

## The Feasts of the Lord – Part 3

### Introduction

- Biblical festivals glorify God & edify His people
- Biblical festivals are fulfilled in Christ (Col. 2:16-17)
- The Lord's Passover required a sacrificial lamb be killed & Christ is the NT Passover Lamb (Lev. 23:4-5; 1Co. 5:7b)
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread required bread without yeast be eaten for 7 days (Lev. 23:6-8)
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread means a holy lifestyle is required for true worship (1Co. 5:6-8)

### I. The Origin of the Feast of Firstfruits (Lev. 23:9-14)

#### A. Divine origin (v. 9-10a)

*The Lord (Yahweh) instituted the Feast of Firstfruits with divine authority (v. 9). God's message was to His people who should **understand** & would **obey** (v. 10a).*

#### B. Divine instruction (v. 10b-14)

*This feast was to be celebrated the first Sunday in the week of Unleavened Bread (v. 11b). A sheaf (heap) of barley grain was brought to the priest along with a sacrificial lamb & a meal offering to the Lord (v. 11-14).*

**Believers must worship & thank God for his past provisions & protection.**

### II. The Significance of the Feast of Firstfruits

#### A. OT saints

*This was a reminder of the promised land of Canaan (v. 10b) – “When you come into the land that I will give you”. This was a reminder of God's past deliverance from slavery, provisions & future faithfulness.*

#### B. NT saints

*Firstfruits represent: the first Christian converts (Jas. 1:18), the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:23) & Christ's resurrection (1Co. 15:20). The first 3 feasts are linked together in **the same week** – Passover, Unleavened Bread & Firstfruits. In reference to Jesus, these represent his death, burial & resurrection.*

**Believers must worship & thank God for the great resurrection yet to come!**