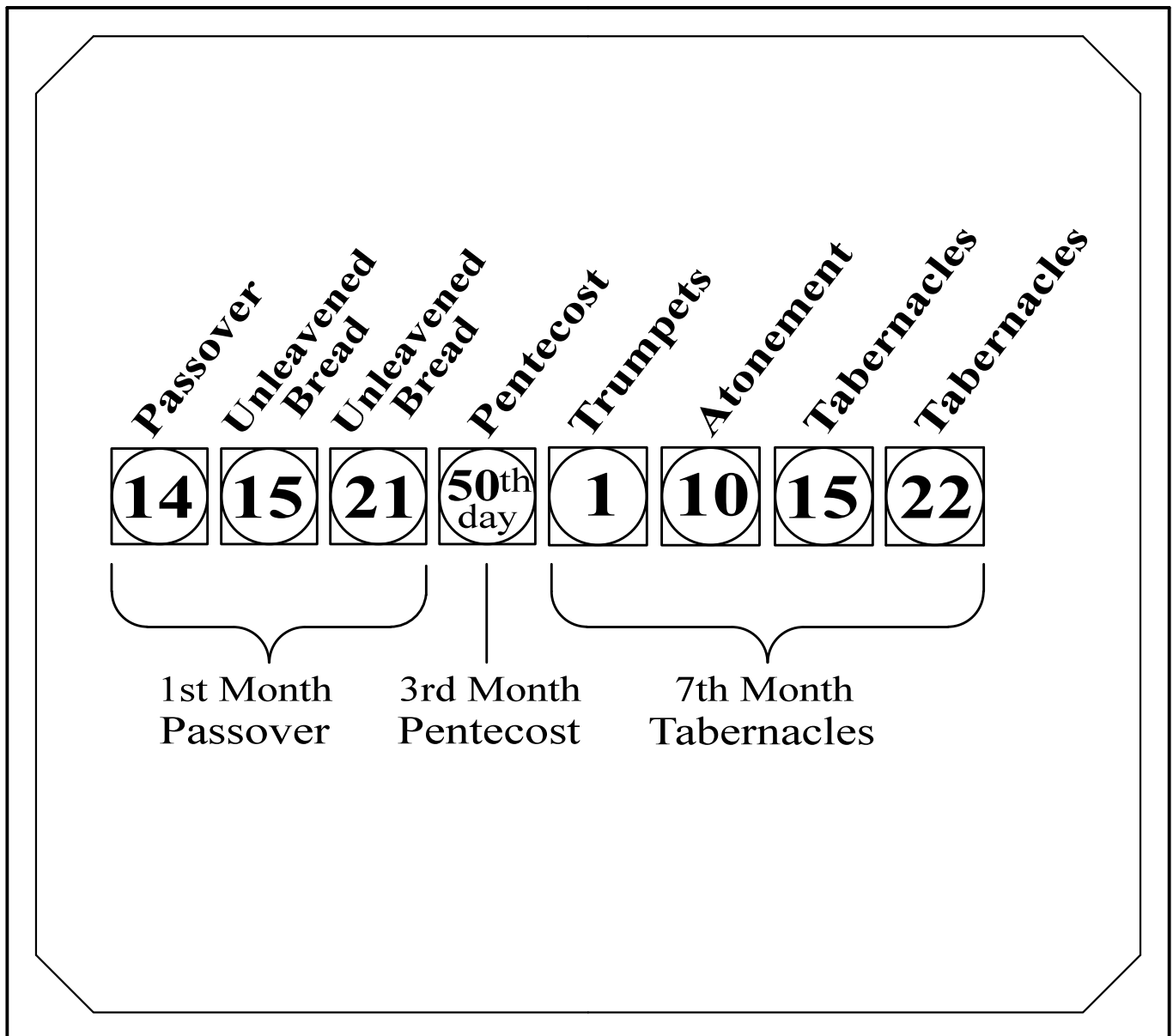


The Eight Feasts



Inside you'll see 17 pages of diagrams with their supporting scriptures.

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Bible Concepts

Lesson 4

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Introduction

These Bible studies are meant to be a simple straightforward presentation of Bible truths as a tool to help you to understand the Word, knowing that it is only by the Holy Spirit who leads us into truth that you will be able to see the extent of what is here. Religious traditions make the word of God ineffective so I do not promote any particular denominational doctrine, (Mark 7:13). I am so blessed that He has enabled me to see the part that I do. I believe the Father would have me to share these delights with others who seek to know Him as well. You may notice that these lessons have a common undercurrent of encouraging you on into a deeper relationship with God.

All Bible verses are from the King James Version (KJV) unless indicated otherwise. [Bracketed words within verses are my comments inserted to add clarity].

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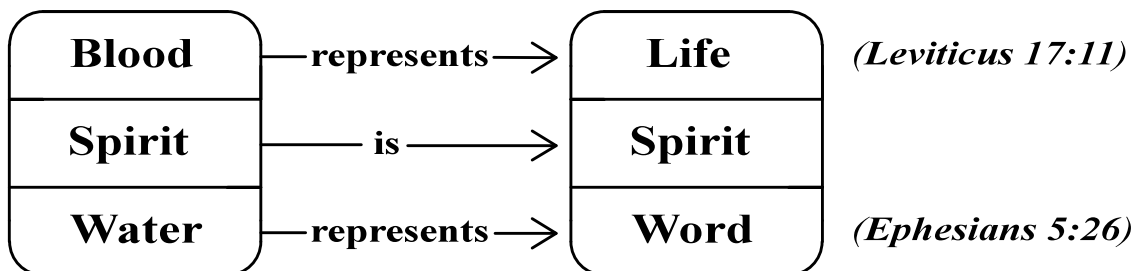
Brief Review of the Previous Lessons:

We learned that all those born in the first Adam have his nature, which is contrary to God. This alerts us to the need to change into the nature of Christ. We saw that God moves us up from one realm into another until we are in Christ. We cannot do this in our strength or by works, but we can respond to His love by crying out for Him to raise us up and then submitting & yielding to the process. We need to be faithful by His grace with the little we have so that He might give more light to us. We need to move in the light that we have, (getting with the program), like it's important to us.

The verse and diagram below summarize this process. You'll miss this with the carnal mind, (natural understanding), so I've given references for the spiritual meanings & intent. The process of growth starts by reading/hearing the Word, then walking in the Word by the Spirit, then having the Word internalized so that is what naturally flows out of us....His life, the last Adam.

"And there are three that bear witness [point and lead to God] in earth [which is US for we are formed from the earth], the SPIRIT, and the WATER, and the BLOOD: and these three agree in one."

