

Jewish Festivals				
Name	Time	Offerings	Rituals	Other
<i>Sabbath Year</i>	Every 7 years (<u>Ex 23:10</u> ; <u>Lev 25:3-4</u>)		Six years of sowing, pruning, gathering (<u>Ex 23:10</u> ; <u>Lev 25:3</u>) Seventh year, no sowing or pruning (<u>Ex 23:11</u> ; <u>Lev 25:5</u>); gathering is still allowed (<u>Ex 23:11</u> ; <u>Lev 25:6-7</u>) but not reaping (<u>Lev 25:5</u>)	Includes vineyards and olive groves (<u>Ex 23:11</u>) In other words, whatever the land produces is for everyone not just for the landowner (<u>Lev 25:5-7</u>)
<i>Year of Jubilee</i>	Every 50 th year (Lev 25:8, 10)		Sound trumpets on 49 th year Day of Atonement as announcement of Jubilee Year (Lev 25:9) Proclaim liberty (25:10) Return to family property/clan (25:10, 13) Treated as Sabbath year (25:11-12)	Liberty includes: caring for poor (Lev 25:35-38); No enslavement of Israelites – even indentured treated like hired help and set free (v. 39-43); Slavery can occur with non-Israelites but must be treated well as former slaves (v. 44-46); If foreigners make slaves of Israelites, must be aware of the Jubilee freedom and determine price accordingly and not treat Israelites ruthlessly (v. 47-53); Irrespective of circumstances, all Israelites go free with Jubilee because Israel are God’s people and they are at best hired hands to others (v. 54-55) <i>(continued next page)</i>

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<p><i>Year of Jubilee</i></p> <p><i>(continued from previous page)</i></p>				<p>Return includes: Not taking advantage – either lower or higher price – but selling based on years remaining (Lev 25:14-17); If land lost, can be redeemed but returned in Jubilee (v. 25-28); Walled city sales are final – even in Jubilee - after a year allowing redemption but unwalled property falls under Jubilee (v. 29-31); Levitical property, irrespective of location, is always under Jubilee and fields cannot be sold (v. 32-34); the land is owned by God and essentially leased by Israelites (v. 23-24)</p> <p>God will provide for both the 49th and 50th year (25:20-22)</p> <p>Observance ensures remaining in the land and receiving its blessing (25:18-19)</p>

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<p><i>Sabbath Day</i></p> <p>Commemorates/rejoices in God's completed creative work</p> <p>Reminds of God's work to rescue His people from sin and place them in Promised Land</p> <p>Sabbath becomes a primary sign of the covenant since the covenant was responsive to what God had done</p> <p>It was His day and thus He invited His community to assemble together to celebrate what He has done</p>	Saturday	2 yearling lamb burnt sacrifices, grain offering, and drink offering (<u>Num 28:9</u>)	<p>Six days of labor (<u>Ex 20:9; 23:12; 31:15</u>)</p> <p>No work (<u>Ex 20:10; 23:12; Lev 23:3</u>)</p> <p>Solemn assembly (<u>Lev 23:3</u>)</p>	<p>Is God's holy day (<u>Ex 20:8, 10; 31:14-15</u>)</p> <p>Images God who rested at creation (<u>20:11</u>)</p> <p>Parents, children, servants, animals, foreigners to receive refreshment (<u>20:10; 23:12</u>)</p> <p>Sabbath a sign of who makes one holy (<u>31:13, 17</u>)</p> <p>Lasting and primary mark of covenant (<u>31:16</u>)</p> <p>Aligned with honoring others (<u>Lev 19:3</u>) and God (<u>19:30</u>)</p> <p>Desecraters must be put to death; those working on it cut off from Israel (<u>Ex 31:14-15</u>)</p>

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<p><i>Passover</i></p> <p><i>Represents freedom from enslavement and death through the death of the lamb</i></p>	<p>14th day twilight (end of day) of the first month; preparation begins 10th day (<u>Ex 12:6</u>; <u>Lev 25:3</u>; <u>Num 28:16</u>, <u>Dt 16:1</u>)</p>	<p>Pre-Promised Land: 1 yearling male lamb or goat without defect per household OR shared among smaller households (<u>Ex 12:3-5</u>)</p> <p>Post-Promised Land: Celebrated only in the place of worship and could be oxen, lamb, or goat (<u>Dt 16:2, 5-7</u>); the ritual would be celebrated in the place of worship after which people would return to the tents they were dwelling in for the celebration (<u>Dt 16:6-7</u>); since it must be offered at temple, this becomes a celebration for all Israel to gather at the place of worship</p>	<p>Care for offering for 4 days – 10th – 14th (<u>Ex 12:6</u>)</p> <p>Slaughter at twilight on 14th day (<u>Ex 12:6</u>; <u>Dt 16:6</u>)</p> <p>Blood of lamb on the doorposts with hyssop (<u>Ex 12:7, 22</u>)</p> <p>Cannot exit household till morning after blood applied; must be eaten within the house and none taken outside (<u>Ex 12:22, 46</u>)</p> <p>Entirety of meat eaten roasted over fire (not raw or boiled) with herbs and unleavened bread; no broken bones (<u>Ex 12:8-9, 46</u>; <u>Dt 16:7</u>)</p> <p>Eaten with cloak tucked into belt, sandals on feet, staff in hand, and in haste (<u>Ex 12:11</u>)</p> <p>When children ask what this means, reminder of Lord sparing Israelites (<u>Ex 12:26-27</u>)</p> <p>Eat it all with minimal leftover or burn leftover (<u>Ex 12:4, 10</u>; <u>Dt 16:4</u>)</p>	<p>Commemorative day for generations to come (<u>Ex 14, 24-25</u>)</p> <p>Whole community of Israel (<u>12:47</u>)</p> <p>Circumcised slaves could (<u>12:44</u>); Foreigner could if circumcises all males in household (<u>12:48</u>)</p> <p>No foreigners, temporary residents, hired workers, or uncircumcised male (<u>12:43, 45, 48</u>)</p>

