

THE FEASTS OF ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

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The use of 9 Feasts of Israel in Acts and First Corinthians, and 7 of them as *Time Markers*, reveals that every Christian celebrated them many years *after* the Resurrection. The Church teaches that the Feasts were fulfilled at the Cross and therefore, Christians shouldn't keep them, but the New Testament clearly reveals otherwise:

1. Acts 2:130 AD—The Feast of Weeks (Ex. 34:22; Dt. 16:9-10; Heb. *Shavu'ot*—Gk. Pentecost)
2. Acts 12:344 AD—The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Ex. 12:8, 15f.; 23:15; 34:18; Lev. 23:6f.)
3. Acts 12:444 AD—Passover (Ex. 12:11, 27; Lev. 23:5f.; Num. 9:5; 28:16; Dt. 16:1; Mt. 26:1f.)
4. Acts 18:2149 AD—This coming Feast, obviously a Feast of Israel (found in the KJV and NKJV)
5. Acts 20:657 AD—The Feast of Unleavened Bread
6. Acts 20:1657 AD—The Feast of Weeks (*Shavu'ot*—Pentecost)
7. Acts 27:960 AD—The Day of Atonement (“The Fast,” as Luke calls it; Lev. 16:1-34; 23:26-32)

Passover is mentioned once in Acts (Acts 12:4)1x

The Feast of Unleavened Bread is mentioned twice in Acts (Acts 12:3; 20:6)2x

The Feast of Weeks (*Shavu'ot*—Pentecost) is mentioned twice (Acts 2:1; 20:16)2x

The Day of Atonement (The Fast) is mentioned once (Acts 27:9)1x

An unspecified Feast of Israel is mentioned once (Acts 18:21; both KJV and NKJV, etc.)...1x

The Feasts of Israel in First Corinthians

Paul speaks of two Feasts of Israel in First Corinthians and he uses the second one as a Time Marker:

8. 1st Cor. 5:853 AD—The Feast (the Corinthians kept Passover & the Feast of Unleavened Bread)
9. 1st Cor. 16:853 AD—The Feast of Weeks (*Shavu'ot*—Pentecost)

The Feasts of Israel in Acts and First Corinthians

Below are the Feasts of Israel in Acts and First Corinthians in their Gregorian months and the number of times these “Feasts of the Jews,” done away with by the Church, are found in the Book of Acts and First Corinthians:

1. AprilPassoverTwiceActs 12:4; 1st Cor. 5:6-8
2. AprilThe Feast of Unleavened BreadThree timesActs 12:3; 20:6; 1st Cor. 5:6-8
3. JuneThe Feast of Weeks—PentecostThree timesActs 2:1; 20:16; 1st Cor. 16:8
4. October...The Day of Atonement—The FastOnceActs 27:9
5. ???An unspecified Feast of IsraelOnceActs 18:21

The Feasts of Israel are mentioned **9 times** in the Book of Acts and First Corinthians, **7 times** specifically as *Time Markers*. A *Time Marker* reveals *when* an event happened or would happen. These “Feasts of the Jews” were obviously still being celebrated by all Christians in the days of the Apostles, as Luke writes to Gentile Theophilus (Acts 1:1), and Paul writes to Gentile Corinthians. The Book of Acts and First Corinthians refute the false Catholic teaching that Christianity picked up. Acts is the *only divinely inspired history of the Apostolic Church for its first 34 years after* the Resurrection. It reveals that the Feasts weren't changed by Jesus or His Apostles, and that they were part of the Christian lifestyle. If not, Luke, a Gentile, would never have used them, and they as *Time Markers* because Gentile Theophilus *would not have known when the event that Luke spoke of happened*, and the Corinthians wouldn't have known what Paul was saying about Passover.

The Apostle Paul wrote First Corinthians in 53 AD, 23 years *after* the Resurrection and 11 years *before* Luke

wrote Acts (64 AD), and exhorts his Gentile Corinthians to “keep the Feast” (1st Cor. 5:6-8) Passover/the Feast of Unleavened Bread. He also tells them that he was going to stay in Ephesus until Pentecost (1st Cor. 16:8). Some Christians might say, “Sure Paul would use Pentecost because it’s a Christian holy day,” but Pentecost goes back to Moses as ‘the Feast of Weeks’ in English (Ex. 34:22; Num. 28:26; Dt. 16:10, 16), and it was on the First Pentecost at Mt. Sinai that *God spoke* the Ten Commandments to all Israel. Both God’s Word and His Spirit were *given to Israel* on the same day—the Jewish Feast of Weeks.

Neither Luke nor Paul ever speak of Easter¹ or Xmas, which are *not found anywhere* in the New Testament. The Roman Catholic Church brought those pagan feasts in *after* all the Apostles were dead (120 ADf.), and Rome *nullified* God’s holy Feasts, not Jesus. Easter and Xmas have nothing to do with Jesus. If God wanted us to celebrate them they would have been *written* in the New Testament. When Xmas came into the Catholic Church (about 350 AD), even the Catholic priests fought against it because they knew how pagan it was. Christians keep it and don’t realize *who* gave it to them and that there isn’t any Scripture to support Easter or Xmas.