1John 5:8



Beginning of Lesson 4

Part 1: The First Three Holy Convocation Feast Days

Holidays are times of assembling together to commemorate something important. The word “holiday” has its origin in the word “holyday”. There are certain Holy Days assigned by God for the nation of Israel. They are also called Feast Days. These gatherings for “Feasts of the Lord” are called “convocations”. There are eight of them that are more important than any others. These eight feast days are distinguished by God as being “HOLY convocations”. We will learn about them because they represent things that are of great spiritual significance for us today.

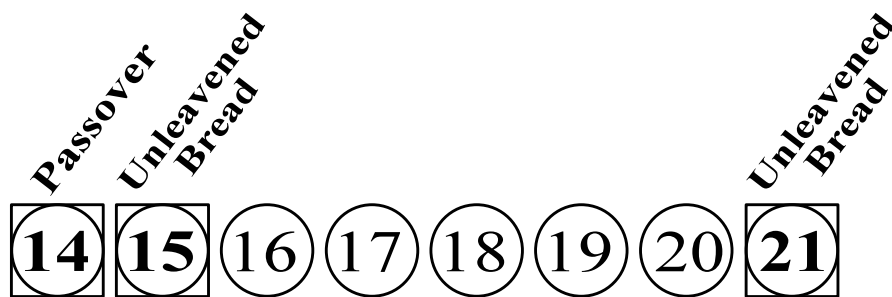
These eight feast days are described in **Exodus 12**, **Leviticus 23**, and in **Numbers 28 & 29**. You may want to read all these chapters to get an overview. Each chapter provides some information that is missing in the others. I will quote the most relevant sections for you. Please bear with me while we take time to construct them accurately. This is necessary before we can clearly see the spiritual truths that they represent.

The first three holy convocations are in a cluster in the first month of the Jewish religious year, (as opposed to their civil/agricultural year) so we will begin with a diagram of these, using circles within squares to distinguish the holy convocation days but just circles for associated days.

Remember that a day in the Bible goes from the beginning of an evening to the beginning of the following evening. We use Young’s Literal Translation, (YLT), in the quote below. This is because it specifies the timing correctly, which the King James Version does not.

“4. These are appointed seasons of Jehovah, HOLY CONVOCATIONS, which ye proclaim in their appointed seasons: 5. in the first month, on the fourteenth of the month, BETWEEN THE EVENINGS, [still daylight at the end of this day], IS THE PASSOVER, [the 14th], to Jehovah; 6. and on the fifteenth day of this month is the feast of unleavened things to Jehovah; seven days unleavened things ye do eat; 7. on the first day [of the seven days of Unleavened Bread] ye have a HOLY CONVOCATION, [the 15th], ye do no servile work; 8. and ye have brought near a fire-offering to Jehovah seven days; in the seventh day [of the seven days of Unleavened Bread] is [also] a HOLY CONVOCATION, [the 21st]...”

Leviticus 23

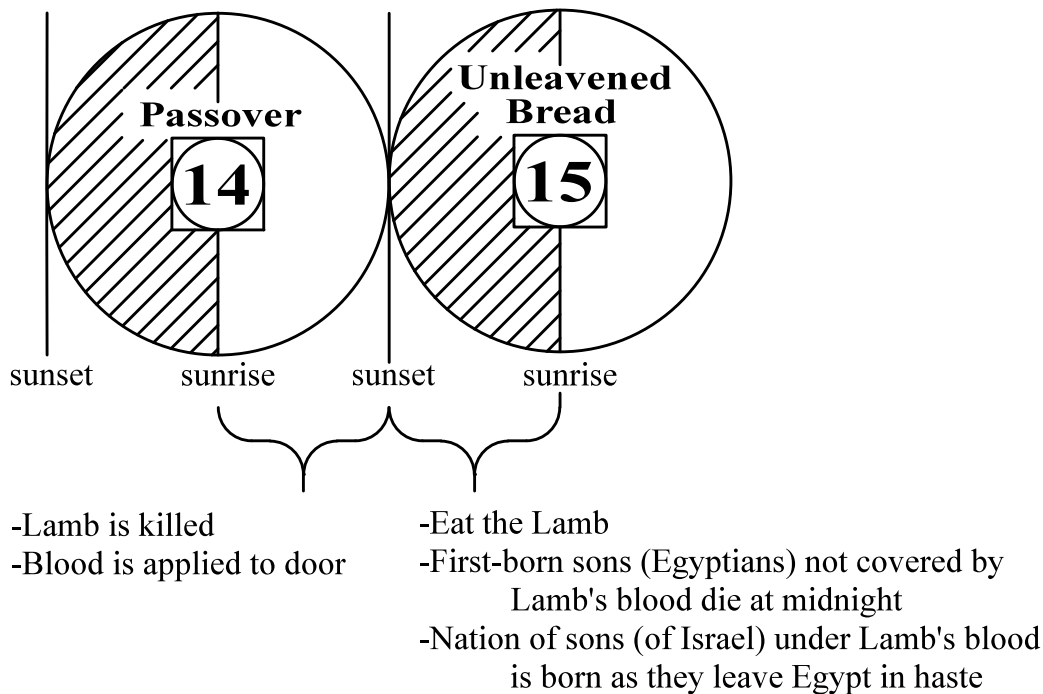


This means that the lamb is slain and the blood is applied to the doorposts in the afternoon of the 14th. The 15th day begins as the sun sets, when the lamb is then eaten along with unleavened bread. The death of the sons not covered by the blood of the Lamb occurs at midnight on the 15th and also the nation of Israel is born as they flee Egypt soon after midnight on the 15th.

Each day for seven days they are to eat an offering made by fire and to not eat any leaven. They are told what to eat and what not to eat. This reminds me of Adam & Eve, a choice is presented that will determine destiny...life or death.

It will become important for clear understanding later to take the time now to distinguish exactly what happens on each of the first two holy convocations.

Remember from **Genesis 1** that a Bible day goes from sunset to sunset. This is shown in the phrase that repeats, "...and the evening [night] and the morning [daylight, both together in that order] were the ___day." This Biblical order of first darkness and then light is prophetic of the pattern as outlined in **1Corinthians 15:46** of first the natural and then the spiritual...and also of the pattern of death first and then life as with the seed in **John 12:24**.



"...slaughtered it BETWEEN THE EVENINGS [during the daylight before sunset]; and they have taken of the blood, and have put [it] on the two side-posts, and on the lintel over the houses in which they eat it."

