

The Day of First Fruits



Part 1

The Feasts of אָפֶּקֶז

- ... אָפֶּקֶז spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and thou shalt say unto them, The feasts of אָפֶּקֶז which ye shall call set apart assemblies, these are **My feasts**. (Leviticus 23:1-2, LXXE)
 - “feasts” (H4150, מועדי), an appointment, a fixed time or season, a year, a signal, feast, an assembly (by implication)
- For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. (Hebrews 10:1)
- For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, even as I was also fully known. (1 Corinthians 13:12)
- Let no man therefore judge you in eating, or in drinking, or with respect to a feast day or a new month or Shabbat, which are a shadow of the things to come; but **the body is Messiah's**. (Colossians 2:16-17 – HNV)

The Body Is Messiah's

**Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets:
I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.** (Matthew 5:17)



fulfill (G4137, πληρῶσαι), (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), verify (or coincide with a prediction), accomplish, fill (up), fulfill, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply

The Feasts of אָפִיקוֹם

...the law having a shadow of good things to come...

(Hebrews 10:1)

Spring Feasts:

- Passover
- Feast of Unleavened Bread
- **Day of First Fruits**
- Feast of Seventh

Fall Feasts:

- Day of Trumpets
- Day of Atonement
- Feast of Tabernacles
- Eighth Day

The Day of First Fruits Is Not

“Easter” Or “Resurrection Day”

- **Ye shall not add** to the word which I command you, and **ye shall not take from it**: keep the commandments of אף אַז our Aluhiym, all that I command you this day. (Deuteronomy 4:2, LXXE)
 - *The day of Easter is calculated falsely and thus celebrated on a different day than the Day of First Fruits almost every year*
- **take heed to thyself that thou seek not to follow them** after they are destroyed before thee, **saying, How do these nations act towards their gods? I will do likewise.** (Deuteronomy 12:30 LXXE)
 - *Easter celebrations include pagan originated fertility symbols (rabbits and eggs) and traditions (ham)*
- **I hate, I reject your feasts...** (Amos 5:21, LXXE)
 - *“Resurrection Day” is a secondary trap... Easter without the pagan symbology but still on the same false day and with a different false name to hide the full understanding of the day.*

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- And אֱלֹהִים spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and thou shalt say to them, When ye shall enter into the land which I give you, and reap the harvest of it, then shall ye bring a sheaf, the first-fruits of your harvest, to the priest; and he shall lift up the sheaf before אֱלֹהִים, to be accepted for you. On the morrow of the first day the priest shall lift it up. And ye shall offer on the day on which ye bring the sheaf, a lamb without blemish of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering to אֱלֹהִים. And its meat-offering two tenth portions of fine flour mingled with oil: it is a sacrifice to אֱלֹהִים, a smell of sweet savour to אֱלֹהִים, and its drink-offering the fourth part of a hin of wine. And ye shall not eat bread, or the new parched corn, until this same day, until ye offer the sacrifices to your Aluhiym: [it is] a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings... the day after the Sabbath... the day on which ye shall offer the sheaf of the heave-offering... (Leviticus 23:9-15, LXXE)
- Deuteronomy 26:1-11 is the ordinance for personal first fruit offerings

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 - sheaf (H6016, עמר), a heap (i.e. a sheaf); **also an omer**, as a dry measure
 - (N/A, δράγμα), handful of grain cut by the sickle (II. 11.69 & 18.552)*
 - first-fruits (H7225, ראשית), the first, in place, time, order or rank: **beginning**, chief(-est), **first-fruits**, principal thing
 - (G536, ἀπαρχήν), a **beginning** of sacrifice, **first-fruits**
 - of persons consecrated to Aluhiym, leading the rest in time (1 Cor 16:15)

* https://homerich_el_en.en-academic.com/2634/δράγμα

First Fruits

Cain and Abel

- And it was so after some time that Cain brought of the fruits of the earth a sacrifice to אֱלֹהִים. And Abel also brought of the first born of his sheep and of his fatlings, and Aluhiym looked upon Abel and his gifts, but Cain and his sacrifices he regarded not, and Cain was exceedingly sorrowful and his countenance fell. And אֱלֹהִים Aluhiym said to Cain, Why art thou become very sorrowful and why is thy countenance fallen? Hast thou not transgressed if thou hast brought it rightly, but not rightly divided it?... (Genesis 4:3-7, LXXE)
 - Honour אֱלֹהִים with thy just labours, and give Him the first of thy fruits of righteousness... (Proverbs 3:9-10, LXXE)
 - And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. (Colossians 1:18)



First Fruits

The Fall Of Jericho



The Sheaf

Historical Account - Philo

- “There is also a festival on the day of the paschal feast, which succeeds the first day, and this is named **the sheaf**, from what takes place on it; for the sheaf is brought to the altar as a first fruit both of the country which the nation has received for its own, and also of the whole land; so as to be an offering both for the nation separately, and also a common one for the whole race of mankind...” (Delineation of the Mosaic Legislation for non-Jews, Special Laws II, XXIX, Philo – c20 BC – c50 AD)



