

God has a Plan
Leviticus 23
1 Cor 15

I. Intro

- A. God has a beautiful plan at work to redeem His people.
- B. The Love of Christ was not only displayed at the cross, but in the plan to get to the Cross, and in the plan of the story of the cross.
- C. God has a plan!
- D. School lunch: Square pizza and corn: It had to be planned, because every school in America served it!

II. Text

A. The Feasts

1. **Passover: Pesach** 14 day of Nisan, 1st month: Celebration of the Passover lamb, and for NT believers the blood of Jesus.
2. **Unleavened Bread: Mezzot** 7 days of feast after Passover: No time in the Exodus to put leaven in the bread, then became a feast symbolizing sanctification. Leaven represented sin in the scriptures. The Feast of Unleavened Bread proclaims that Christ's physical body would not experience the ravages of death while in the grave; for He was sanctified (set apart) by God the Father.
3. **First Fruits:** the Feast of First Fruits is always the following Sunday, the day after the Sabbath after Passover. Unleavened Bread begins on Passover and lasts seven days, so First Fruits comes before Unleavened Bread ends. (Resurrection Sunday)
4. **Pentecost: Shavuot**, Feast of Weeks: Began as a celebration second harvest, became a celebration of the giving of the Torah (Law). Pentecost is considered the closing festival of the Passover season (Ex. 34:22; Lev. 23:15; Deut. 16:9-10). This day is further referred to as “latter firstfruits” of the spring harvest. The “early firstfruits” (barley) were waved before the Lord during the Feast of Firstfruits (see Passover chapter) and the “latter firstfruits” (wheat) were offered unto the Lord during the Feast of Weeks.
5. **Trumpets: Rosh Hashanah**: this holiday has no name. It’s simply referred to as Yom Teruah (the day of the sounding of the shofar), so it became known as the Feast of Trumpets, a special day calling attention to the coming holy day—the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). A shofar (ram’s horn) is blown during the Feast of Trumpets service. 1st day of Tishri
6. **Atonement: Yom Kippur**: 10th day of Tishri, On this one day in the year, atoning blood was brought into the Holy of Holies, the divine throne room, by the high priest as the representative of the people
7. **Tabernacles: or Sukkot** (Sue-Coat) The Feast of Tabernacles is a week-long autumn harvest festival. Tabernacles is also known as the Feast of the Ingathering

- B. Matthew 26:26 -?: Jesus' passover meal with the disciples
- C. Matthew 27: Jesus dies and is buried at Unleavened Bread
- D. Matthew 28: The Sunday morning after passover, Jesus is raised: First Fruits from the dead: 1 Cor 15:23:But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.
- E. Acts 2: 50 days later, the Holy Spirit comes at the feast of Pentecost
- F. Whats Next?

III. Points

A. The FEAST of TRUMPETS

1. 1 Cor 15:52: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
2. This is what we are longing to hear!

B. The FEAST of ATONEMENT

1. 1 Cor 15:57: Victory in Jesus
2. The Victory is already won!
3. Atonement is coming as we are transitioned from Mortal into Immortality

C. The FEAST of TABERNACLES

1. Psalm 23:6: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever!
2. Just as the Hebrews celebrated the presence of God in Tabernacles, we will tabernacle with God for eternity.

IV. Close

A. What about God's plan?

1. God shows us His GLORY through His plan
2. God demonstrates His LOVE in His plan
3. God fulfills His PROMISE through His plan

B. Are you ready for His soon Return?