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His **Second Coming**, at which point Israel will **finally accept His atonement**.

The **FEAST OF TABERNACLES** celebrates the fact that God wanted to provide shelter for the Israelites in the wilderness (Lev. 23:39-43). Each year devout Jews build little shelters outside their houses and worship in them. The Lord's great tabernacle will exist in Jerusalem during the **Millennial Kingdom**. The entire world will come every year to appear before the King and worship Him.



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The seven feasts of Israel, as found in Leviticus 23, provide a prophetic preview of the vital future events that related to Jesus Christ, the Church, and the Jews. The seven feasts are important to comprehend so the believer can have a basic understanding of God's calendar.

The first feast on the festival calendar was PASSOVER, the feast of redemption (Lev. 23:5). A lamb without spot or blemish was to be sacrificed and his blood shed for deliverance and salvation. It was by divine design from the beginning of time that our Lord Jesus was to be sacrificed on Passover day. Passover represents our salvation in that "the Lamb of God" (John 1:36) takes away the sin of the world.

The FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD begins on the night after Passover (Lev. 23:6). God commanded the Jews to eat unleavened bread during the week following Passover, symbolizing a holy walk with the Lord. The unleavened bread of the New Testament is the body of our

Lord Jesus Christ. He is called "the bread of life" (John 6:35), and His body was buried during this feast.

The FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS (Lev. 23:10-11) is held on the Sunday following Unleavened Bread. In it Israel would acknowledge Him as the One who gave them the fertility of the land. They were to bring the firstfruits of the early crops to the priest in the Temple to be waved before the Lord on their behalf. We not only celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on this feast day, but also the resurrection of the Church (see 1 Cor. 15:23).

PENTECOST, connoting fifty days, was to occur fifty days after Firstfruits (Lev. 23: 15-17) and involved taking "two wave loaves" baked with leaven and of equal weight. God was predicting that the Church would be comprised of two equal parts, Jews and Gentiles. When the Holy Spirit came, there was a harvest of 3,000 souls (Acts 2:41), only a small token of the great harvest to come in the rapture of the Church.

Trumpets were to be blown at the commencement of the rapture of the Church (1 Cor. 15:51-52); 1 Thess.

4:16-17 FEAST OF TRUMPETS (Lev. 23:24) which finds its exact parallel and fulfillment in the) when that great trumpet sounds. The graves will give up those who died in faith and believers that are alive will rise from the earth. All the believers will be mysteriously changed and outfitted for immortality.

On the solemn DAY OF ATONEMENT, the high priest of Israel entered into the Holy of Holies and made a sacrifice on his own behalf and for all the sins of Israel (Lev. 23:27). Jesus is the final atonement for all sins once and forever (Heb. 9-10). The Day of Atonement will be fulfilled in a wonderful way when the Lord returns at



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