

The Holy Day Scheme in Terms of the Saints' Marriage to Christ

These Feast days picture highlights of events during the course of human history.

Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread

The Messiah redeems a slave girl (Israel in Egypt) as His future bride, as promised to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants (Gen. 12:1-3; 17:1-8; etc.). Israel is released from bondage in Egypt, crosses the Red Sea to freedom, and the Egyptian army is destroyed in the sea (Ex. 1 to 15).

Pentecost/ Feast of Weeks

The Messiah gives a betrothal contract to His future bride:
Physical Israel: The law is given at Mt. Sinai, written with His "finger," in His language (Ex. 19 to 24).
Spiritual Israel: The Good News is given in spirit-inspired tongues to all nations attending the occasion (Acts 2:1-11). The terms of the marriage are spelled out in the Law.

Feast of Trumpets

The Messiah returns for His bride, at the "last trumpet" (I Cor. 15:50-52; I Thess. 4:15-17; Rev. 11:15-19). All of the nations now belong to Christ and the saints — the saints now being spirit brothers of Christ — and they reign supreme upon the earth. This return of Christ is "peaceful" (Acts 1:9-11; Matt. 24:29-31).

Day of Atonement

The Messiah presents to Himself a spotless bride (Eph. 5:21). The saints meet Christ in the air at the resurrection and journey to the Heavenly City where the marriage supper is prepared (Rev. 19:7-9). The saints are indeed spotless and perfect, for their robes are white with righteousness, their lives having been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

Feast of Tabernacles

The Messiah has a seven-day wedding feast with the bride at the heavenly throne (Rev. 19:7-9). By this time all the crops (the saints) have been harvested (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43), and it is a joyous time. The Covenant is fulfilled, and Emmanuel [God with us] dwells in His tabernacle [the earth] with His now-spirit bride. Immediately after this event Christ returns a second time, this time with the saints, in great fury to destroy the armies of Satan (Rev. 19:11-21). The Messiah dwells with the bride — the spirit saints — on the renewed earth, a literal Garden of Eden on earth (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6; Isa. 11:5-10). All 70 nations on earth (as some traditions estimate), represented by the 70 bullocks offered at the Feast of Tabernacles, have become one, represented by the single bullock offered this day (Num. 29:35-40).

[The coming aeon of perfection and plenty (Rev. 21 and 22).]

