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# The Cycle of Biblical Festivals

#### Understanding God's Reminders for a Holy People



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Leviticus 23:1-2 The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'These are my appointed feasts, the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies."

# Leviticus 23:3

There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the LORD.



Leviticus 23:4-5 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.



### Leviticus 23:6-8

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.



### Leviticus 23:9-10

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.'"



Leviticus 23:15-16 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...

Counting The Omer

5772/2012 Instructions: Paste an Omer Sticker over the day as you count the omer from Passover to Shavuot (Pentecost).

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
36	37	38	39	40	41	42
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
43	44	45	46	47	48	49
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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The counting is intended to remind us of the link between Passover, which commemorates the Exodus, and Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah. It reminds us that the redemption from slavery was not complete until we received the Torah.



Leviticus 23:23-25 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.'"





Leviticus 23:26-28 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.:



## Leviticus 23:33

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."





John 10:22-25 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe."







Esther 3:7-11 In the twelfth year of King Xerxes, in the first month, the month of Nisan, they cast the pur (that is, the lot ) in the presence of Haman to select a day and month. And the lot fell on the twelfth month, the month of Adar. Then Haman said to King Xerxes, "There is a certain people dispersed and scattered among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom whose customs are different from those of all other people and who do not obey the king's laws; it is not in the king's best interest to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued to destroy them, and I will put ten thousand talents of silver into the royal treasury for the men who carry out this business." So the king took his signet ring from his finger and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. "Keep the money," the king said to Haman, "and do with the people as you please."



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