

Jesus' purpose was to fulfill the Feasts in Leviticus 23!

This is a blueprint of God's time-table. How much time is left?

1) Passover-Last Supper

Pointed to the Messiah as our passover lamb whose blood would be shed for our sins. Jesus was crucified on the day of preparation for the Passover, at the same time that the lambs were being slaughtered for the Passover meal that evening. (Ex. 12; Lev. 23:5, Zech. 13:6 & John 1:29, I Cor. 5:7))

2) Unleavened Bread

Pointed to the Messiah's sinless life, making Him the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus' body was in the grave during the first days of this feast, like a kernel of wheat planted and waiting to burst forth as the bread of life. (Ex. 12, Lev. 23:6-8, John 6:51)

3) First Fruits

Pointed to the Messiah's resurrection as the first fruits of the righteous. Jesus was resurrected on this very day, which is one of the reasons that Paul refers to him in I Cor. 15:20-23 as the "first fruits from the dead."-Rom. 8:23 (Lev. 23:10-11, I Cor. 15:23, Matt. 27:53)

4) 2,000 yrs. of Harvest

Pentecost or in Hebrew Shavu'ot pointed to the great harvest of souls, both Jew and Gentile, that would come into the kingdom of God during the Church Age. The Church was actually established on this day when the Messiah poured out the Holy Spirit and 3,000 souls responded to Peter's first proclamation of the Gospel.

The long interval of three months between Harvest and Trumpets pointed to the current Church Age, a period of time that was kept as a mystery to the Hebrew prophets in Old Testament times.

That leaves us with the three fall feasts which are yet to be fulfilled in the life and work of the Messiah. Because Jesus literally fulfilled the first four feasts and did so on the actual feast days, I think it is safe to assume that the last three will also be fulfilled and that their fulfillment will occur on the actual feast days. We cannot be certain how they will be fulfilled, but my guess is that they most likely have the following prophetic implications: (Acts 2:1-41, Matt. 9:37-38, Rev. 14:15-16.)

5) Trumpets

(Called Rosh Hashana today.) Points to the Rapture when the Messiah will appear in the heavens as a Bridegroom coming for His bride, the Church. The Rapture is always associated in Scripture with the blowing of a loud trumpet (Lev. 23:23-25, I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and I Cor. 15:51-52)

6) Atonement

(Called Yom Kippur today.) Points to the day of the Second Coming of Jesus when He will return to earth. That will be the day of atonement for the Jewish remnant when they "look upon Him whom they have pierced," repent of their sins, and receive Him as their Messiah (Lev. 23:26-32; Zech. 12:9-10; 13:1 & Rom. 11:1-6, 25-36).

7) Tabernacles (1,000 yrs)

(Called Sukkot today.) Points to the Lord's promise that He will once again tabernacle with His people when He returns to reign over all the world from Jerusalem (Lev. 23:33-44, Ezk. 37:26-27, Zech. 12:10, 13:1, Mic. 4:1-7, John 7:2-37, Acts 1:6, Rom. 11:26, Rev. 20).

**Then the angel said to me, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'
And he added, 'These are the true words of God.'" Rev. 19:9**

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- Charles H. Spurgeon.

How odd of God to choose the Jew but not as odd as those who choose the Jewish God but hate the Jew. - Francis Schaffer

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