

FEASTS OF THE LORD

Feast of Firstfruits

He is Risen!

Matthew 28:1-10

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Leviticus 23 – Spring Feast

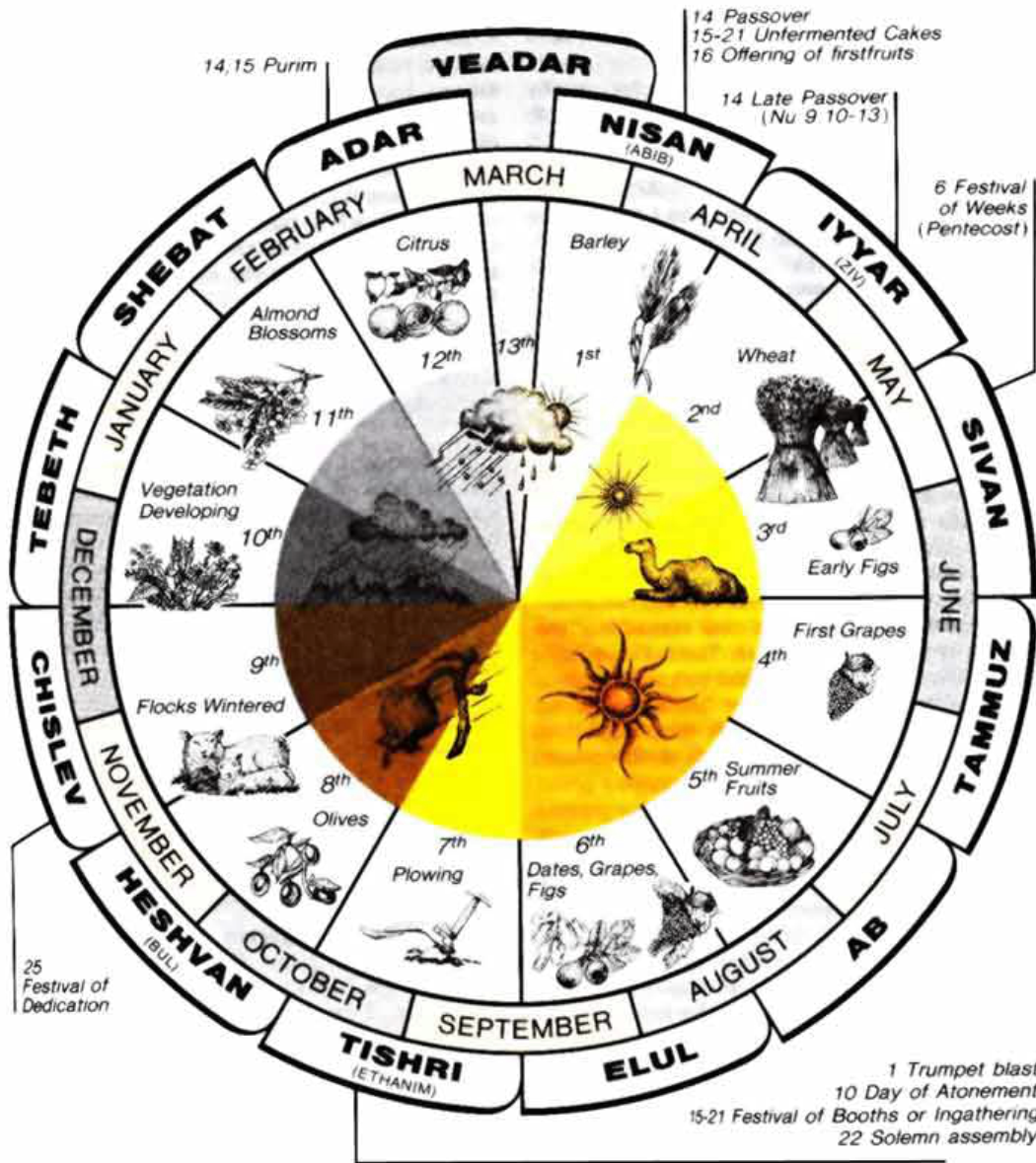
- Pesach פסח Passover (Nisan 14)
- Hag Hamatzah חג המצות Unleavened Bread (Nisan 15-21)
- **Yom Habikkurim יום ביכורים Day of Firstfruits (Nisan 16/17)**
- Shavuot שבועות Pentecost (First Trump - Exodus 19:19 & Acts 2:2) (Sivan 6)

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LEVITICUS 23

SPRING FEASTS – HIS FIRST COMING

1. Passover
 - Redemption
 - Death
2. Unleavened Bread
 - Burial
- 3. Firstfruits**
 - **Resurrection**
4. Pentecost
 - Coming of the Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit)



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Feast of Firstfruits

- Leviticus 23:9-14
- Yom Habikkurim **יום ביכורים** Day of Firstfruits (Nisan 16/17)
 - Comes from root, Bekhor, firstborn
- **רֵאשִׁית קָצִיר** Re-sheet Katzir – Beginning of the harvest (what is first, best, Firstfruits)
- Grain Offering

Grain Offering

- Leviticus 2:1-16; 6:14-18; 7:12,13
- קָרְבָּן (*Qorban*): offering; meaning: to draw near
- מִנְחָה (*Minhah*): thanksgiving offering; grain, fruit, animal, others; other names: cereal or meat
- Unleavened bread and salt

Grain Offer

- Purpose:
 - Accompanied all burnt offerings
 - Signified thanksgiving to God
- 3 types:
 - Fine flour mixed with oil & frankincense
 - Cakes made of fine flour mixed with oil and baked in an oven or pan
 - Green heads of roasted grain mixed with oil and frankincense
- Symbolized
 - Best fruit of human living to God
 - **Yeshua's (Jesus) sinless service (Hebrews 10:5-10)**
 - **Yeshua's resurrection as a Firstfruits offering (1Corinthians 15:20,23)**

Biblical Significance of “Firsts” (Firstfruits & Firstborn)

- Firstfruits (or firstborn) were the first, best and preeminent of all that was to follow; foretaste of the harvest to come
- Holy to the LORD
- Man, beast and fruit of the earth were presented to the LORD as Firstfruits
 - Exodus 13:2, 11-16
- Redemption of the first born son: פדיון הבן Pidyon haben
 - Numbers 3:11-13; 18:15-16; Leviticus 12:1-8
 - Luke 2:21-24

Ceremony of Firstfruits

- Leviticus 23:9-14
- Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Theme: Resurrection & Salvation

- Noah's ark rests on Mount Ararat (Genesis 8:4)
- Israel crosses the Red Sea (Exodus 14)
- Haman is defeated (Esther 7)
- Resurrection of Yeshua (Jesus)

Yeshua Resurrected on First Fruits

- Harvesting the Sheaf
- Waving the Sheaf before the LORD
- Luke 24; Mark 16; John 20

Yeshua (Jesus) Our Firstfruits

- Firstborn of Mary (Matthew 1:23-25)
- First-begotten of God the Father (Hebrews 1:6)
- Firstborn of every creature (Colossians 1:15)
- First-begotten from the dead (Revelation 1:5)
- First fruits of the resurrected ones (1Corinthians 15:20,23)
- Beginning of the creation of God (Revelation 3:14)
- The Preeminent One (Colossians 1:18)

Body of Christ (Messiah)

- Firstfruits of Christ – Hebrews 12:22-23; James 1:17-18; 1 Peter 1:3, 23
- Firstfruits of the Spirit – Romans 8:23
 - Guarantee of our inheritance; foretaste of what to come; God's assurance of the greater blessing to come (Ephesians 1:13-14)