Day Of First Fruits

Historical Account - Josephus

- But on the second day of Unleavened Bread, which is **the sixteenth day of the month**, they first partake of the fruits of the earth, for before that day they do not touch them. And while they suppose it proper to honor Aluhiym, from whom they obtain this plentiful provision, in the first place, they offer the first-fruits of their barley, and that in the manner following: They take a handful of the ears, and dry them, then beat them small, and purge the barley from the bran; they then bring one tenth deal to the altar, to Aluhiym; and, **casting one handful of it upon the fire**, they leave the rest for the use of the priest. And after this it is that they may publicly or privately reap their harvest. They also at this participation of the first-fruits of the earth, sacrifice a lamb, as a burnt-offering to Aluhiym. (Antiquities of the Jews, Book 3, 10.5, Josephus – c37AD – c100AD)
 - **...ye bring a sheaf, the first-fruits of your harvest, to the priest; and he shall lift up the sheaf before אף אכז...** (Leviticus 23:10-11, LXXE)
 - the first-fruits of all things... shall be for the priests... (Ezekiel 44:30, LXXE)

The Day Of First Fruits Part Of His Covenant With Us

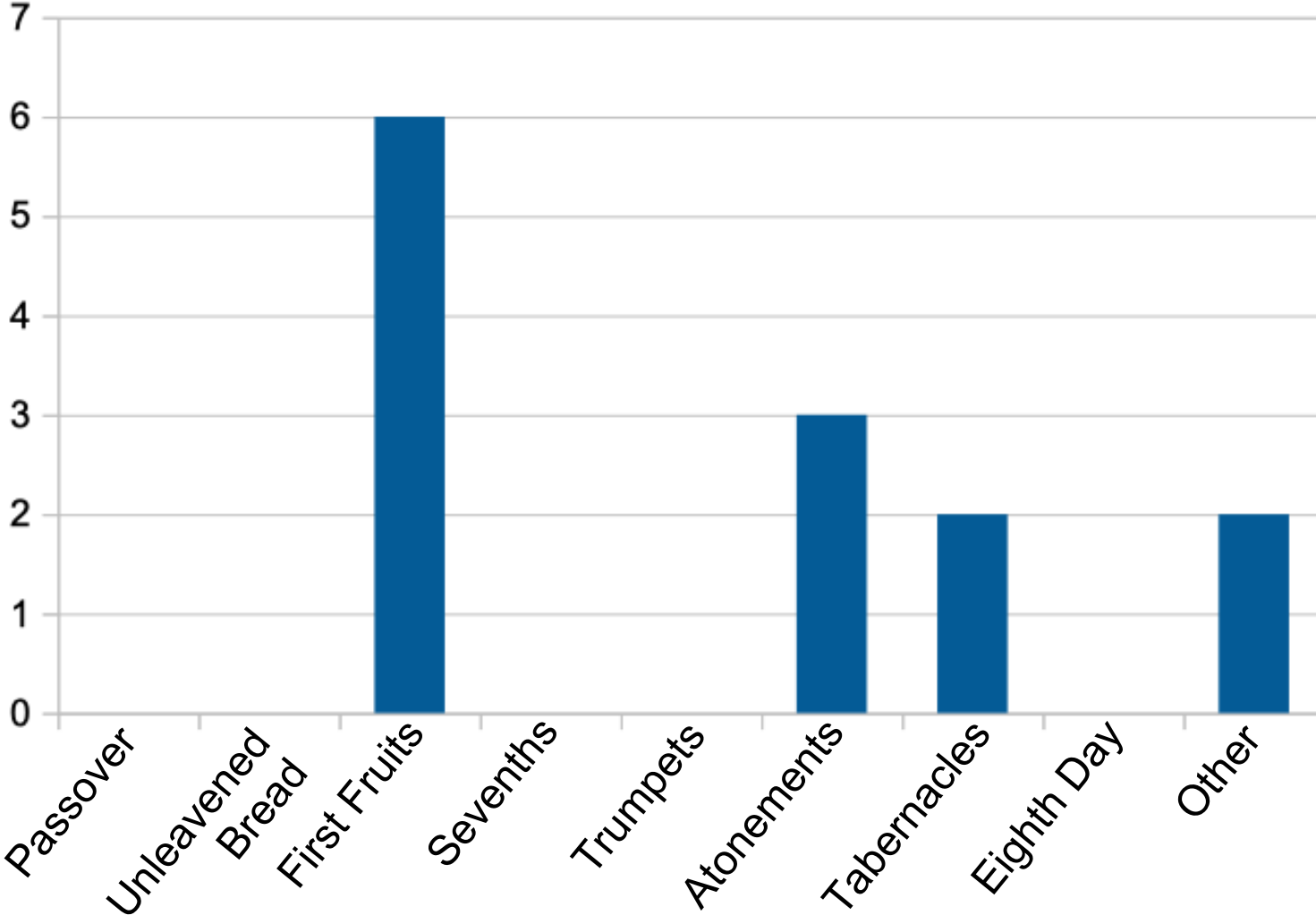
- Thou shalt not offer the blood of My sacrifices with leaven, neither shall the sacrifices of the feast of the Passover remain till the morning. The first-fruits of thy land shalt thou put into the house of אֱלֹהֶיךָ thy Aluhiym: thou shalt not boil a lamb in his mother's milk. And אֱלֹהֶיךָ said to Moses, Write these words for thyself, for on these words I have established a covenant with thee and with Israel. (Exodus 34:25-27, LXXE)(see also Exodus 23:18-19)
 - first-fruits (H1061, בכורי), the first-fruits of the crop
 - (N/A, πρωτογενήματα), compound word from G4413 and G1081
 - (G4413, πρῶτος), **first**, foremost, beginning
 - (G1081, γεννήματα), offspring, **fruit**

