

Revision and the Feast of Trumpets.

The annual Feasts of Israel are outlined in Leviticus 23 which also includes the weekly Feast held every Saturday, called the Sabbath. Here is a link to the Feasts' chart if you don't already have a copy:

<http://www.bibleunderstanding.com/feasts.htm>

The annual feasts were set into two groups, the first celebrated in the early months of Israel's festive year approximating around our March through May, and the later group occurring around our September/October. The first group included Passover, Unleavened Bread and Weeks (Pentecost), and the final set of feasts was Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles/Booths.

It is essential we understand these feasts in their original settings or we will be hard pressed to understand them in their prophetic or final fulfilment settings. Too many expositors forget this clear and unambiguous statement;

[Lev 23:2](#) Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, The feasts of Jehovah, which you shall proclaim, holy convocations, even these are My appointed feasts.

These are the feasts of Jehovah given by Him to Israel not to "The Church". "The Church" does not replace Israel and we should not try and read "The Church" into these feasts.

Israel's national beginnings gave them and us some incredible pictures of their future greater deliverance by Jehovah their Saviour and Lord, Christ Jesus. Here is a very brief revision.

Israel was delivered from bondage at PASSOVER when all the firstborn sons of Egypt died and the gods of their world judged. But in Israel's houses there was also one dead, the Passover Lamb (Ex.12:3-11) as Moses writes;

[Exo 12:30](#) And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

Israel had to remove leaven from their houses and eat UNLEAVENED BREAD for seven days beginning the night they were delivered (Gen.12:14-17). Israel were set free and marched out of Egypt; separated to serve God and they had to separate sin from their lives. In the future Kingdom on the earth, sin will not be tolerated (Psalm 5:4-6 cp Acts 5).

Approximately 50-60 days later they arrived at Mt Sinai where they experienced their First PENTECOST or Feast of Weeks, here the Law was given on tables of stone and supernatural gifts were given. It might surprise some Christians to realise that supernatural gifts were given at the first Pentecost; that is at Mt Sinai. See Ex.28:1-3, Ex.31:1-7 and compare Numbers 11:24-29.

Last lesson we saw Israel fail at a test of faith. They were marched straight from Mt Sinai to the southern border of their land where the very next feast, TRUMPETS, could have unfolded bringing the final set of feasts when all God's promises to them will be fulfilled. But instead of believing that God who had brought them out could also bring them in, they were afraid and were turned back into the wilderness. To read the fuller accounts of this failure of faith, see Numbers 13 and 14, also Deut.1:2, 21, 26, 27, and this verse:

[Deu 1:32](#)in this thing you did not believe Jehovah your God,

Israel wandered in the wilderness for nearly 40 years to learn reliance on the Word of the Lord;

[Deu 8:2](#) And you shall remember all the way which Jehovah your God led you these forty years in the wilderness in order to humble you, to prove you, to know what is in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

[Deu 8:3](#) And He humbled you and allowed you to hunger, and then He fed you with manna, which you did not know, neither did your fathers know *it*, so that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every *word* that comes out of the mouth of Jehovah man shall live.

Israel was given the Law at Mt Sinai and they carried it with them, they also had God's visible presence (Ex.13:21-22) but for all this, they were short on faith when it was sorely needed. We must take a lesson from this, holding the Word of God in our hand as we sit in church once a week does not build our faith. See Romans 10:17, Phils.1:9-10 and 2 Timothy 2:15.

The forty years wandering was a period of chastisement and learning; a preparation for the Kingdom,

[Deu 8:11](#) Beware that you do not forget Jehovah your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you today,

[Deu 8:12](#) lest *when* you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and lived in *them*,

Deu 8:13 and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied,

Deu 8:14 then your heart might be lifted up, and you might forget Jehovah your God who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves.

Eventually the Lord brought Israel around the east side of the Promised Land so they could enter from the east, across the river Jordan towards Jericho. They had a few battles on the way. There, Moses died and was buried by the Lord, see Deut. 34:1-6.

Joshua was then commanded to lead the people into their promised land. You can read how they crossed the river in Joshua 3 & 4. Those readers who note interesting times and dates will read Josh.1:11, and compare Joshua 4:19 with Ex.12:3. The Feast of Trumpets originally occurred in Joshua chapter 6.

Israel's feasts were divided into two parts and they coincided with Israel's deliverance from Egypt which was also in two parts. The first part was the "exodus" or the way out, and the second part, which followed their wilderness wanderings, was the "eisodus" or the way in. Many of us are beginning to realise that the Lord, who declares the end from the beginning (Is.46:9-10), has shown in these types Israel's future two part deliverance.

Passover, Unleavened Bread and Weeks were fulfilled in the Gospels and the Acts, and like Kadesh-barnea, Israel could have enjoyed their kingdom then and there, see Acts 3:12-21. However Israel failed another test of faith. They were called upon to repent and believe in their Messiah by John the Baptist, The Lord Himself and again, after they crucified Him, by the twelve and Paul during the Acts period. But they refused to accept Him and were eventually set aside again. The Kingdom of Heaven was postponed once more and Israel are wandering in another wilderness, still waiting for the fulfilment of Trumpets, Atonement Tabernacles/Booths, the second set of feasts.

In the next Lesson we examine Israel's crossing of the Jordan and their triumphant entry into the Promised Land, you might like to read Joshua chapters 3-6 and consider this very important fact. The Feast of Trumpets heralds Israel's entry into the promised Kingdom. When Trumpets is fulfilled in a yet future day, the Captain of the Lord's hosts, Israel's greater Joshua, will destroy their enemies and gather them into their inheritance.