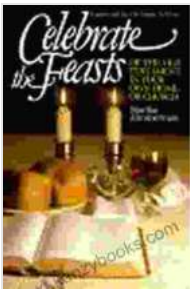


# Celebrate the Feasts of the Old Testament in Your Own Home or Church

The Old Testament feasts were central to the religious and social life of ancient Israel. They were times of great celebration and joy, but they also carried deep spiritual significance.



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The feasts pointed forward to the coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. They foreshadowed his birth, death, resurrection, and ascension.

By celebrating the Old Testament feasts, we can connect with the ancient traditions of Israel and gain a deeper understanding of the Christian faith.

## The Seven Feasts of Israel

There are seven feasts that are commanded in the Old Testament.

- Passover

- Unleavened Bread
- Firstfruits
- Pentecost
- Trumpets
- Day of Atonement
- Tabernacles

Each of these feasts has its own unique meaning and significance.

## **Passover**

Passover commemorates the Israelites' deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

On the night before the Israelites left Egypt, God told them to put the blood of a lamb on their doorposts. When the Angel of Death passed through Egypt, he saw the blood and passed over the houses of the Israelites.

Passover is a reminder of God's protection and deliverance.

## **Unleavened Bread**

The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the day after Passover.

During this feast, the Israelites were to eat unleavened bread, which is bread that has not been made with yeast.

Unleavened Bread is a reminder of the Israelites' hasty departure from Egypt. They did not have time to let their bread rise, so they ate it unleavened.

## **Firstfruits**

The Feast of Firstfruits is celebrated in the spring.

On this day, the Israelites offered the firstfruits of their harvest to God.

Firstfruits is a reminder of God's provision and his claim on the firstfruits of our lives.

## **Pentecost**

Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Passover.

On this day, the Israelites celebrated the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai.

Pentecost is also known as the Feast of Weeks because it occurs seven weeks after Passover.

In the New Testament, Pentecost is the day that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples of Jesus.

## **Trumpets**

The Feast of Trumpets is celebrated in the fall.

On this day, the Israelites blew trumpets to announce the beginning of the new year.

Trumpets is a reminder of God's sovereignty and his authority over time.

## **Day of Atonement**

The Day of Atonement is the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar.

On this day, the Israelites confessed their sins and sought forgiveness from God.

The Day of Atonement is a reminder of our need for God's forgiveness and his power to cleanse us from our sins.

## **Tabernacles**

The Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated in the fall.

During this feast, the Israelites lived in temporary shelters, or tabernacles, to commemorate their time in the wilderness after they left Egypt.

Tabernacles is a reminder of God's provision and protection during the Israelites' wilderness journey.

## **How to Celebrate the Old Testament Feasts**

There are many ways to celebrate the Old Testament feasts in your own home or church.

Here are a few ideas:

- Read the biblical passages that describe each feast.
- Pray and ask God to help you understand the significance of each feast.
- Sing songs and hymns that relate to each feast.
- Eat foods that are traditional for each feast.
- Spend time with family and friends, and share stories about each feast.

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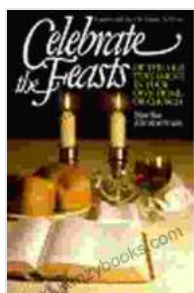
## Benefits of Celebrating the Old Testament Feasts

There are many benefits to celebrating the Old Testament feasts.

- We can connect with the ancient traditions of Israel.
- We can gain a deeper understanding of the Christian faith.
- We can experience God's presence and power in a new way.
- We can grow closer to our family and friends.
- We can find joy and peace in our lives.

I encourage you to celebrate the Old Testament feasts in your own home or church.

You will be blessed by the experience.



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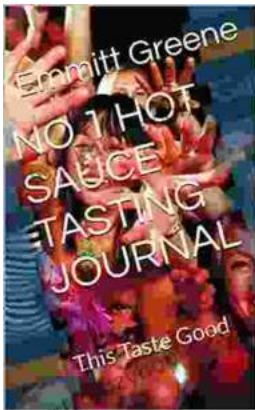
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