Exodus 12:6,7 YLT

"And they have eaten the flesh [of the Lamb] IN THIS NIGHT, roast with fire; with unleavened things [bread] and bitters they do eat it;"

Exodus 12:8 YLT

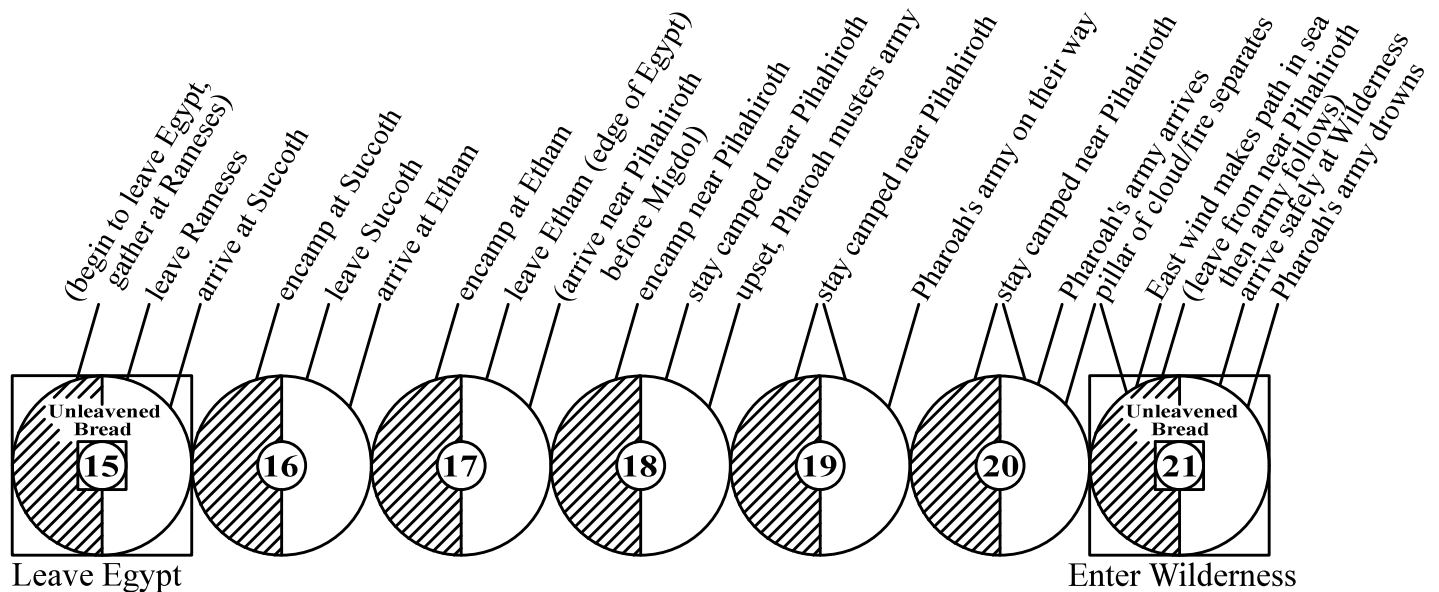
"And it cometh to pass, at MIDNIGHT, that Jehovah hath smitten every first-born in the land of Egypt, [except those with the blood of the Lamb]"

Exodus 12:29 YLT

"Because the LORD kept vigil that NIGHT to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the LORD for the generations to come."

Exodus 12:42 NIV

The feast days are days to remember...to commemorate what originally happened on these days. So now let's examine exactly what first happened on each of the days of Unleavened Bread.



"3...they departed from Rameses...on the fifteenth day of the first month;...5. And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth [for the night]. 6. And they departed from Succoth [at daybreak], and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness, [between Egypt proper & the Sinai]...7. And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pihahiroth,...and they pitched before Migdol. 8. And they departed from before Pihahiroth, and passed through the midst of the [Red]sea into the wilderness,..."

Numbers 33

"5...it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, [were not coming back after three days, the original agreement request of Moses in Exodus 5:3,4 which Pharaoh had denied but later expected Moses to hold to] and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we...let Israel go from serving us?"[The first Adam (natural man) has a short memory when it comes to remembering acts of God]. 6. So...7...he took...all the chariots of Egypt...8....and he pursued the children of Israel;... 9...and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth,..." 13. And Moses said ...see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more ... 19...and the pillar of cloud [so it was still daylight when the cloud first moved] ...20... came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it [as a pillar of fire] gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night. 21... the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, 22. So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground,...23. And the Egyptians...went after them...and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth,...So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the...sea...30. So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore."

Exodus 14

You may have noticed that the verses given are not precise about how long Israel was camped near Pihahiroth before Pharoah arrived with his armies. “The Jewish Timeline Encyclopedia” presents it like our diagram does, but the real proof is found in the verses below which show that they didn’t stop fleeing, (as signified by still eating unleavened bread), until they were safe from their enemies. That wasn’t until they were on the other side of the Red Sea on the seventh day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

“39. For bread ...was made without yeast [unleavened] because the people were driven out of Egypt in such a hurry that they had no time to prepare the bread...[until after the seventh day].”
Exodus 12

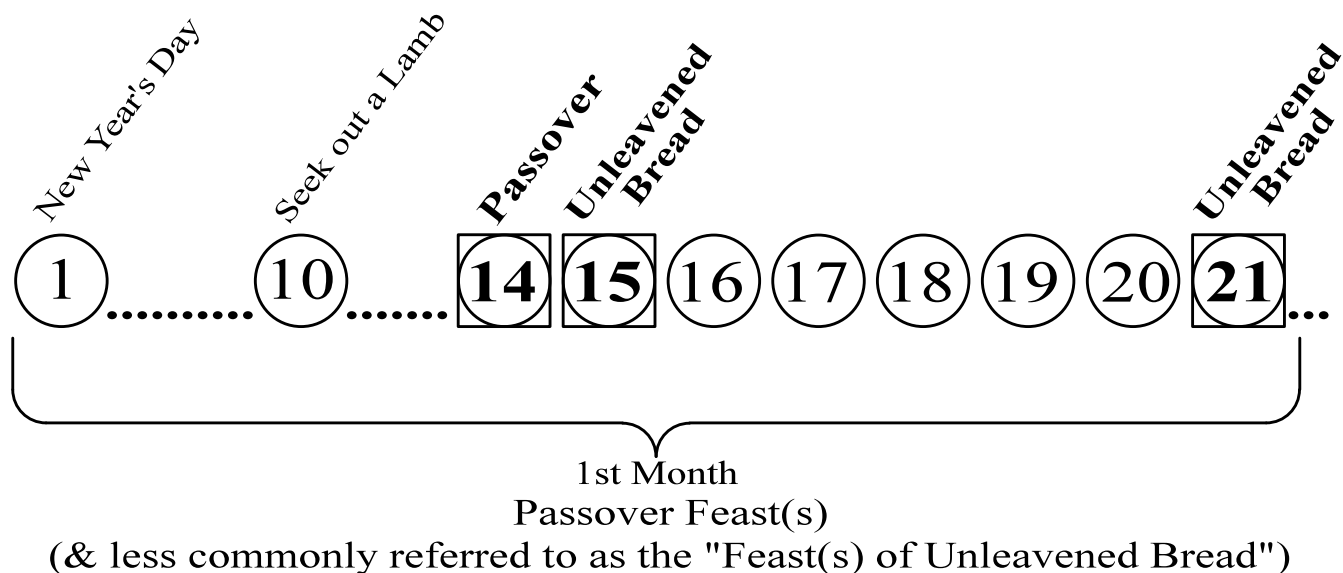
6...Then on the seventh day, celebrate a feast to the LORD. 7. Eat bread without yeast during those seven days...8.“On the seventh day you must explain to your children, ‘I am celebrating what the LORD did for me when I left [fully escaped] Egypt [to safety on the other side of the Red Sea].”
Exodus 13

There are two other days in the first month that also relate to the time of the Passover, so I’ll add them after giving the scripture reference.

