God's Plan of Salvation

... as revealed in the Spring Feasts — page 1

Christ's sacrifice and resurrection is shown as essential to repentance and entrance into a new spirit life in the future Kingdom.

OLD TESTAMENT 1447/1446 B.C.

Holy convocation (Ex.12:16)

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Days of Unleavened Bread
((No leaven eaten; Ex.12:15)

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Lamb selected for Passover, one per household (Ex.12:3)

Passover lamb killed "between the evenings" (midafternoon) (Ex.12:6)

Lamb's blood struck with hyssop on the doorposts and lentil (Ex.12:7)

Israelites camp at "Succoth", meaning camping place(Ex.12:37)

Israel leaves Egypt on its way to the Gulf of Aquaba, where Pharaoh will pursue them before being drowned (Ex.14:5-9)

Israelites "spoiled" Egyptians of gold, etc. (Ex.11:2), likely right after the three days of intense darkness (Ex.10:21-23); Egyptians would be very unstable and fearful after 72 hours of total isolation

Leaven removed from homes (Ex.12:15)

Lamb (with entrails) and bitter herbs eaten, with cloths and staff; remaining lamb burned before midnight; no bones broken (Ex.12:8-11,45)

Pharaoh and Egyptians plead with Israel to leave; gather at Ramses, and journey into the desert; about 600,000 men, with families and livestock (Ex.12:30-38)

Month 2, day 15 at the Wilderness of Sin (Ex.16:1)

All Egyptian firstborn killed at midnight (Ex.12:29)

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God calls a person out of the world and sets him apart, i.e. "sanctifies him".

The called-out person examines his life in the light of the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ, leading to repentance.

NEW TESTAMENT A.D. 30

First Day of Unleavened Bread

Weekly Sabbath*

The "third day" Wave sheaf offering

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Days of Unleavened Bread
(No leaven eaten; Ex.12:15)

Christ anointed with spikenard six days before the Feast (Mk. 14:3-9; Jn 12:1-3)

Passover lamb killed, and meal prepared (Matt. 26:17-19; Mk. 14:12-16; Lk. 22:1-13)

Christ betrayed by Judas, and the "mock trial" before the Sanhedrin (Matt. 26:47-75; Mk. 14:43-72; Lk. 22:47-71; Jn.18:3-27)

Burial before sunset (Matt .27-57-66; Mk. 15:42-47; Lk. 23:50-56; Jn. 19:38-42)

Eight days later Christ appeared to the disciples (Jn. 20-26-29)

Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on an ass (Jn 12:12-15)

The "Last Supper", a Passover meal with added symbols (Matt. 26:20-29; Mk. 14:17-31; Lk. 22:14-38; Jn.13-17)

Appearance before Pilate, "early" (Matt. 27:1-2,11-26; Mk. 15:1-15; Lk. 231-25; Jn. 18:28-16;19:1-16)

Christ died the ninth hour (Matt. 27:46-56; Mk. 15:34-41; Lk. 23:45-49; Jn. 19:28-37)

Christ seen for 40 days after the resurrection (Acts 1:3)

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Resurrection of Christ on the "third day", before sunrise (Matt. 28:1-5; Mk. 16:1-18; Lk. 24:1-52; Jn. 20:1-23)

Crucifixion the third hour (Matt. 27:32-44; Mk. 15:16-32; Lk. 23;26-43; Jn. 19:17-27)

Darkness the sixth to ninth hours (Matt. 27:45; Mk. 15:33; Lk. 23:44-45)

* A "megas" or "great" Sabbath (John 19:31)