The Covenant Seal Mark (✠)

- And אֱלֹהִים spoke... When ye shall enter into the land which I give you, and reap ✠ the harvest of it, then shall ye bring ✠ a sheaf, the first-fruits of your harvest, to the priest; and he shall lift up ✠ the sheaf before אֱלֹהִים, to be accepted for you. On the morrow of the first day the priest shall lift it up. And ye shall offer on the day on which ye bring ✠ the sheaf, a lamb without blemish of a year old for a whole-burnt-offering to אֱלֹהִים ...And ye shall not eat bread, or the new parched corn, until this same day, until ye offer ✠ the sacrifices to your Aluhiym: [it is] a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings... the day after the Sabbath... the day on which ye shall offer ✠ the sheaf of the heave-offering... (Leviticus 23:9-12/14-15, LXXE)
 - And when ye shall reap ✠ the harvest of your land... (Leviticus 23:22, LXXE)
 - ...ye shall humble ✠ your souls... (Leviticus 23:27, LXXE)
 - ...every soul which shall do work on that day, ✠ that soul shall be destroyed... (Leviticus 23:30, LXXE)
 - ...ye shall humble ✠ your souls... (Leviticus 23:32, LXXE)
 - ...when ye shall have completely gathered in ✠ the fruits of the earth, ye shall keep ✠ a feast to אֱלֹהִים... (Leviticus 23:39, LXXE)
 - ...I made ✠ the children of Israel to dwell in tents... (Leviticus 23:43, LXXE)
 - ...✠ the feasts of אֱלֹהִים... (Leviticus 23:44, LXXE)

Covenant Seal Marks in Leviticus 23

Number of



The  points to the sheaf **4 times** on the Day of First Fruits!

Messiah's Covert Mission

- Then charged He His disciples that they should **tell no man** that He was ⓪ⓂⓂⓂⓂ the Messiah. (Matthew 16:20)
- But we speak the wisdom of Aluhiym in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which Aluhiym ordained before the world unto our glory: Which **none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Master of glory.** (1 Corinthians 2:7-8)
- And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses...And having spoiled principalities and powers, **He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.** (Colossians 2:13/15)
 - Him Aluhiym **raised up the third day, and shewed Him openly;** (Acts 10:40)
 - “hath He **quickened** together” (G4806, συνεζωποίησεν), from G4862 and G2227, **to reanimate**
 - (G2227, ζωοποιέω), to (re-)vitalize, make alive, give life, quicken

TOP SECRET

Messiah's Covert Mission

- And as they came down from the mountain, He charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. (Mark 9:9)
- To preach the acceptable year of אָפֶאָז. (Luke 4:19)
- Thus saith אָפֶאָז, In an acceptable time have I heard Thee, and in a day of salvation have I succored Thee: and I have formed Thee, and given Thee for a covenant of the nations... (Isaiah 49:8, LXXE)(see also 2 Corinthians 6:2)
 - succored (G1873, ἐπήκουησά), to aid or relieve, help, succored
 - For the אָפֶאָז Aluhiym will do nothing, without revealing instruction to His servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7, LXXE)
- And אָפֶאָז spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and take first-fruits of all, who may be disposed in their heart to give; and ye shall take My first-fruits. And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold and silver and brass, (Exodus 25:1-3, LXXE)

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Messiah Perfectly Fulfilled Passover

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<u>Day:</u>	<u>Passover Instructions:</u>	<u>Messiah's Fulfillment:</u>
10 th	Passover lamb selected (Exodus 12:3)	Messiah rides into Jerusalem on a donkey (John 12:12-15)(Zechariah 9:9)
11 th - 13 th	Passover lamb inspected (no blemishes) (Exodus 12:5)	The Pharisees try to find fault in Messiah (Matthew 22:15-46)
14 th	Passover lambs sacrificed (Exodus 12:6)	Messiah crucified (Matthew 27:35)

Messiah Fulfilled The Day Of First Fruits

- But now **Messiah is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came **the resurrection** of the dead. (1 Corinthians 15:20-21)



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