“1. And Jehovah speaketh unto Moses and unto Aaron,...saying, 2. ‘This month is to you THE CHIEF OF MONTHS—it is the first to you of the months of the year; 3. speak ye unto all the company of Israel, saying, In the tenth of this month—they take to them each man...a lamb for a house.”
Exodus 12 YLT

Being a new year’s beginning, the first day of the month is significant, as is the 10th day when a lamb is acquired, for this new beginning is possible because of the lamb. Also, in the second year the newly-built Tabernacle would be set up in the first day of this month, (**Exodus 40:17**). Notice the emphasis as the most important month. The others follow because of this one.

If for a valid reason you missed your opportunity to eat the Passover Lamb then there was a provision to partake of the Lamb in the second month, (**Numbers 9:6-14**).



Part 2: The Resurrection, Wave Offering, & the 4th Holy Convocation Feast Day

Before laying out the next holy convocation feast day it is very important to look at the WAVE OFFERING of the first grain of the first harvest, (which is NOT a holy convocation day).

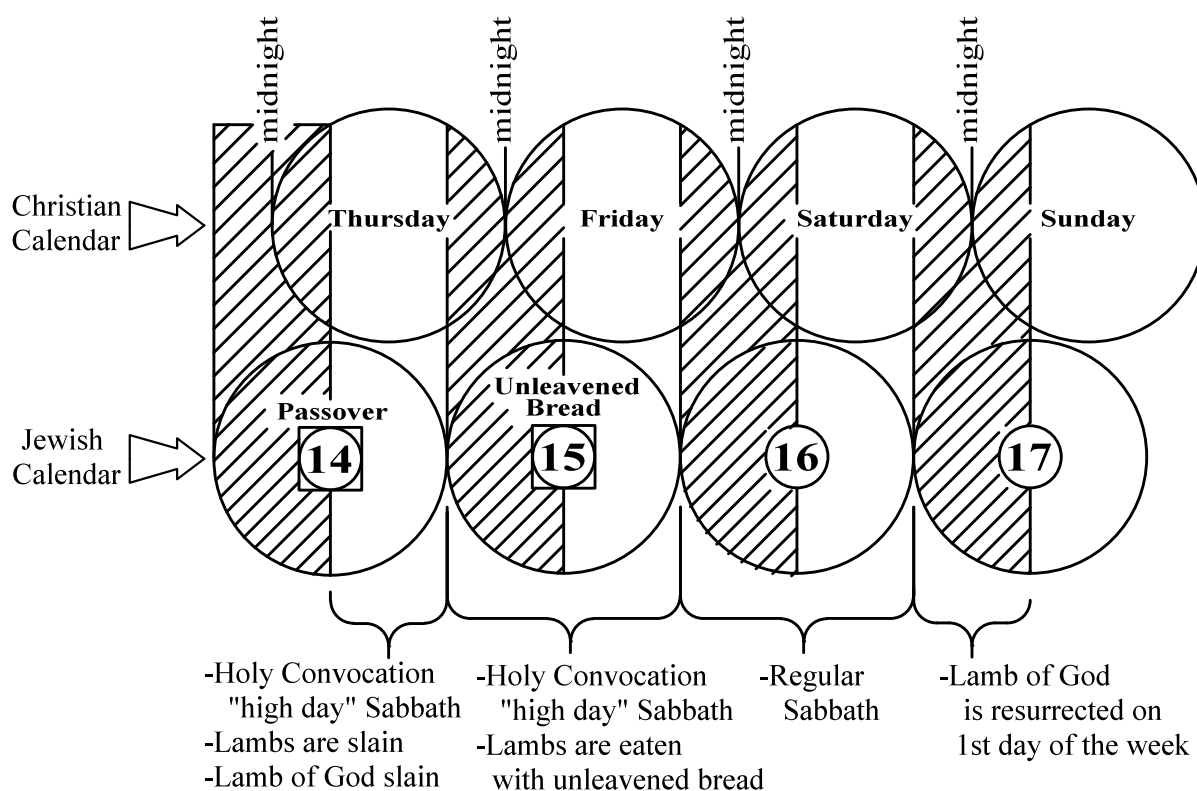
This Wave Offering is barley, (**Exodus 9:31, 32**), since it is only a few days since the barley harvest was destroyed in Egypt. It is the very first harvest ("FIRSTFRUITS") to be thankful for.

But before we take a closer look at the Wave Offering we will look at the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Why? Because the Wave Offering is prophetic of the resurrection, as the scriptures below start to reveal.

"16...do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL, a New Moon celebration or a sabbath day. 17. THESE ARE A SHADOW of the things that were to come; THE REALITY, HOWEVER, IS FOUND IN CHRIST." **Colossians 2**

"20. But NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BECOME THE FIRSTFRUITS of them that slept. 21. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23. But every man in his own order: CHRIST THE FIRSTFRUITS; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." **1Corinthians 15**

This diagram makes it easy to see that Jesus died on the 14th & was resurrected on the 17th. See **Matthew 12:40** & **Jonah 1:17**. From **Matthew 28:1-6** in Young's Literal Translation, (not shown here), we see that he was resurrected on the first day of the new Sabbath week, (the 17th), before daylight.



Jesus was crucified on the Passover, (the 14th), because he is our Passover Lamb. We also know that he died during the daytime. He died at the same time the lambs were being killed at the end of the day before sunset. **John 19:14, 42** in Young's Literal Translation makes it plain that Jesus was crucified on "the preparation of the passover" meal, or in other words on the 14th when the lambs were killed, and supper was being prepared for after sunset, the beginning of the 15th.

Then we know that he was resurrected three days later (the 17th) from many verses such as **Matthew 16:21**. We also know that he was resurrected on the first day of the week in chapters such as **John 20**. Also from verse 1 of that Chapter we see that it was yet dark when it was noticed that he had risen. That means Jesus was resurrected in the first half of the 17th day.

