

Exodus 47 - Grace of God's Holiness

Exodus (Names) - Changing the World
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God's Coherent Organization

- God seeks to meet with man through the altar
 - Protects man from His holiness
 - Provides His holiness to believers
- God clearly recognizes man's sin and its accompanying violence toward everyone
- Yet, God provides grace despite man's rebellious sin

Exodus - Summarization of the Law

- Exodus organized conceptually, not chronologically
- This section gives the Law before Moses ascended Mt Horeb to receive the Law
- Purpose is to display God's grace in the midst of His holiness laying the foundation for salvation
- Other Pentateuch books detail the laws Moses received

Moses Writes of God's Grace

- God reinforces the Sabbaths to learn of God ^{26:118}
 - Of Years - Mercy of God
 - Of Days - Ways of God
- God discusses three festivals that highlight His grace
 - Unleavened Bread (Passover & First Fruits) [Barley]
 - Festival of Harvest [Wheat]
 - Festival of Ingathering (Trumpets & Atonement) [Grapes & Olives]

Sabbaths - Rest from Above

- Sabbaths
 - Days - Saturday (Beginning of Western weekend) to meditate on God's Word (Sunday started by Church)
 - Years - Not routinely kept during Theocracy
 - Every 7th iteration followed by the Jubel year (not kept)
 - Given to provide for the poor without welfare - grace
 - Babylonian captivity of 70 years for missed Jobels

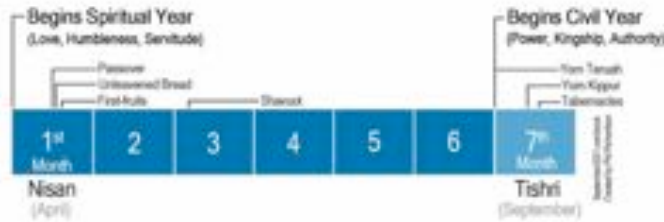
God Ordained Festivals

- God ordained: (Old Covenant *presaged* New Covenant)
 - Four spring festivals - Fulfilled at Christ's First Advent
 - Began Jewish Spiritual New Year
 - Three fall festivals - To be fulfilled at Christ's Second
 - Began Jewish Civil New Year
- Required annually at the Temple for one of these three festivals - All males (Adam willfully sinned') ^{17:110}

Division of Jewish Festivals

The Spiritual and Civil Years

The First 7 Lunar Months of a 12 Month Cycle



First Three Festivals – First Advent



- Passover, *Unleavened Bread* and *First Fruits* depict His death to resurrection
- He died as sin to remove sin (leaven) for His own
- He is First Fruit of all who follow (Church is First Fruit also) (1Co- 15:20-28; Jc 1:18)

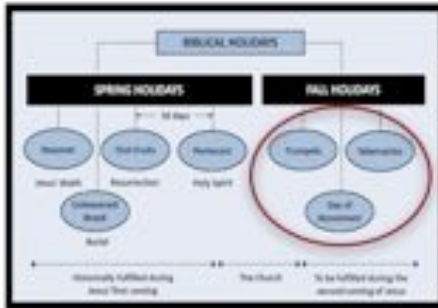
Middle Festival – New Covenant



- *Harvest Festival (Pentecost)* presaged giving of Spirit
- Church *first fruits* of New Covenant (Ro- 8:23)
- Jews rejected Christ, He will ingather them later

Two Leavened Loaves of Wheat – Saved in Flesh

Last Three Festivals - Second Advent



- Trumpets, Atonement and Booths (Ingathering) intertwined (Rapture)
- He comes to judge the nations, redeem the Jews
- Fulfills promises to them - Millennial Kingdom

Appear Before Him Thrice

- Unleavened Bread
- Harvest (Leavened Bread)
- Ingathering (Booths)
 - Jews did not celebrate Ingathering until return from Babylonia (Isa 6:17)
 - Rejected redemption
- Repentance of sin
- Salvation - First Fruit
- True Jew's redemption
 - The men were to teach their families about God's gracious salvation
 - They taught works

Festival of Unleavened Bread

- God gives three caveats:
 - The males (families) were not to come empty-handed, blood required for atonement (Paschal Lamb - Christ)
 - They were not to mix the blood with leaven (sin)
 - Atonement requires repentance and a sinless sacrifice
 - They were to eat the sacrifice only once (Fat - Best of God's sacrifices) and burn what was left (Isa 6:46; 9:20)

Festival of Harvest

- God gives two caveats:
 - They were to give an account of what they had been given (Dt. 25:14-30; 14:18-27)
 - They were to give the best of the first fruits to God in recognition of His blessing and Lordship
- They kept the best for themselves giving God the scraps (Dt. 14:2-9)

Festival of Ingathering

- God gives one caveat:
 - Not to seek to live from the world' (Dt. 6:31-34; Jd. 4:4; 2Pe. 2:20-22; 3Jo. 2:15-17; 2Jo. 1:7-9)
 - Kid - Goat usually a sin sacrifice (Jesus)
 - Maturing - Grow on the things of God, not the world
 - Mother's milk - Goodness of the land (Land of milk & honey); live on the words of God (Dt. 4:1-6)
 - Very difficult passage, usually interpreted literally

Called Ingathering, Not Booths

- Booths - To remind them that they are strangers on this earth looking for a *kingdom* to come (Dt. 11:15-16)
- Ingathering - To teach them that God is preparing His harvest for eternity future (Jd. 4:34-39)
- There will also be a harvest of the lost who stand at the White Throne to give an account to God (Joc. 3:12-16; Re. 20:11-15)

Annual Repetition - Teaching

- The Jews were to learn of God's gracious salvation via these three festivals; instead: *(Le 23:9-14)*
 - They codified them into rigid rituals
 - They tried to meet God's standard of holiness by living these rules which only *confirmed* their sinfulness (works)
 - Very few learned the truth of God's Word *(Ps 51:14-17, 118 2:22-30)*

Laying the Foundation - Land

- This small beginning lays the foundation linking: *(Ex 23:13, De 8)*
 - Living in the Promised Land (Eretz Israel)
 - With honoring the Covenant
- This will form the backdrop for the Old Testament
 - Israel chased idols and God allowed their defeat
 - Israel returned to God Who *weakened* their enemies

Their Error Continues Today

- Israel rejected and murdered their Messiah; therefore, God spewed them from the land *(Isa 52:1-5; Jer 12:14-17)*
- When Israel repents and turns to God He will come and restore them to the Land *(Le 22:10-13:9)*
- Between these two events is the Church (Gentiles) who appears not to learn from the errors of the Jews *(Isa 51:11, 12)*

How Did the Jews Fail?

- They had "bad" hermeneutics, as do many Christians
 - Literal - The Jews were literalists after their worldview
 - Sadducees - Literally interpreted the Pentateuch, *only*
 - Pharisees - Literally interpreted the Law but added to it
 - Allegorical (Dynamic) - Reinterpreting those passages not understood through the lens of one's worldview
 - Mixed pagan (Gnostic) beliefs with Bible rejecting God
 - Origen credited for popularizing this Hellenistic approach

Christians Fail Same Way

- Church history replete with many errors committed to "make" the Bible in man's image
- The resulting sin always leads to violence & ignorance
- Evangelism by the sword produces *antichrists*
- These false *churches* snare millions today with false teachings, perverting the life (Gospel) into death

One God - Two Covenants

- The God of the Old Testament is also the God of the New Testament offering the same salvation to His
- He taught the Jews, and teaches us, that a relationship with Him begins with understanding:
 - His holiness
 - Our sinfulness
 - His Gospel brings both together making them holy