

Holy Week

God's beloved People of Promise were Enslaved in Egypt (world/sin)

1. He Delivered them from Egypt while He judged Egypt (Passover – Ex 12)

He Baptized them through the Red Sea

(1Co 10:1-4) ¹Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

(slavery couldn't pursue them – some longed to return)

He Trained them in the Wilderness (Law)

2. He brought them into the Promised Land - Blessed if they maintained relationship

3. He promised them Messiah - Everlasting Kingdom of Peace

7 Feasts (Lev 23)

1. Spring Feasts (1st coming)

- Passover: Christ's Sacrifice

(1Co 5:7) For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

(Jn 1:29) ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

- First Fruits: Christ's Resurrection

(Lev 23:11) ¹¹"He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

(1Co 15:20) ²⁰But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

- Unleavened Bread: Christ's Righteousness

(1Pe 1:18-19) ¹⁸knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Leaven Search: our righteousness (worked out/imputed)

(1Co 5:7) ⁷Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

2. Feast of Weeks/Pentecost (giving of Promised Holy Spirit)

Giving of Law – Giving of Spirit

(Je 31:33) ³³"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

ability to keep Law – blessing through maintained relationship

Leavened Bread: 1st Harvest, Gentiles (read book of Ruth)

3. Fall Feasts (2nd coming)

- Trumpets: Judgement of nations by coming Messiah
- Atonement: Repentance
- Tabernacles: Final Harvest (Jn 7:37-39)

palm branches – Israel's dependence on God, Hosanna (Lord save) prayers

Holy Week (Mt 21-27)

- Triumphant Entry – Messianic prophecy riding donkey (Zec 9:9)
palm branches & hosannas = Messiah (expectation of Kingdom)
same people condemn Him (unmet expectations)
- Cleanses Temple (2nd) – prayer, gentiles (Isa 56:7)
Place of Prayer replaced by Religious Activity
after He restored... Healings
- Questioned by Elders/Priests, Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes – Inspect Lamb
(silenced by answers/questions, 3 parables, woes)
- Signs of End/2nd Coming – new understanding (Fall Feasts)
Parable of Fig Tree (Jerusalem) budding (sign)
Withered Fig Tree because no Fruit (destroyed <40 yrs)
(Mt 23:37-39) ³⁷“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸“See! Your house is left to you desolate; ³⁹“for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’”
Ps 118:26 read during Feast of Tabernacles (Messiah)
vs 25 = Hosanna, vs 22 = rejected cornerstone (2nd parable)
2nd Coming Unexpected (days of Noah)
(1Th 5:1-6) ¹But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.
Be Ready – Watch (Pray)
(Mt 24:42) ⁴²“Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.
3 Parables:
 - Faithful Servant found doing His work when He comes
 - 10 Virgins – maintain Relationship (know Him)
(Mt 25:13) “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
 - Talents – produce Fruit
- Mary Anoints Jesus – Extravagant Worship (Worthy)
(Mt 26:13) ¹³“Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”
- Passover = Lord’s Supper (Lamb of God)
- Gethsemane – Partnership Intercession
(Mt 26:40-41) ⁴⁰Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
(Rom 8:34, Heb 7:25)