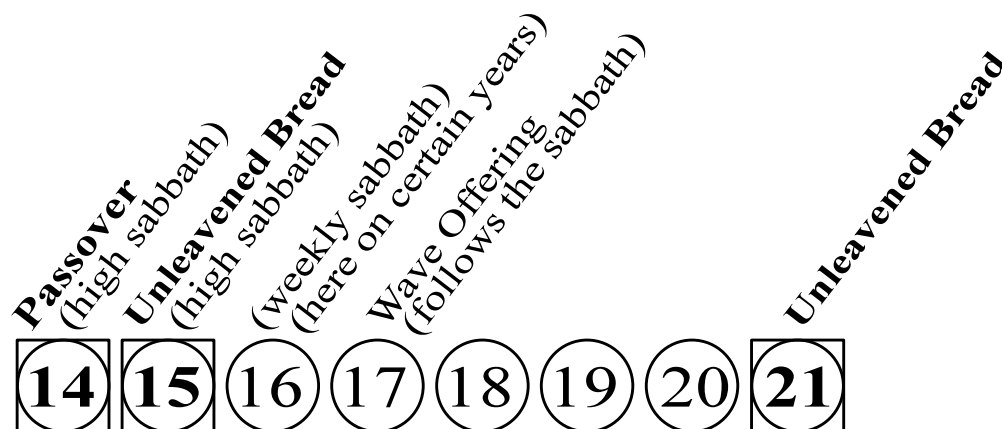
Here is another scripture that is prophetic of the resurrection on the 17th day.

"9. There went...Noah into the ark,...as God had commanded Noah. 10. And it came to pass AFTER SEVEN DAYS, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. 11. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, IN THE SECOND MONTH, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH, THE SAME DAY WERE ALL THE FOUNTAINS OF THE GREAT DEEP BROKEN UP, AND THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN WERE OPENED." **Genesis 7**

The second month here is the second month of the civil year, (sometimes called the agricultural year), which is in the eighth month of the religious year. The religious year wasn't established until much later during the time of Moses. I'll likely give you a diagram comparing the two types of years in a future lesson, but for now realize that "eight" in the Bible always stands for "new beginning". The beginning of a new week is the "eighth day" after a period of seven days, and so would the eighth month be a type of new beginning after seven months, and the eighth year a new beginning after a period of seven years.

It is because of the resurrection of the Lamb of God that we can have a new beginning. We can be washed up out of the depths of the sea as sand to see the light upon the seashore, a much higher realm. And from the earth realm there is promise to be able to go on yet to the higher realm of the heavens! The resurrection is the day when Jesus acquired the keys to death and hell, (**Revelation 1:8**) that we might be freed. The great deep was broken up and we had a way out!

With background of the resurrection being on the 17th day, and the Wave Offering being a type of the resurrection, we will place the Wave Offering on the 17th then explain more about it.



Here is the verse that tells us that the Wave Offering is the day after a sabbath day.

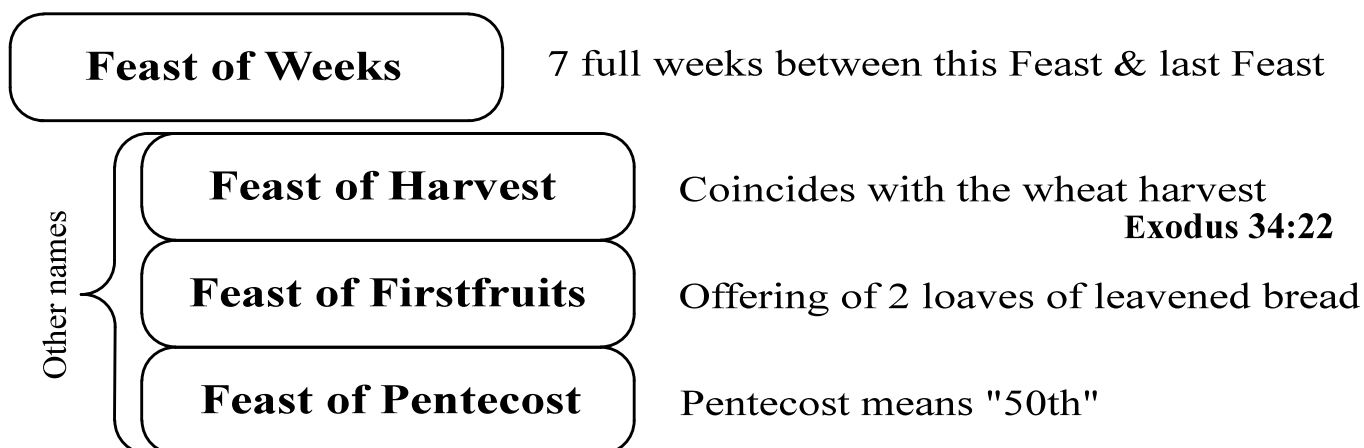
“10...When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf [bundle of grain] of the FIRSTFRUITS of your harvest unto the priest: 11. And he shall WAVE THE SHEAF [Wave Offering] BEFORE THE LORD, TO BE ACCEPTED FOR YOU: ON THE MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH the priest shall wave it.”

Leviticus 23

This first fruit of grain for the Wave Offering of course cannot be cut on a sabbath because harvesting is work. And it cannot be cut & offered until the people of Israel enter the promised land where it is growing, (**Leviticus 23:10**). It is not growing in the wilderness where they are when they escaped from Egypt. Getting to the Promised Land to harvest grain is made possible because of the Passover Lamb that set them free to move on from bondage. That Lamb is prophetic of Jesus Christ, (**1Corinthians 5:7**), the perfect sacrifice which atoned for those in Adam. The Wave Offering is therefore prophetic of the acceptance and fruitfulness of that sacrifice as shown by His resurrection. Jesus Christ is the first fruit of the first harvest of a son in the express image of the Father as proven by the resurrection.

So the Wave Offering is done the day after a sabbath, but which sabbath? The context of **Leviticus 23** is that the sabbath could mean the 14th, 15th, or the 21st. **Leviticus 23:14** however says that they are not to eat the grain of the promised land until they perform the Wave Offering. Then **Joshua 5:10, 11** tell us that when they entered the promised land the manna ceased and they ate the grain of the land on the day after the passover, meaning the day after the passover meal, the 15th, which means it was the 16th. Obviously that year there was no weekly sabbath day (Saturday) on the 16th. It does show however that the sabbath of reference is typically the 15th.