On the other hand, the *Resurrection* of Yeshua (Jesus) is pictured in First Fruits (aka First Sheaf), which is celebrated on the Sunday of the 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread.² God made provision for Christians to observe the death *and* Resurrection of His Son in Passover—the Feast of Unleavened Bread and First Sheaf. God gave the Feasts to Israel at Mt. Sinai *with His Son in mind*. He didn’t forget to give Christians a day to celebrate His Son’s death (Passover/the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread), and His Resurrection (the Sunday of First Fruits within the 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread), *and* our glorious transformation into the Image of Yeshua (the 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread) with the eating of *unleavened bread* every day of the 7 day Feast, which pictures Christians becoming like Jesus (Lev. 23:4f.; 1st Cor. 5:6-8; cf. 2nd Cor. 3:18).

Also, God’s 7th day Sabbath is mentioned **10 times** *after* the Resurrection.³ Sunday is seen twice (1st Cor. 16:2; Acts 20:7), and one time it’s not Sunday at all, but Saturday night.⁴ **Not once** does the New Testament say that Sunday *replaced* the 7th day Sabbath or that the Church was meeting on Sunday *instead* of the Sabbath—something we’d expect if the Sabbath, which Israel had kept for **1,470 years**, had given way to Sunday. Easter, Xmas and Sunday are not biblical holy days, but pagan holy days the Church has taken from Catholicism.

Roman Catholic Church history reveals that *all Christians* kept Passover and the 7th day Sabbath for at least **90 years** *after* the Resurrection—until Pope Sixtus arbitrarily changed it.⁵ In 120 AD Sixtus threw out the Sabbath (Ex. 20:8-11), the Feasts of Israel (Lev. 23) and Mosaic Law, and brought in Sunday, Easter and anti-Mosaic Law theology. He did not have *authority* from God to do that. You can choose to follow the Pope (see Daniel 7:25) or you can choose to follow Jesus (1st John 2:6). Sunday, Easter, Xmas, and the eating of bacon, ham and shrimp are not of Jesus, but of Rome. I will answer any questions you have and I am also available to speak to your pastor on this topic. Email me at **AvramYeh@Gmail.com** and if it doesn’t matter to you, it matters to Jesus (Dt. 12:28-32; Mk. 2:27-28; 1st Cor. 4:16-17; 5:6-8; 11:1; Rev. 14:12), and so it should matter to you.

¹ Every English Bible rightly has *Passover* for Acts 12:4 except the King James Version. The Greek word is πάσχα (*Paska*; Passover). The KJV has *Easter*. The KJV is wrong and is also wrong at Heb. 4:9, where it only has *rest* instead of *Sabbath rest*. Hebrews was written 37 years *after* the Resurrection, yet Hebrews speaks of Sabbath, not Sunday rest.

² See *First Sheaf* at <http://seedofabraham.net/First-Sheaf.pdf>. Also, there is a Feast of Israel that commemorates the birth *and* return of Jesus. It’s *The Feast of Trumpets*. Read about it and why “the Rapture” isn’t biblical at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feast-of-Trumpets.pdf>. The Lord’s Day—Sunday? <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Lords-Day-Sunday.pdf>.

³ Acts 13:14, 27, 42, 44; 15:21; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4; Col. 2:16, and Heb. 4:9 (where the KJV and NKJV *fail* to correctly translate the Greek word *Sabbatismos* in Heb. 4:9, but every other Bible has *Sabbath rest*—not just “rest”).

⁴ Sunday is seen only **once** in the entire New Testament *after* the Resurrection (1st Cor. 16:2), and it wasn’t a day “for church.” Paul wrote that **each individual was to set aside** some money in his house on “the first day of the [work] week” (i.e. Sunday), for the poor Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. He’d get it when he came to Corinth (cf. 2nd Cor. 9:1f.).

⁵ The Roman Catholic Church is **not a Christian church** because its teaching on salvation and Mary are damnable. The Pope and Catholicism are an abomination to God (Dan. 7:25; Rev. 17:5, 9; 18:4; see *What’s Wrong with the Catholic Church?* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Whats-Wrong-with-the-Catholic-Church.pdf> and Alexander Hislop’s Christian classic, *The Two Babylons* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Two-Babylons.pdf>). For more understanding about the Feasts and Sabbaths in Acts see my longer paper, *The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers after the Resurrection* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feasts-of-Israel-as-Time-Markers.pdf>. Also, read Samuele Bacchiocchi’s, *From Sabbath to Sunday* at <http://seedofabraham.net/From-Sabbath-to-Sunday.pdf>.