

**A Synopsis on:
The Spring Feasts of God
April 12, 2020 Lesson**

Introduction:

On the fourth day of creation, described in Genesis 1:14 – 19, God placed the sun and the moon and the stars in the heavens. He said He did this to separate the day from the night and to serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years. The Hebrew word for seasons here is mowadiym. That word can also mean appointed times or feasts. In that sense the feasts of God, as given to Israel officially on Mount Sinai with the law (Mosaic Covenant), are part of God's divine appointments. They are used in celebration as a way of remembrance to what God has done for His people. But we have also come to recognize they have a prophetic value. The feasts are God's appointed times to remember God's provision for Israel and their deliverance out of bondage in Egypt, making them His chosen people, redeeming them so they will know Him as the LORD their God, promising to bring them to the Promised Land (Exodus 6:2-8). God's provision for Israel was literally fulfilled for Israel in the Spring Feasts by the Messiah in Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and sending the Holy Spirit to live in His people, all part of His first coming. But we wait for the Fall Feasts yet to be literally fulfilled in His second coming.

Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus!

Hebrew Calendar Dates for the Spring Feasts:

Passover – 14th day of first month (Abib or Nisan)

Unleavened Bread – 15th through 21st day of first month (Abib or Nisan)

First Fruits – Day after the Sabbath in Unleavened Bread in the first month (Abib or Nisan)

Weeks – 6th day of third month (Sivan) – 50 days from First Fruits

What is remembered in the Spring Feasts:

Passover – God's deliverance from death for the firstborn children of Israel in the 10th plague when the Egyptian children were killed by the angel of death as Israel covered their door frames with the blood of the lamb.

Unleavened Bread – God's provision in delivering Israel out of bondage in Egypt on that night they had to leave quickly so the bread was made without yeast.

First Fruits – God's promise to complete the harvest of the grain (barley crop) when Israel dedicated the first fruits of the harvest to God.

Weeks – Celebration honoring God for the completion of the spring grain harvest (wheat crop) as summer nears.

Scripture References:

Passover (Pesach)

Exodus 12:1-4; Leviticus 23:5; Numbers 9:1-4 , 28:16 Deuteronomy 16:1-3a, 4b-7

Unleavened Bread (Matzo)

Exodus 12:15-20, 13:3-10, 23:15, 34:18; Leviticus 23:6-8; Numbers 28:17-25;

Deuteronomy 16:3b, 4a, 8

First Fruits (Bikkuwr)

Leviticus 23:9-14

Weeks (Shavuot)

Exodus 23:16a; 34:22a; Leviticus 23:15-21; Numbers 28:26- 31; Deuteronomy 16:9-12

Jesus Pictured in the Feasts:

Purpose – Depiction of the redemptive role of the Messiah

- * Passover – “Saved by the blood of the Lamb”**
- * Unleavened Bread – “Removed the leaven”**
- * First Fruits – “Promise of the harvest”**
- * Weeks – “Bring in the harvest”**

Fulfilled by Jesus:

- * Passover – Death of Christ**
- * Unleavened Bread – Burial of Christ**
- * First Fruits – Resurrection of Christ**
- * Weeks – Holy Spirit sent by Christ**

PASSION WEEK PLUS

<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Month/Day</u>	<u>Year?</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2020</u>
# Start/End				
1 Saturday evening Sunday evening	Nisan 10	Apr 1, 30 AD Apr 2, 30 AD	Lamb Selection Day (Palm Sunday)	April 4 April 5
2 Sunday evening Monday evening	Nisan 11	Apr 3, 30 AD		April 6
3 Monday evening Tuesday evening	Nisan 12	Apr 4, 30 AD		April 7
4 Tuesday evening Wednesday evening	Nisan 13	Apr 5, 30 AD		April 8
5 Wednesday evening Thursday evening	Nisan 14	Apr 6, 30 AD	Passover-Upper Room Jesus died at 3:00 p.m.	April 9
6 Thursday evening Friday evening	Nisan 15	Apr 7, 30 AD	Unleavened Bread begins Jesus buried (Special Sabbath – John 19:31)	April 10
7 Friday evening Saturday evening	Nisan 16	Apr 8, 30 AD	Regular Sabbath Jesus in the grave	April 11
1 Saturday evening Sunday evening	Nisan 17	Apr 9, 30 AD	Frist Fruits Jesus' Resurrection (on the 3rd day) 1 Corinthians 15:20	April 12
Sign of Jonah - 3 days & 3 nights – Matthew 12:38-40				
2 Sunday evening Monday evening	Nisan 18	Apr 10, 30 AD		April 13
3 Monday evening Tuesday evening	Nisan 19	Apr 11, 30 AD		April 14
4 Tuesday evening Wednesday evening	Nisan 20	Apr 12, 30 AD		April 15
5 Wednesday evening Thursday evening	Nisan 21	Apr 13, 30 AD	End of Feast of Unleavened Bread (Special Sabbath)	April 16