

5 Fast Facts—God’s Holy Days

Subject: Scripture identifies God’s Holy days & God’s command to keep them

Context: Most Christians keep “holidays” created by men, instead of God’s Holy Days listed in Scripture. By doing this they are missing out of the knowledge revealed by obeying God.

So What Can You Do? If your study of scripture allows you to confirm that God’s Holy Days are an important aspect of our worship of God ... Find a church (such as the Church of God International) that is keeping these days! ... and begin to keep these days too!

1. The Holy Days are referenced throughout the Bible (Old & New Testaments) with all of them listed in Leviticus 23 along with **God’s command** to **keep** these days or to be cut off from God. Gen 1:14 shows the “appointed times” (Holy Days) were considered before mankind was formed.

Feasts of the Lord

Gen 1:14 (NIV) And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark ***sacred times**, and days and years (*H4150 = moed = appointed times)

Lev 23:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev 23:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning the feasts of the LORD*, which ye shall proclaim *to be* **holy convocations**, *even these are My feasts*.

- **The Sabbath**
- **The Passover & Feast of Firstfruits (7 Days of Unleavened Bread)**
- **The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)**
- **The Feast of Trumpets**
- **The Day of Atonement**
- **The Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) & 8th day (Last Great Day)**

Lev 23:30-31 And any person who does **any work** on that same day, that person **I will destroy** from among his people. You shall do no manner of work; *it shall be* a **statute forever** throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

2. The holidays (created by mankind) are relatively meaningless ... (Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Valentine’s Day, Groundhog Day) all have pagan influences & symbols (tree decoration, bunnies, dress-up like demons, etc). Not only do they not teach us about God’s plan, they waste our time, and our focus away from the true Holy Days of the Bible.

Jer 10:2 Thus says the LORD: "**Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.**

Jer 10:3 For the customs of the peoples *are* futile; For *one* cuts a tree from the forest, The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

Jer 10:4 They decorate it with silver and gold; They fasten it with nails and hammers So that it will not topple.

Jer 10:5 They *are* upright, like a palm tree, And they cannot speak; They must be carried, Because they cannot go *by themselves*. Do not be afraid of them, For they cannot do evil, Nor can they do any good."

3. In Scripture God tells us **“how to worship Him”** (eg via the Law and the Holy days, etc) ... Our job is to decide **“whether to worship Him”**. God Hates when mankind seeks to worship him using the days and practices of Pagan worship! If you seek the “old time religion” and seek to worship as Jesus & the apostles did ... you can follow their example by keeping the Holy Days – as is listed several places in the New Testament.

Deu 12:29-32 "When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.' You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

4. The Holy Days show us (each year) **God’s plan of Salvation for mankind**. Some days show us Historic events in God’s Plan... some are Prophetic – pointing to events in God’s Plan that have not occurred yet!

Passover – Deliverance from Egypt & Christ came & died & was our Passover
Unleavened Bread – eliminating Sin from our lives by imbibing the unleavened bread of Jesus
Pentecost – arrival of Holy Spirit (described in Acts) to help Christians
Trumpets - Prophetic day (not yet occurred) looking forward to the Return of Christ
Atonement –Prophetic day (not yet occurred) looking forward to the binding of Satan who deceives the world
Tabernacles – Prophetic day (not yet occurred) picturing the Goal – the Kingdom of God setup on earth
Last Great Day - Prophetic day (not yet occurred) a resurrection giving a chance to learn of & accept Christ

5. When Christ returns, scripture is clear He will rule with a Rod of Iron and He will demand that all nations keep the Holy Days ... or their nation will not get rain! (Rebellion against God’s reign & His Holy Days won’t last long with such punishments!)

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be *that* whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

Zec 14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they *shall have no rain*; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Source of some ideas:

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