

Travel Through The Torah

▲ The FEASTS: Forever or Fulfilled? ▲

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“The whole system of **types** and **symbols** was a compacted prophecy of the **gospel**, a presentation in which were bound up the promises of redemption” (*Acts of the Apostles 14.1*). “The observance of the Passover began with the birth of the Hebrew nation. On the last night of their bondage in Egypt, when there appeared no token of deliverance, God commanded them to prepare for an immediate release.... All the ceremonies of the feast were **types of the work of Christ**. The deliverance of Israel from Egypt was an object lesson of redemption, which the Passover was intended to keep in memory. The **slain lamb**, the **unleavened bread**, the sheaf of first fruits, represented the **Saviour**” (*Desire of Ages 76.2-77.1*).

■ **CONTEXT:** By today, our Bible Reading has taken us through Numbers 7:
(a) In brief, the Book of Numbers focuses on the wanderings of the Israelites. Its lesson is clear that, while it may be unavoidable to pass through challenging “wilderness” experiences, you and I do not *have* to live there. Sadly, due to the Israelites’ evil choices, an 11-day journey turned into a 40-year agony.
(b) Because we believe that “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Timothy 3:16), the actual numbers in chapters 1-3, can be seen to furnish the reader with internal evidence (by addition), that their total was “more than two million souls” (*Patriarchs and Prophets 333.3*), despite what skeptics claim.

► **BRIEF REVIEW:** The **Sanctuary** covers more space than any in Scripture:
1. We’ve observed the details Yahweh gave about its **Structure** (size, shape).
2. Its **Setting-Up** included the furniture, the structure, and priestly garments.
3. Many specific regulations were given about offerings & animal **Sacrifices**.
4. These instructions include information on the **Services** that had to occur.
5. Every aspect was linked to **Sanctification** -- Yahweh’s call to holy living.
6. Ultimately, by means of **Symbols**, the ceremonial system points to Jesus.
7. In short, the **Sanctuary** is all about **Salvation** from **Sin**, through the **Savior!**

✿ Be aware that some claim that the “feast days” (as in Leviticus 23), are not part of the ceremonial system, but part of the eternal moral law of Yahweh; that the 7th-day Sabbath & all the other annual festivals stand & fall together; &, that those who do not keep these feasts will receive the Mark of the Beast.

Q: What do the Scriptures teach about “The FEASTS: Forever or Fulfilled?”
Consider 4 institutions; ask 5 questions: When? Why? How? For whom? Till when?

- A. The seventh-day Sabbath: Set up at _____ for all humans, forever.
- B. The sacrificial system: Established _____ sin; for all; until Jesus’ death.
- C. Circumcision: Initiated with _____; a covenant sign; till the cross.
- D. Festivals: Instituted at the _____; with sacrifices, fulfilled by Jesus!

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