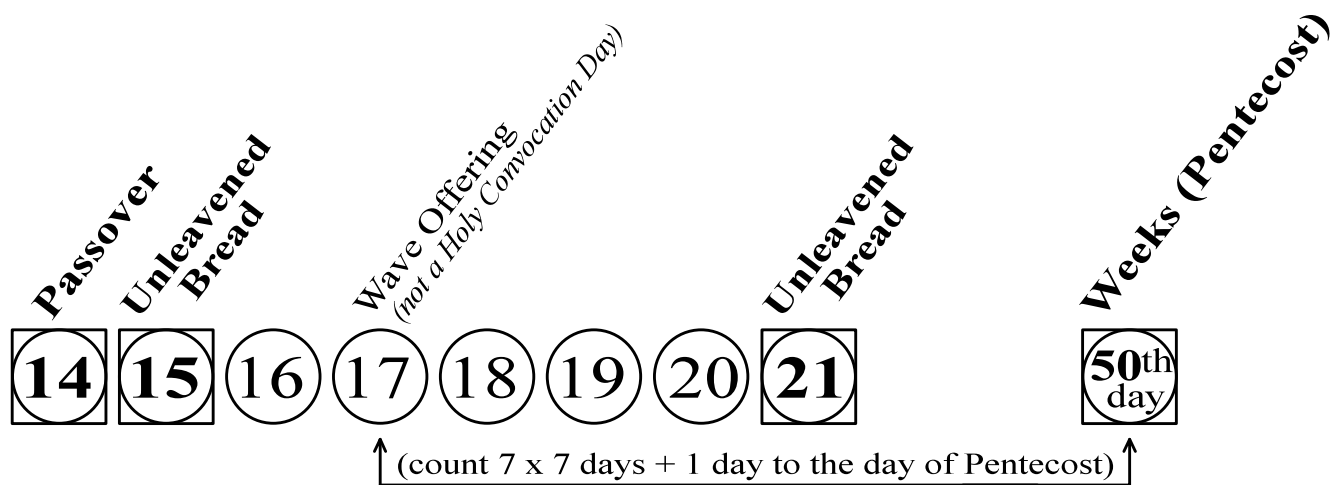
Now that we've established that the Wave Offering is a type of the resurrection and we've seen when that was, we'll look at the next holy convocation feast day, the Feast of Weeks (**Deuteronomy 16:9,10**). This Feast is on the 50th day counting from (& including) the day of the Wave Offering of the first month. It is called the Feast of Weeks because there are seven full weeks between the eating of the Passover Lamb (on the 15th) and this Feast. Other names for it are listed below. I refer to it as the Feast of Pentecost because that is how it is referred to in the New Testament, (**Acts 2:1**).



Here is the scripture reference for how the date for this holy convocation is determined.

“15. 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: 16. Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number FIFTY DAYS; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. 17. Ye shall bring out of your habitations TWO WAVE LOAVES of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked WITH LEAVEN; they are the FIRSTFRUITS [later you’ll see that represents the “church”] unto the LORD...21. And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an HOLY CONVOCATION unto you...”

Leviticus 23



The Wave Offering might land on the 16th or the 17th but note here that there must be SEVEN COMPLETE SABBATHS between the Passover meal (on the 15th) and the Feast of Weeks. A complete sabbath includes the six days leading up to it. In the Jewish Calendar the days of the week are not Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, etc, but rather “1st day of the sabbath (week)”, “2nd day of the sabbath”, “3rd day of the sabbath”, etc to the 7th day of the sabbath which is the regular weekly sabbath.

Seven complete sabbaths would be seven weeks which is 49 days. This only works from the Wave Offering if the Wave Offering is on the 1st day of the sabbath/week, or in other words the 1st day of the week, as it was in the week of the resurrection.

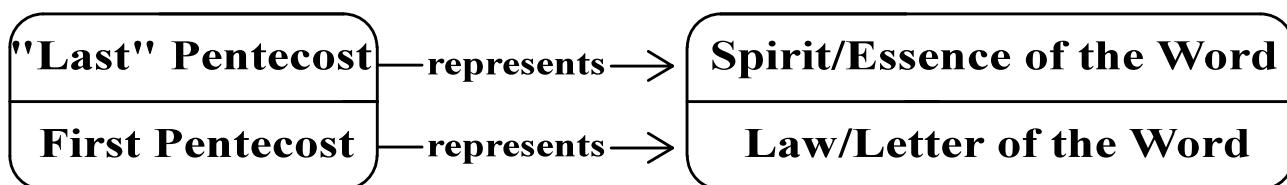
Passover is always on the 14th day of the 1st month, and is always on the full moon, (since the Jewish calendar month is based on the lunar cycle), but the day of the week varies from year to year. If as we previously showed the regular weekly sabbath to be on the 16th, then the seven complete sabbaths would fit perfectly starting with the 17th.

This time it is not a waving of one bundle of grain but includes two loaves of bread. Note that they had leaven in them. This represents many imperfect people who are growing up into perfection and maturity of the Head, Jesus Christ.

I did a “side study” and am convinced that on this day the Law (10 commandments) was given to God’s people. It would take another page or so to carefully lay that word out for you, so I will resist that temptation at this time. The references however start with **Exodus 19:1**.

Also 50 days after Jesus Christ was resurrected the Holy Spirit was given to the church. So this day celebrates the giving of the Word and the Spirit, (two of the three witnesses), which are represented by the two loaves, (that is all Saul got in **1Samuel 10:3**). The leaven in Saul leavened the whole loaf and it became evident that man needed to be in a higher realm yet. A further feast beyond Pentecost would be needed.

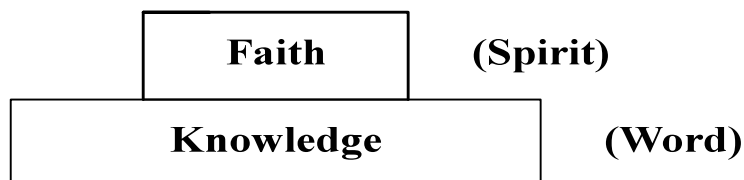
Both loaves are wheat but there are two loaves to signify that the harvest of barley is represented in a higher way. In other words the barley harvest is past, (Law/Word), in a lower realm yet continues on as part of a higher realm.



On the first Pentecost God presented Himself in a fire from the heavens upon a mountain, apart from the people who were in a lower place below the mountain and preferred to stay there. In the “last” Pentecost God presented Himself in a fire from the heavens upon a group of 120 people who had moved into an upper place and sought a higher spiritual realm closer to God.

Just as the death of the first Passover lambs made possible the separation of a people who were then ready to receive the giving of the Word upon the earth, so too did the resurrection of the true Lamb of God make possible the giving of the Spirit of the Word upon a group of people, (and still does today). The Word & the Spirit were both given on this feast day of Pentecost. This is what the two loaves of wheat of Pentecost represent.

Now things start tying together more. Remember this from Lesson #2?



