



John 2:12 - 3:18

The Passover

The Seven Mosaic Feasts

1. There are 7 Mosaic Festivals which God commanded for Israel. These are called "Mosaic" due to God's placement of these events into the Law of Moses.
2. Each of these Festivals were annual and occurred at specific times in the Jewish calendar. The details of each of these celebrations are given in Leviticus 23:4-44

3. These Festivals were celebrated as Spring and Fall feasts. There were 4 in the Spring and 3 in the Fall.
- **Passover** - The Passover began at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month, the month of Nisan
 - **Unleavened Bread** - On the fifteenth day of Nisan the Lord's Feast of Unleavened Bread began; for seven days Israel ate bread made without yeast. Nisan 15-22
 - **First Fruits** - On Nisan 16-17, the details of this Festival, recorded in Leviticus 23:9-14, were celebrated.
 - **Weeks or Pentecost** - Celebrated as the concluding ceremony of "redemption for Israel," Shavuot or Weeks was celebrated 50 days after Passover on Sivan 6-7.
 - **Trumpets** - Celebrated on Tishri 1, this is the first of the Fall festivals celebrated by Israel.
 - **Day of Atonement** - Celebrated on Tishri 10 and called Yom Kippur, this Festival marks the most sacred day of the year for the people of Israel.
 - **Festival of Booths** - Also called Tabernacles, celebrated on Tishri 15-22, the people of Israel celebrated this feast by constructing tents or "tabernacles" and living in them for the duration of the Festival.

The Feasts Fulfilled in Christ Jesus

1. The 7 Mosaic Festivals which God commanded for Israel were actually prophetic declarations activated by the people of Israel in annual celebrations in expectation for their coming Messiah.
2. The first four Feasts were fulfilled by Jesus in His first coming. These were fulfilled to the exact day in Jesus earthly ministry.
 - **Passover** - Fulfilled by Jesus in His offering Himself as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
 - **Unleavened Bread** - Fulfilled by Jesus in His death.
 - **First Fruits** - Fulfilled by Jesus in His resurrection.
 - **Weeks or Pentecost** - Fulfilled by Jesus in His sending the Holy Spirit to live inside us and source our life for Godliness.
3. The last three Feasts will be fulfilled by Jesus in His second coming. Since the first 4 feasts were fulfilled to the day in Jesus first coming, it is assumed these will follow suit in the same manner of fulfillment.
 - **Trumpets** - Will be fulfilled by Jesus in His second coming.
 - **Day of Atonement** - Will be fulfilled by Jesus in His second coming.

- **Festival of Booths** - Will be fulfilled by Jesus in His second coming.

The Passover

1. This Festival commemorates for the people of Israel God's deliverance out of bondage from Egypt.
2. For the Christian, this is a deliverance out of the bondage of Sin.
3. The details of this historic deliverance of Israel out of Egyptian bondage is recorded in the book of Exodus

The Feast of Passover - John 2:12-3:21

1. As John begins to give the details of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem for the Passover, it becomes evident almost immediately that Jesus considers this Festival with weighty significance. John 2:12-16
2. Jesus cleanses the temple and demonstrates zeal for His Father's house. John 2:17
 - **"ζήλος"** - Translated "Zeal" carries the idea of fierce jealousy. Jesus is fiercely possessive over the place where God dwells among men. (v17)
3. Notice when questioned by the leaders of Israel, Jesus equates His physical body with the Temple as the place where God the Father makes His dwelling. (vv18-22)

4. This also demonstrates Jesus as the sacrificial element where God and mankind can be reconciled. In the past, the Festival of the Passover was celebrated in the Temple, after Jesus' death and resurrection, He will replace the location of that celebration.

The Conversation

1. In John 3:1-21 we have the conversation with Jesus and Nicodemus recorded for our review. Below are some of the highlights we will explore in this study.
2. NOTE: Jesus fulfills the Passover of Egypt and brings deliverance for all who believe in Him. This conversation with Nicodemus details for us some of the specifics of that deliverance.
 - ***Born Again*** - Those who believe in Jesus and receive Him as their Lord and savior are not only ***forgiven of their sins*** and ***freed from bondage***, but become ***NEW CREATIONS!***
 - ***Born of the Spirit*** - We become ***Supernatural***. Jesus gives an extended dialogue about being sourced by the Spirit in John 16:6-16
 - ***EVERYONE can become New!*** - Nicodemus is contrasted with the Disciples. John 3:9-11
 - ***Snakes in the Desert*** - Jesus fulfills Numbers 21.
 - ***John 3:16*** - We don't have live Perishing

- **John 3:17** - Jesus didn't come to condemn, he came to save!
- **John 3:18** - Hell was not created for us

Bible References

Leviticus 23:4-44

The Lord's Passover & Unleavened Bread

"These are the Lord's appointed feasts, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times: The Lord's Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month.

On the fifteenth day of that month the Lord's Feast of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast. On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. For seven days present an offering made to the Lord by fire. And on the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.'

Firstfruits

The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to

wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the Lord a lamb a year old without defect, together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil—an offering made to the Lord by fire, a pleasing aroma—and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin of wine. You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.'

Feasts of Weeks or Pentecost

"From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord. From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the Lord. Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the Lord, together with

their grain offerings and drink offerings—an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the Lord. Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering. The priest is to wave the two lambs before the Lord as a wave offering, together with the bread of the firstfruits. They are a sacred offering to the Lord for the priest. On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. “ ‘When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God.’

Feasts of Trumpets

“The Lord said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present an offering made to the Lord by fire.’

Day of Atonement

“The Lord said to Moses, “The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a

sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present an offering made to the Lord by fire. Do no work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the Lord your God. Anyone who does not deny himself on that day must be cut off from his people. I will destroy from among his people anyone who does any work on that day. You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. It is a sabbath of rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath."

Feast of Tabernacles

"The Lord said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites: 'On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the Lord's Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days. The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work. For seven days present offerings made to the Lord by fire, and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly and present an offering made to the Lord by fire. It is the closing assembly; do no regular work. (" 'These are the Lord's appointed feasts, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies for bringing offerings made to

the Lord by fire—the burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings required for each day. These offerings are in addition to those for the Lord's Sabbaths and in addition to your gifts and whatever you have vowed and all the freewill offerings you give to the Lord.) " 'So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the Lord for seven days; the first day is a day of rest, and the eighth day also is a day of rest. On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. Celebrate this as a festival to the Lord for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. Live in booths for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in booths so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.' " So Moses announced to the Israelites the appointed feasts of the Lord.

John 2:12-16

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

"After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days. When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

John 2:17-23

The Disciples

"His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Leaders of Israel (Jews)

Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them,

“Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” The Jews replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

The Man Who Believed in His Name

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men. He did not need man’s testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.”

John 3:1-18

Nicodemus

“Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council.”

Born Again

"He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Sourced by the Spirit

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Examples of being Sourced by the Spirit

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we

“speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven –the Son of Man.”

God’s Love & Redemption

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”