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<p><i>Unleavened Bread</i></p> <p><i>Beginning of barley harvest</i></p> <p><i>Celebrated as a lasting ordinance for generations to come (Ex 12:17; 13:10)</i></p> <p><i>Represents the removal of sinful influence and context (Ex 12:17; 13:3)</i></p> <p><i>Observance serves as a reminder of the Law (sanctification) to live the way God wants since He rescued us (Ex 13:9) and reminder of rescue from Egypt (Dt 16:4)</i></p>	<p>1st day is 15th day of first month (<u>Ex 12:18; 23:15; Lev 23:6; Num 28:17</u>)</p>	<p>Do not appear empty handed (<u>Ex 23:15, Dt 16:17</u>)</p> <p>Every day 2 young bulls, 1 ram, 7 male yearling lambs all without defect including respective grain and drink offerings; 1 male goat sin offering (<u>Num 28:19-24</u>)</p> <p>Sabbath sacrifice everyday (<u>Lev 23:8</u>)</p> <p>Fat of sacrifices must not be kept till morning (<u>Ex 23:18</u>)</p>	<p>All Israelites are to appear (<u>Ex 23:17; Dt 16:2, 6, 16</u>)</p> <p>Sacred assembly on day 1 and 7 without work (<u>Ex 12:16; Lev 23:7-8; Num 28:18, 25; Dt 16:8</u>)</p> <p>Day 1 remove all yeast from house (<u>Ex 12:15, 19; 23:18</u>)</p> <p>Eat nothing containing yeast (<u>Ex 13:3, 6-7; Dt 16:4</u>)</p> <p>7 days of eating bread made without yeast (<u>Ex 12:15, 18-19; Lev 23:6; Dt 16:3, 8</u>)</p> <p>No work on any of the days except food preparation (<u>Ex 12:16</u>)</p> <p>On the 7th day celebrate festival and tell son “I do this because of what God did rescuing out of Egypt” (<u>Ex 13:6, 8</u>)</p>	<p>If anyone (including foreigners – <u>Ex 12:19</u>) eats yeast in the 7 days, they are to be cut off from Israel (<u>12:15, 20</u>)</p>
<p><i>Firstfruits</i></p>	<p>Day after the Sabbath (Sunday) of Passover/Unleavened Bread (<u>Lev 23:11</u>)</p>	<p>Wave offering (<u>Lev 23:11</u>) of sheaf</p> <p>Yearling lamb burnt sacrifice (<u>23:12</u>) to preserve covering of sinfulness</p> <p>Grain offering (<u>23:13</u>)</p> <p>Drink offering (<u>23:13</u>)</p>	<p>Could not process/consume grain harvest till firstfruit brought to God (<u>Lev 23:14</u>)</p> <p>Bring priest first sheaf of grain harvest (<u>23:10</u>) and sacrifice/offerings</p>	

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<i>Weeks (Harvest)</i>	<p>Celebrated with the firstfruits of the crops from your field (<u>Ex 23:16</u>)</p> <p>50 days inclusive of the day of the Festival of Firstfruits – always a Sunday (<u>Lev 23:15-16; Dt 16:9</u>)</p>	<p>Must bring best of grain firstfruits (<u>Ex 23:19; Num 28:26; Dt 16:10</u>)</p> <p>Two loaves of bread from finest flour with yeast as a wave offering (<u>Lev 23:17</u>)</p> <p>National offering (<u>Lev 23:18-19</u>) included: 7 yearling male lambs, 1 bull, and 2 rams – as burnt sacrifice; Grain offering; Drink offering; Male goat – purification sacrifice; 2 yearling lambs – peace sacrifice</p> <p>Every day 2 young bulls, 1 ram, 7 male yearling lambs all without defect including respective grain and drink offerings (<u>Num 28:27-31</u>)</p>	<p>Do not glean to edges of field so that the poor can participate by bringing their bread (<u>Lev 23:22</u>)</p> <p>All the people in the nation to appear at the place of worship (<u>Ex 23:17; Dt 16:11</u>)</p> <p>Wave offering of peace sacrifice and bread offerings (<u>Lev 23:20</u>)</p> <p>Priest partakes of the wave offering (<u>Lev 23:20</u>)</p> <p>Sacred Sabbath assembly (<u>Lev 23:21; Num 28:26</u>)</p>	<p>No blood with yeast sacrifices and fat of offerings must not be kept till morning (<u>23:18</u>)</p>
<i>Trumpets</i>	<p>1st day of seventh month (<u>Lev 23:24; Num 29:1</u>)</p>	<p>National Sabbath Offering (<u>Lev 23:25</u>)</p> <p>1 young bull, 1 ram, 7 male yearling lambs all without defect including respective grain and drink offerings; 1 male goat purification sacrifice (<u>Num 29:2-6, 6</u>)</p>	<p>Sacred Sabbath assembly (<u>Lev 23:24; Num 29:1</u>)</p> <p>Trumpets blasted (<u>Lev 23:24</u>) – throughout land or just in place of worship?</p>	<p>Trumpet could represent the voice of God calling the people to Himself (<u>Ex 19:19</u>)</p>

