

# MYSTERY FEASTS – FIRST FRUITS & PENTECOST

By mystery we mean that the feast is not connected to a numerical calendar date. For example, five feasts (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles) occur specifically on a calendar date. However, two feasts, namely, Firstfruits and Pentecost, are always on Sunday, and not on a specific calendar date. These two feasts are types of the New Testament Church. They picture the resurrection (Firstfruits) and birth (Pentecost) of the Church. Pentecost is the only feast that included leaven where they baked two loaves of bread. These loaves, with the leaven, picture both Jew and Gentile baptized into one body known as the Church (Ga.3:28; Ep.2:11-16;3:3-6; Cl.3:11).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Nisan (Abib 11)</i>	<i>Nisan (Abib 12)</i>	<i>Nisan (Abib 13)</i>	<i>Nisan (Abib 14)</i> Death of Christ <b>Passover</b>	<i>Nisan (Abib 15)</i>	<i>Nisan (Abib 16)</i>	<i>Nisan (Abib 17)</i>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span><b>1</b> Feast of</span> <span><b>2</b> Unleavened</span> <span><b>3</b> Bread</span> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Picture of the sinless body of Christ</p>						
<i>Nisan (Abib 18)</i> Resurrection of Christ	<i>Nisan (Abib 19)</i>	<i>Nisan (Abib 20)</i>	<i>Nisan (Abib 21)</i>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span><b>4</b></span> <span><b>5</b> Feast of</span> <span><b>6</b> Unleavened</span> <span><b>7</b> Bread</span> </div>						
<b>Firstfruits [1]</b>	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	SABBATH <b>1</b> [7]
[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	SABBATH <b>2</b> [14]
[15]	[16]	[17]	[18]	[19]	[20]	SABBATH <b>3</b> [21]
[22]	[23]	[24]	[25]	[26]	[27]	SABBATH <b>4</b> [28]
[29]	[30]	[31]	[32]	[33]	[34]	SABBATH <b>5</b> [35]
[36]	[37]	[38]	[39]	[40]	[41]	SABBATH <b>6</b> [42]
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## Pentecost

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<sup>15</sup>And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: <sup>16</sup>Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.” (Lv.23:15-16)

**[1-50]** 50 days from the “sheaf of the wave offering”. Firstfruits is day 1 (you do not start with 0) because that is the beginning of the wave offering.

**FIRSTFRUITS:** Firstfruits is also known as the “Feast of Harvest” (Ex.23:16), and the “Day of Firstfruits” (Nu.23:16).

- The priests would wave the barley sheaf (omer) before the Lord in thanksgiving. This is a sheaf of the Firstfruits.
- Firstfruits began with the barley harvest and ended with the ingathering of the wheat harvest. So the first day was the Feast of Firstfruits (barley), and the last day was the Feast of Pentecost (wheat). Only the first and last day was celebrated.

**PENTECOST:** Pentecost is 50 days from the barley harvest (Firstfruits) to the wheat harvest (Pentecost). This is also called “counting out the omer” (Lv.23:15-16).

- An omer is a unit of measure. On the Feast of Firstfruits, an omer of barley was cut down and brought to the priests as an offering. The priest would wave the sheaf of barley before the Lord. This would begin the count till the feast of Pentecost.

### FEASTS DATES

1.	<b>Passover</b>	14th Aviv (Nisan)
2.	<b>Unleavened Bread</b>	15-21 Aviv (Nisan)
3.	<b>Firstfruits</b>	[Day after weekly Sabbath]
4.	<b>Pentecost</b>	[50 days from Firstfruits]
5.	<b>Trumpets</b>	1 Tishri
6.	<b>Day of Atonement</b>	10 Tishri
7.	<b>Tabernacles</b>	15-22 Tishri