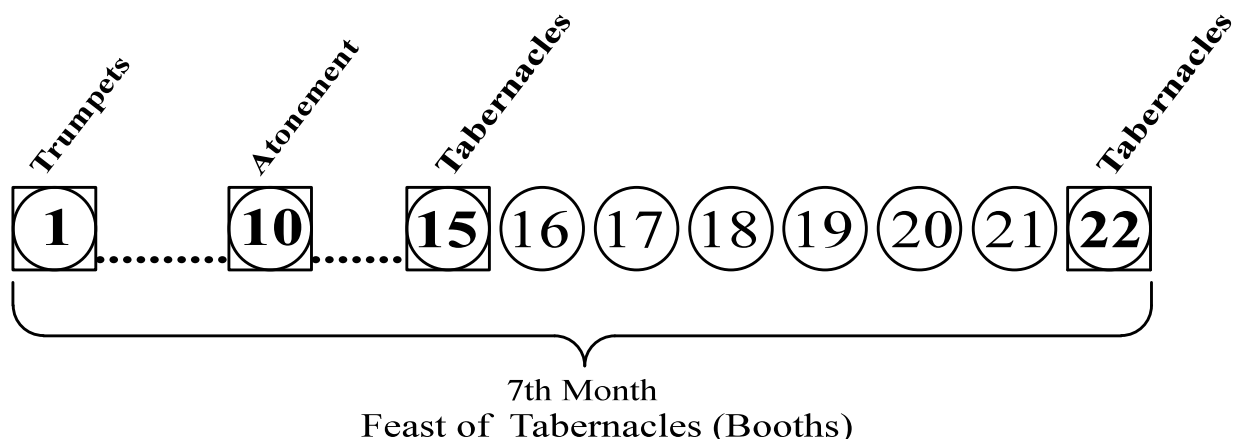
Just as knowing the letter of the Word helps us to understand God enough to then move on to walk with God in the Spirit by faith, so too does walking in the Spirit enable us to then walk with God in a higher realm. This higher realm is shown to us as a type in the next holy convocations.

Part 3: The last Four Holy Convocation Feast Days

The last four holy convocation feast days are in a cluster just as the first three were. Here is the scripture text that lays it out, followed by an illustration.

“24...In the seventh month, in the FIRST DAY of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a MEMORIAL OF BLOWING OF TRUMPETS, AN HOLY CONVOCATION...27. Also on the TENTH DAY of this seventh month there shall be a DAY OF ATONEMENT: IT SHALL BE AN HOLY CONVOCATION unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls...28. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. 29. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. [But weren't we already atoned for in the Passover Feast by the blood of the Lamb? I'll start explaining this in the next three lessons.] 30. And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people...32. It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls:... The FIFTEENTH DAY OF THIS SEVENTH MONTH SHALL BE THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES FOR SEVEN DAYS UNTO THE LORD. 35. ON THE FIRST DAY [of these seven days starting with the 15th] SHALL BE AN HOLY CONVOCATION: ye shall do no servile work therein. 36. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the EIGHTH DAY [from the 15th, which would take us to the 22nd] SHALL BE AN HOLY CONVOCATION unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly;...37. These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations...39. Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, WHEN YE HAVE GATHERED IN THE FRUIT OF THE LAND, [this is the final ingathering of the rest of the crops, olives, grapes, figs, etc. It is a very extensive harvest compared to the firstfruits of Pentecost.], ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath...and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days...42. Ye shall dwell in BOOTHS seven days...43. That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt:”

Leviticus 23



Part 4: Summary of the Eight Holy Convocation Feast Days

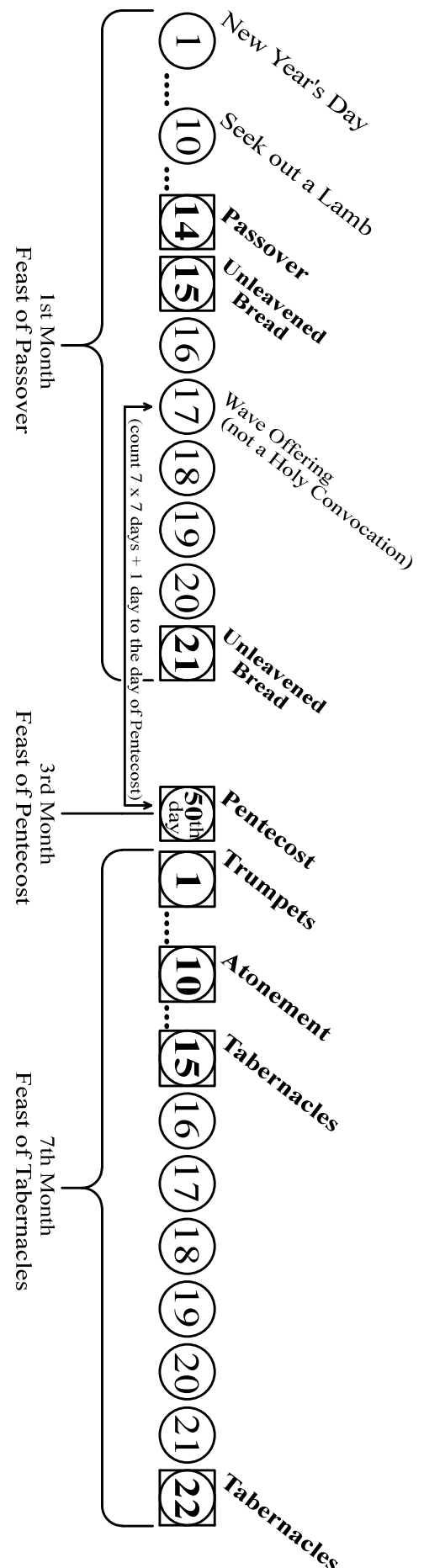
Here is an overview of all eight feasts. Notice that they are found in three groups, with the first group summarized as the first feast, Passover, since it is because of the Passover that the Feast of Unleavened Bread, (fleeing Egypt), is possible.

The last group is summarized as “Tabernacles”, another name for houses, tents or booths, which is where we live & also who we are, (2Corinthians 5:1). This eighth feast signifies both a people dwelling in God and God dwelling in them...a people finally fully in the Divine Realm of His Life, (Him)...in other words a people mature in Christ, of full stature, perfect, and in the express image of the last Adam, the beloved Son, who is in the express image of the Father. The fourth feast in this group is the conclusion and goal of not only that group but of all eight feasts.

This diagram shows that once the blood of the Lamb is applied to the door of your “home”, (Jesus Christ is then your Savior), you have seven further steps before you are fully one with Him (married). This is why **Philippians 2:12** says to work out your salvation, and **Hebrews 12:1,2** says to run your particular race, and why Paul was pressing on to something more than a life in the Word (Earth Realm) and in the Spirit (Heavenly Realm), but to be found in Christ, which he calls “the high calling”.

