

***Greetings, from Christian Church of God
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**HEAVENLY PLANS FOR GODS
REDEMPTION OF ALL THINGS REVEALED
THROUGH SHADOWS AND SEVENS**

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven— Eccl 3:1 NASU. **God's** appointed times are revealed in Lev. 23: they **identify** God, **His** chosen among man Ex 31:13; and are **shadows** of **heavenly things to come** Heb 8:5; Col. 2:17.

CREATION, THE FIRST CYCLE OF SEVEN, A WEEK OF DAYS: God blessed and made holy the seventh day Gen. 2:2-3. Lev. 23:1-3 Six days shall man labor then the Sabbath of the **Lord**, a weekly Holy Convocation (commanded assembly) to be observed throughout eternity. Given to man as a **blessing**, and a **sign** of identification Ex. 31:12-18, also as a **test** of obedience Ex. 16:4. The weekly Sabbath is a **shadow** of the completed works of God (seven is God's number of completion), the rest promised in Hebrews chapter four, and the Millennium. Isaiah 66:23 promises that every person then living will be required to keep it why not start now and receive the blessings of obedience?

FIRST THINGS FIRST

PASSOVER: Lev. 23:4-5 two sevens into the new (sacred calendar) year, the Passover Lamb is slain (14th Nisan). A **shadow** of mankind's death penalty being paid by God's innocent Lamb (His Son) setting man free from the slavery of sin (Egypt, i.e. this world). The Passover is a **shadow** of the substance, which is Christ, our Passover I Cor 5:7. The Passover looks forward to Christ's first coming. The Lord's supper validates His first coming and looks forward to His second coming Luke 22:18-19. The Passover is a **commanded** performance and the very first annual appointed time in God's plan of salvation, however it is not a Sabbath (holy convocation).

GOD'S WORD OUR BREAD

FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD: (the third seven starts the F.U.B) Lev. 23:6-8 lasts seven days. Starts the 15th of Nisan, the **first day** after the Passover. It is a sign in your hand (performance) and a memorial between your eyes (understanding) Ex. 13:9. The literal leaven is a **shadow** of the spiritual leaven we are to beware of, i.e. the leaven of: **Herod**, deception, sly, *worldliness* Mk. 6:14-28; 8:15; **Sadducees**, rejected the spiritual and supernatural, *modernism* Mt 16:6-12; **Pharisees**, *hypocrisy* Lk. 12:1; **Corinth**, pride, wickedness, malice, *sensuality* 1 Cor. 4:18-19; 5:1-13; **Galatians**, *legalism* Gal. 5:9. We are to feast on the unleavened bread of God's word, the manifestation of which is Jesus Christ, the bread of life John 1:1,2; 6:35,51-58, The first and last days are the **first** and **second** annual Holy Convocations (annual Sabbath). This feast was kept by the Corinthian church I Cor. 5:6-8.

CHRIST'S WORKS ACCEPTED BY THE FATHER FIRST FRUITS or WAVE SHEAF: Lev. 23:10-14 occurs the **first day** after the weekly Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread (a new beginning). The purpose is to offer the **first fruit** of the new harvest to God the Father. It is the **shadow** of the actual ascension and acceptance of Jesus Christ to the Father on the **first day** after His resurrection John 20:17, thus becoming the **first** of the **first fruits** among many yet to come I Cor. 15:20-23, James 1:18. This was a ritual required to be performed by the priests before the spring harvest could begin, a **shadow** of the first harvest of souls. Just as the first day of creation was not a Holy Convocation, neither is this day.

THE COMING OF THE COMFORTER

A WEEK OF WEEKS (7x7) or PENTECOST: Lev 23:10-11 from the Wave Sheaf, after seven Sabbaths are complete, the **first day** after the forty-ninth Sabbath, the 50th day, is Pentecost, This is the day Israel received the Ten Commandments Ex. 20. Just as it was the start of a new beginning for Israel, it is the **shadow** of the start of the New Testament church, a new beginning to all who believe. The Holy Spirit, (Comforter, John 14:16), the Spirit of Truth, is now available to all the called of God (John 6:44). We, ourselves, are a Holy Temple unto God

and the Holy Spirit dwells in us I Cor. 3:16-17. The law has been magnified Isa. 42:21 and placed in the **minds** and **hearts** of His children Jer. 31:31-33 and Heb. 8:8-10. God's new covenant church, planted as a mustard seed, will grow into all the earth Mk 4:31. The substance of Pentecost is addressed in Joel 2 and Acts 2. It is a time of rejoicing and of giving of a tribute to God Deut. 16:10. Jesus' prayer to the Father in John 17 is answered in Pentecost and explained Col. 1:26-27. Pentecost is the **third** annual Holy Convocation.