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<i>Day of Atonement</i>	10 th day of seventh month; dusk of 9 th day till dusk of 10 th day (<u>Lev 16:29; 23:27, 32; Num 29:7</u>)	<p>Purification Sacrifice (Bull) for priest/family (<u>Lev 16:11</u>)</p> <p>Purification Sacrifice (goat) for nation (<u>16:5, 15</u>)</p> <p>Scapegoat – not sacrificed but removed from community (<u>16:20-22</u>)</p> <p>Burnt Sacrifice (ram) for priest and nation (<u>Lev 16:24</u>)</p> <p>Sabbath Sacrifice (<u>23:27, 32</u>)</p> <p>1 young bull, 1 ram, 7 male yearling lambs all without defect including respective grain/drink offerings; 1 male goat purification sacrifice (<u>Num 29:8-11</u>)</p>	<p>Whole nation shows remorse/repentance by abstaining from all work and pleasures of life (<u>Lev 16:29, 31; 23:27-28, 31-32; Num 29:7</u>)</p> <p>Empty place of worship (<u>Lev 16:17</u>)</p> <p>Ritual cleansing of priest (<u>Lev 16:4</u>)</p> <p>Remove austere priestly garments that represent God speaking to the people (<u>Lev 16:24</u>)</p> <p>Put on white linen, priestly sash, and priestly turban – a simple, humble clothing – when he speaks for the people to God (<u>Lev 16:4, 32</u>)</p> <p>Scapegoat chosen (<u>Lev 16:7-10</u>)</p> <p>Purification offering (bull) sacrificed; Blood taken with incense/coins into Holy Place; incense placed on altar of incense to produce a protective cloud; blood brought into Holy of Holies and sprinkled there (<u>Lev 16:6, 11-14</u>)</p> <p><i>(continued next page)</i></p>	<p>Too difficult throughout the year to address every sin and defilement (e.g. <u>Lev 12-15</u>) due to limited access (<u>16:1-2</u>) – it is the once-a-year covering/removal of all outstanding sin/defilement renewing all people, priests, and place of worship (<u>Lev 16:16-17, 31, 33-34</u>)</p> <p>Lack of fasting resulted in cutting off; work resulted in destruction; both probably by God (<u>23:29-30</u>)</p>

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<p><i>Tabernacles (Ingathering/Booths)</i></p>	<p>15th day of seventh month for 7 days; end of agricultural year when gathering crops in from field (<u>Ex 23:16; Lev 23:34, 39-41; Num 29:12; Dt 16:13</u>)</p>	<p>Sabbath Offering daily including 8th day presented for whole nation (<u>Lev 23:36</u>)</p> <p>Daily sacrifice of: 13 young bulls (decreased by 1 each day till 7th day), 2 rams, 14 male yearling lambs all w/out defect including respective grain/drink offerings; 1 male goat purification sacrifice (<u>Num 29:13-34</u>)</p> <p>8th day offering includes 1 bull, 1 ram, 7 male yearling lambs all w/out defect including respective grain/drink offerings; 1 male goat purification sacrifice (<u>Num 29:36-38</u>)</p>	<p>All native born Israelites at place of worship (<u>Ex 23:17; Lev 23:40; Dt 16:14-15</u>)</p> <p>Must present best of firstfruits (<u>Ex 23:19</u>)</p> <p>First day is sacred sabbath assembly (<u>Lev 23:35, 39; Num 29:12</u>)</p> <p>Take branches from leafy trees to live in shelters/booths (<u>Lev 23:40, 42</u>)</p> <p>Reading of the Law in presence of all (<u>Dt. 31:10-13</u>)</p> <p>Commanded to rejoice throughout (<u>Lev 23:40; Dt 16:14</u>)</p> <p>8th day is a sacred sabbath assembly (<u>Lev 23:36, 39; Num 29:35</u>)</p>	<p>No blood with yeast sacrifices and fat of offerings must not be kept till morning (<u>Ex 23:18</u>)</p> <p>Reminder of the temporary shelters of the Exodus (<u>Lev 23:43</u>)</p>