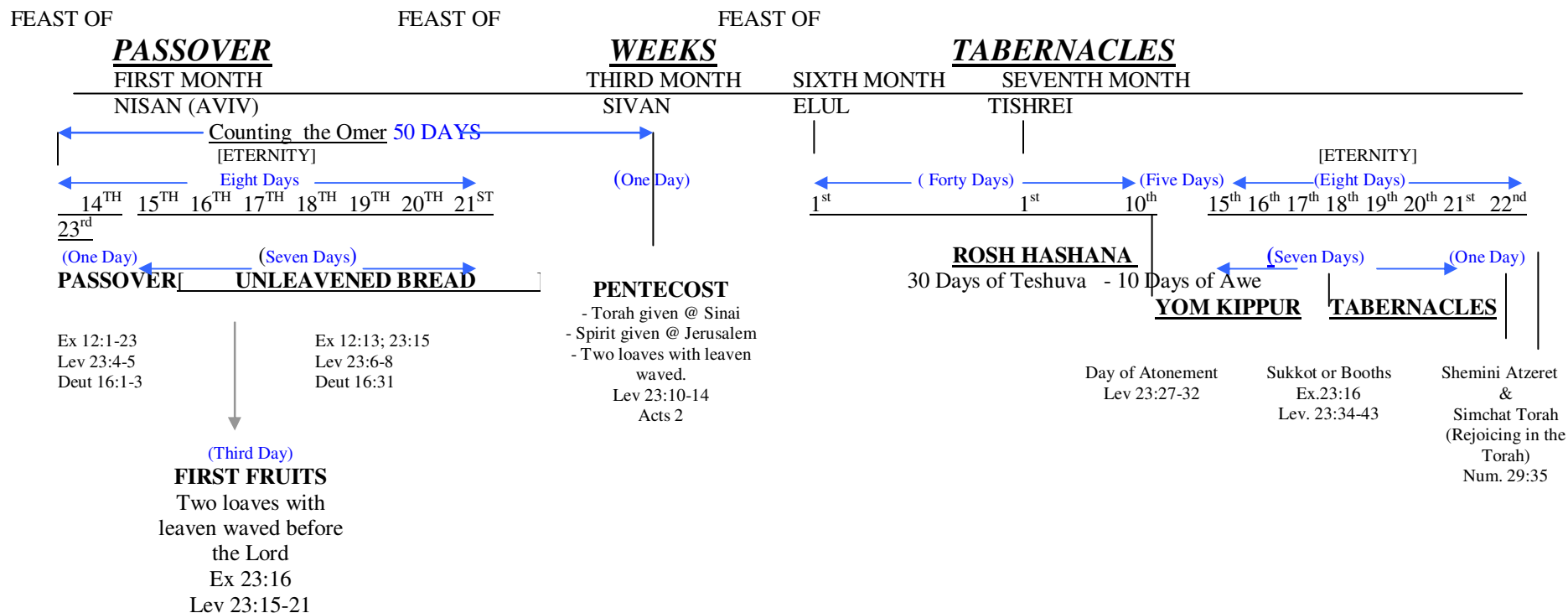


FEASTS OF THE LORD

A Calendar Overview by Pastor Tom Marxen - 2003



Foundation Scriptures - Exodus 12, Leviticus 23, Deuteronomy 16.

There are three special Sabbaths, Appointed Times that the Lord gave to Israel at Sinai as a gift. These are specific points in time each year where He promised to meet with all his people. They are often called "Feasts" in the Bible, but they are not just times of eating great "feast" meals as we might expect in our western culture, No, they are so much more!

The three Feasts coincide with the agricultural seasons in Israel. Passover occurs in Spring during sprouting grain and barley harvest. The Feast of Weeks, also called Shavuot or Pentecost is in the summer at the time of the wheat harvest. Tabernacles comes in the fall at the time of the fruit harvest.

There are actually seven different Feasts found in the three seasons. Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits are linked together at the "Passover" season (a "three-in-one"). Pentecost (also called Shavuot, or the Feast of Weeks) stands alone in the summer. Rosh Hashanah (also called the Feast of Trumpets), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) and Tabernacles (or Booths) make up the Fall Festival (another "three-in-one") season called "Tabernacles".

All the Feasts speak of our Messiah Jesus and the building and working of His Bride, the Church. They all have meaning and revelation for us as individuals, as groups, and as the Church as a whole. There is also an historical, present, and future aspect to all the various Feasts. The Lord has given us great revelation concerning the working, building and future of His Kingdom in these Sabbaths. For several centuries these truths have been hidden from much of the Church, but at this time, the treasures are being restored and released into the Body of Christ.

These times, and the practice of observing these times is a deep everlasting well of Life. As you decide to observe and practice these Sabbaths, not as a requirement of some rule, but as a response to the invitation of the One who Loves You Most, the Lord WILL open a fountain into your heart and into your understanding that can come from no other source. I speak from experience. The Lord is Faithful.

See you at the Feasts!

A Short chart showing different aspects of the operation of the Kingdom of God displayed in the Feasts

Feast season	Passover	Weeks	Tabernacles
Agriculture	Barley Harvest	Wheat Harvest	Fruit Harvest
New Year	Religious new year		Civil new year
Stage of Marriage	Liberating the Bride	Betrothing/cleansing the Bride	Marriage of the Bride
Tabernacle/Temple location	Outer court	Holy Place	Holy of Holies
State of Maturity	Babes needing	Young Men Warring	Fathers Giving
Type of Revelation	Natural light	Oil Light / Light on the Spirit	God is Light
Depth of Understanding	I am the way	The Truth	The Life

Why do we celebrate Tabernacles? - Read these verses...

2 Corinthians 3:7-11, Zechariah 14, Genesis 33:17, Exodus 40:34-38, Leviticus 23:34-44, Numbers 20, Deuteronomy 16:12-17:1; 31:10-13, 2 Chronicles 8:12-13 Ezra 3:3-4, Nehemiah 8:13-18, John 7:1-8, 11:39-40, Romans 8, 1 John 4:17, Revelation 1.

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