When you hear the word “appointments” instead of “feasts,” does that change how you think about God's calendar? Why might “appointments with God” carry different weight than “holidays or feasts”?
2. Scripture gives four reasons for keeping these appointed times: to reveal Jesus, to remember Jesus, to realign with Jesus and to keep an appointment with God. Which of the four do you personally need most right now — and why?
3. As we head into the fall feasts — Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles — what's one thing from this message you want to carry with you?