

One New Man Bible Seasons of the Lord (Biblical Feasts)

SABBATH

Hebrew Name: Shabbat

Time: Every Friday at sundown until Saturday at sundown.

Symbolized by two candlesticks and a loaf of hallah bread, both symbols taken from the dining room table because the Sabbath worship takes place mainly in the home.

Leviticus 23:3

PASSOVER

Hebrew name: Pesach

Purpose: To remember God's deliverance from Egyptian bondage

Sabbath: No

Date: Nisan 14, which falls between mid-March and mid-April. In Scripture this month is called Aviv, meaning Spring.

Symbolized by a Seder plate, which has spaces for each traditional item.

Leviticus 23:4

UNLEAVENED BREAD

Hebrew name: Hag Hamatsot

Purpose: Tell the children of God's mighty hand of deliverance to Israel

Sabbath: Partial, no labor, first and seventh days

Date: Nisan 15, begins the day after Passover, lasts seven days.

Symbolized by matzah bread, which is eaten throughout the entire Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Leviticus 23:6

FIRST FRUITS

Hebrew name: Resheet K'tsirchem, Beginning of Your Harvest, or Your First Harvest.

Purpose: Offering of First Fruits

Sabbath: No

Date: Nisan 16, March or April, second day of Unleavened Bread. Symbolized by a basket of fruit. There are three First Fruits celebrations each year.

Leviticus 23:9

WEEKS

Hebrew name: Shavuot, pronounced Sha-voo-ote.

Purpose: Offering of First Fruits

Sabbath: Partial, no labor.

Date: Sivan, mid-May to mid-June, seven weeks plus one day after the First Fruits of Unleavened Bread. Symbolized by the basket, which at Shavuot would have held the wheat recently harvested.

Leviticus 23:15.

DAY OF MEMORIAL

Hebrew name: Zichron (Memorial or Remembrance), Rosh HaShanah (New Year)

Purpose: To remember all that God has done, call to repentance.

Sabbath: Partial, no labor.

Date: Tishrie 1, from late August to late September. Symbolized by a shofar, which issues the call to repentance, plus a prayer shawl and tefilin.

Leviticus 23:23

DAY OF ATONEMENT

Hebrew name: Yom Kippur

Purpose: Repentance, forgiveness of sins.

Sabbath of Sabbaths: Holiest Day of the Year, no manner of work.

Date: Tishrei 10, early September to early October.

Symbolized by a mezuzah and scroll, representing the entire household's restatement of commitment.

Deut 6:4-9, 11:13-21, Num 15:37-41
Leviticus 23:26

BOOTHS

Hebrew name: Sukkot (Booths)
Alternate English name: Tabernacles

Purpose: First Fruits, Fall Harvest

Sabbaths: Partial, first and seventh days

Date: Tishrei 15, mid-September to mid-October.

Symbolized by booths made from palm fronds or leafy branches.

Leviticus 23:33