

## Old Testament Feasts and Other Sacred Days

| Name                                 | OT Reference<br>s                   | OT Time                          | Modern<br>Equivalence | Purpose                               | Description                            | NT<br>References                                |
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| Sabbath                              | Ex 20:8-11;<br>31:12-17;<br>Lv 23:3 | 7th day                          | Same                  | Rest from work                        | Rest for man and animals               | Mt 12:1-12;<br>Mk 2:27; Lk 13:10-17; Heb 4:1-11 |
| Sabbath Year                         | Ex 23:10-11; Lv 25:1-7              | 7th year                         | Same                  | Rest for land                         | No sowing or reaping; land lies fallow | Rom 8:18-23                                     |
| Year of Jubilee                      | Lv 25:8-55                          | 50th year                        | Same                  | Help for poor & stabilize society     | Freedom and land returned              | Lk 4:16-21; Heb 4:9                             |
| 1. <b>Passover</b>                   | Ex 12:1-30; Lv 23:5; Nu 28:16       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Month Abib 14    | Mar-Apr Spring        | Commemorate deliverance from Egypt    | Eat lamb & unleavened bread            | Mt 26:17-30; 1 Co 5:7; Jn 1:29                  |
| Unleavened Bread                     | Ex 12:15-20; Lv 23:6-8; Nu 28:17-25 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Month Abib 15-21 | Mar-Apr Spring        | Remember escape from Egypt            | No leavened bread 7 days               | 1 Co 5:6-8                                      |
| Firstfruits                          | Lv 23:9-14                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Month Abib 16    | Mar-Apr Spring        | Thank God for harvest                 | Present first stalks of barley         | 1 Co 15:20                                      |
| 2. <b>Weeks (Pentecost, Harvest)</b> | Ex 23:16; Lv 23:15-21; Nu 28:26-31  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Month Sivan 6    | May-Jun               | Show joy and thankfulness for harvest | Present new grain offering             | Acts 2:1-21; Ro 8:23                            |

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| Trumpets<br>(New Year)                    | Lv 23:23-25; Nu 29:1-6           | 7 <sup>th</sup> Month<br>Tishri 1     | Sept-Oct | Call people to assembly                  | Blowing of trumpets                    | 1 Th 4:16; Rev 8:1-13 |
| Day of Atonement<br>(Yom Kippur)          | Lv 16:1-34; 23:26-32; Nu 29:7-11 | 7 <sup>th</sup> Month<br>Tishri 10    | Sept-Oct | Atone for sins of priests and people     | Sacrifices; scapegoat released         | Heb 9:7-14; 13:11-14  |
| 3. Ingathering<br>Tabernacles<br>(Booths) | Lv 23:33-36, 39-43; Nu 29:12-38  | 7 <sup>th</sup> Month<br>Tishri 15-21 | Sept-Oct | Remember God's protection in wilderness  | Live in booths, celebrate with produce | Jn 7:2, 37-39         |
| Sacred Assembly                           | Lv 23:36                         | 7 <sup>th</sup> Month<br>Tishri 22    | Sept-Oct | Rejoicing and offering harvest           | Rest and offerings                     | Neh 8:13-18           |
| Purim                                     | Est 9:18-32                      | 12 <sup>th</sup> month<br>Adar 14,15  | Feb-Mar  | Celebrate God's deliverance of the Jews  | Feasting and gifts                     | Jn 5:1                |
| Hanukkah<br>(Feast of Dedication)         | Jn 10:22                         | 9 <sup>th</sup> mon<br>Kislev 25      | Mid Dec  | Celebrate the rededication of the temple | Lighting candles                       | Jn 10:22-27           |