

# *Feasts of Unleavened Bread and First Fruits*

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### Scriptures

- **Leviticus 23:10-11**

“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD for you to be accepted; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

- **Hebrews 11:17-19**

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, “In Isaac your descendants shall be called.” He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

- **Psalms 16:8-10**

I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely. For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

- **I Corinthians 15:1-4-8**

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day. He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

- **I John 1:1**

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands we proclaim to you.

- **2 Peter 1:16-18**

For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses to His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased.” And we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

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### **Other Scriptures**

- Exodus 12
- John 5:46
- Leviticus 23:5-6, 10-11
- I Corinthians 15:14-17

### **Main Points**

- God's Holy Days in the Old Testament still have application for us today.
- Jesus has brought the Holy Days to their ultimate fulfillment.
- Jesus fulfilled the Feast of Unleavened Bread by being perfectly obedient.
- Passover—the death of Jesus.
- Feast of Unleavened Bread—the burial of Jesus.
- Feast of First Fruits—the resurrection of Jesus.
- The Feasts are ultimately fulfilled in Messiah Jesus.
- Miqra (Hebrew) means rehearsal in English
- These feasts were rehearsals for the greater event to come, Messiah Jesus.
- Jesus is the “First Fruit” of those that will rise from the dead.
- Because Jesus is accepted before the Lord, we are also now accepted.
- The resurrection of Jesus is an actual historical fact.
- Jesus was made alive and raised from the dead for you!

### **Discussion Questions**

1. How does Rabbi's teaching about the feasts today bring God's faithfulness to mind? What things stand out to you in regards to God's divine calendar and their fulfillment in Jesus?
  
2. The testimony of Scripture verifies the historical and factual reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Does this help build your confidence and faith in what you believe? Consider how you might be able to talk to non-believers about their need for Jesus. What would you tell them in light of what you have learned?
  
3. Because Jesus rose to life as the First fruits of resurrection, what does mean for we who died with Him on the cross? Take a moment to raise your praise to such a loving Father.