A WEEK OF MONTHS: God's appointed times all occur within the first **seven** months of the year and is repeated annually. These are the **shadows** of the great and wonderful plan of God's salvation for mankind and the establishment of His kingdom here on earth.

The first month contains the **Passover**, the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** and the **Sheaf of First Fruits**. A **shadow** of, or antitype of the Crucifixion, the shedding of the leavening of sin, the Resurrection, and the acceptance by the Father of Christ as the **first fruit** of the great harvest of the earth.

In the third month is **Pentecost**, when Israel received the Ten Commandments and agreed to God's offer to become His people, a **shadow** of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the formation of the church and baptism into the body of Christ. These **shadows** have all come to fruition in substance precisely on their appointed days, thus completing the spring (barley and wheat) harvest of souls.

Shadows yet to come to fruition all take place in the seventh month, which is the fall (fruit) harvest.

THE COMING OF THE KING

The **FEAST OF TRUMPETS:** Lev. 23:24-25, the **fourth**-annual Holy Convocation; a memorial of blowing of the trumpets; a call to prepare for the coming day of Atonement; a day of cleansing. This day is considered by many to be a **shadow** of the second coming of Christ and gathering of the Saints Mat. 24:30-31; the resurrection is described in I Cor. 15:20-52; Rev. 20:1-8; the last trumpet to sound. The Lord descends with a shout; the trumpet of God blasts and the saints are resurrected I Thes. 4:16-17; a very noisy happening. This is definitely not a secret rapture, reference the day of the Lord, Zech. 14:1-15. The **seventh** angel sounds, God's kingdom comes Rev. 11:15. Heavens opened 19:11-21.

Although this is the **first day** of the **seventh** month of the sacred calendar, it is also the **first** day of the first month of the civil calendar. Therefore it is both an end and a beginning. God's endings are also His new beginnings, like being born again.

CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

The **DAY OF ATONEMENT:** Lev. 23:27-32 the **fifth** annual Holy Convocation; a **shadow** of our complete redemption and cleansing of the Heavenly Temple; a solemn day of humility and atonement. It is a day of strict fasting. Absolutely no work is to be done this day. On this day only, the High Priest, after a very meticulous cleansing process, acted as a mediator and atoned for the sins of Israel by entering through the Vale (a shadow of Christ) into the Holy of Holies. He then performed the prescribed rituals in hopes of being acceptable to God. The Priest was a **shadow** of Christ, who is our Intercessor and Mediator. By His atoning blood on the cross, He entered the heavenly Holy of Holies once and for all as our High Priest. The

assurance of the acceptance by the Father is evidenced by the Wave Sheaf offering. Study Hebrews chapters eight through ten for a clear understanding of what Christ accomplished for us.

The two Goats ceremony as a **shadow** of the coming judgment between Christ and Satan is proclaimed in Leviticus 16. One to be sacrificed the other to be expelled as chosen by God. Our accuser and deceiver, Satan, the scapegoat, will be bound for a thousand years Rev. 20:1-3.

FULFILLMENT OF THE SABBATH

The **FEAST OF TABERNACLES:** Lev. 23:34-44 after two sevens into the seventh month (the 15th day) begins the Feast Of Ingathering, a **shadow** of the Millennium, the seventh of the seven thousand years of the history of man. One thousand years of Christ's peaceful rule on earth begins. The first day is the **sixth** annual Holy convocation and the entire week is a time of joy, study and celebration, Nehemiah 8:9-18. In the millennium, all survivors of the tribulation will observe the Feast Of Tabernacles and worship the King of Kings and Lord of hosts at Jerusalem Zee. 14:16. The illumination of God's temple, the Shekinah Glory is restored as happened on the Feast Of Tabernacles at the dedication of King Solomon's Temple I Kings 8:11; 2 Chronicles 7. Remember, the temple of God dwells in us I Cor 3:16-17, may His glory ever shine through us.

ETERNITY BEGINS

The **LAST GREAT DAY:** Lev. 23:36, John 7:37 this, the eighth day, is the **seventh** annual Holy convocation of the year. This is the **first** day of the ultimate new beginning that continues on into eternity. The rest of the dead are resurrected Rev. 20:5. Satan released, verse 7. The final battle, verses 8-10. The final judgment and second death verses 11-15, from which there is no

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