“8...I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:...THAT I MAY WIN CHRIST,

9. And BE FOUND IN HIM, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness...of God by faith: 10. THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13...I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, [the first two feasts, Passover & Pentecost], and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14. I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.” **Philippians 3**



A summary of JUST THE EIGHT HOLY CONVOCATION FEASTS of the Lord are shown below. Within these eight feasts, there are seven steps to perfection. This journey can also be described as three major feasts (steps), often referred to in the Bible prophetically as “three days”.

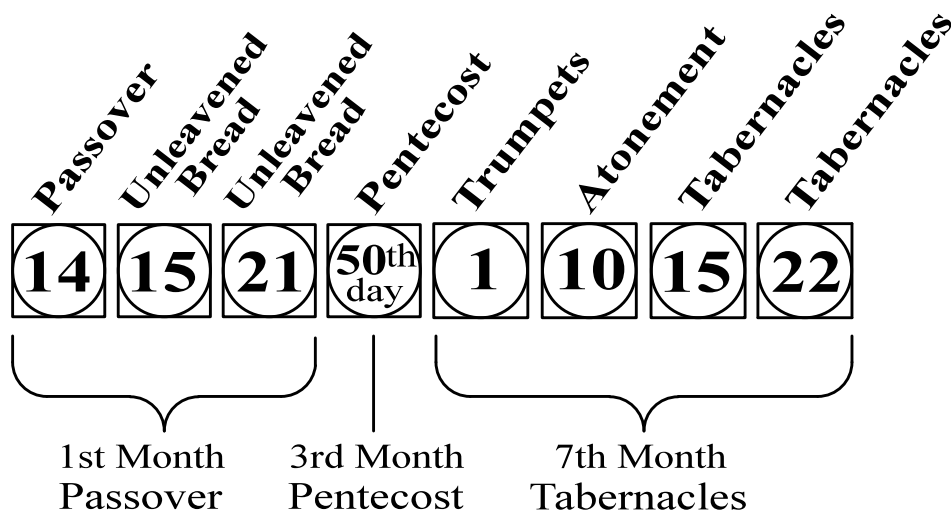
This spacing of feasts causes them to be referred to as three feasts, and three times it is mentioned that all males MUST attend all three feasts every year, (**Exodus 23:17**, **Exodus 34:23**, and **Deuteronomy 16:16**). Note that in **Exodus 34:23** the reference is not to males but rather to “men children”. The male children are “sons”. Although all males are sons, the emphasis is as sons.

“Thrice in the year shall all your MEN CHILDREN [Sons] appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.”
Exodus 34:23

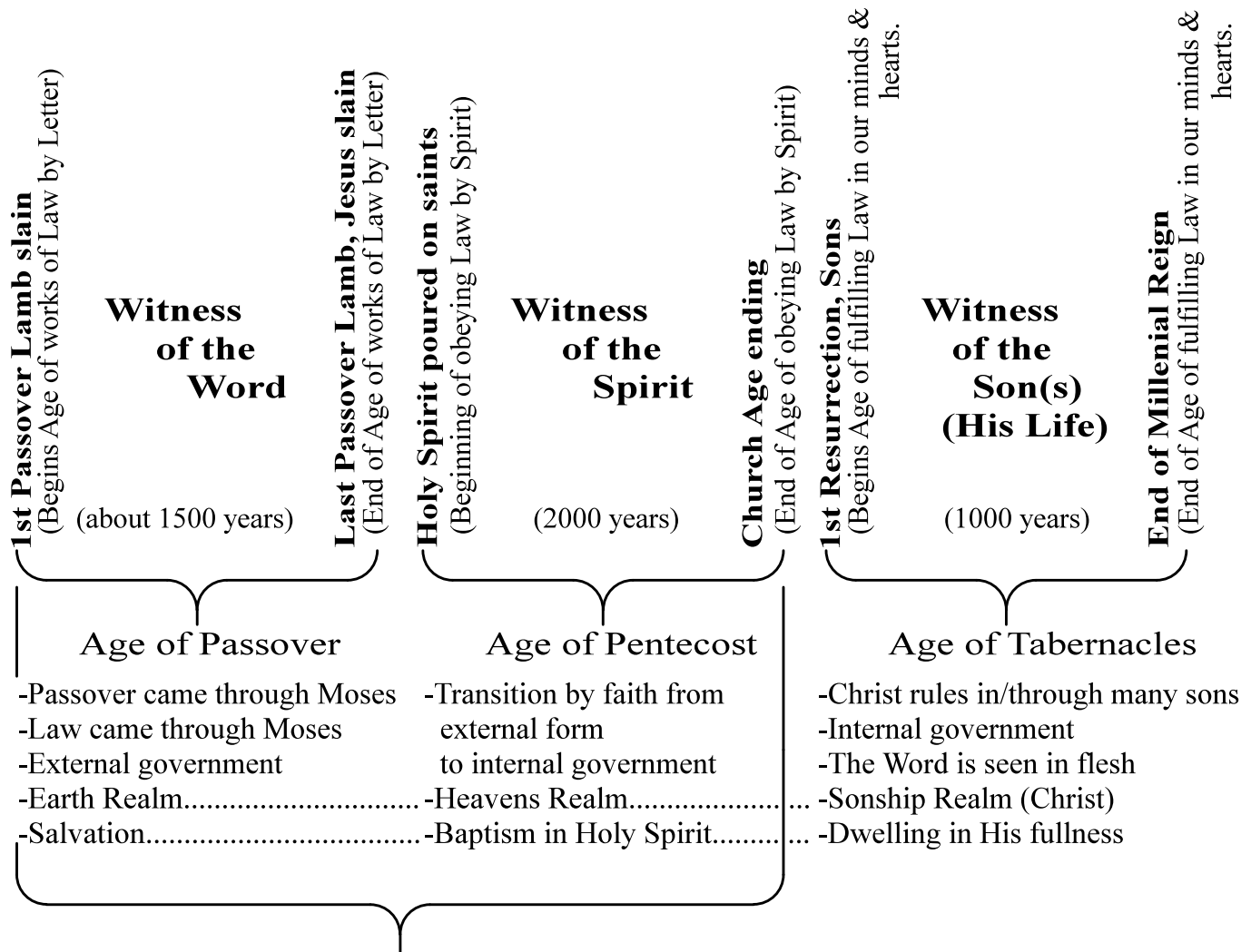
To add emphasis, it is told in **Exodus 12:19** that the soul that does not complete the first feast (of the three major feasts) correctly shall be cut off, and then in **Leviticus 23:29** that the soul that does not complete the last feast (of the three major feasts) correctly shall be cut off. Cut off from what? Cut off from coming into the realm of being a SON like Christ! You must complete the “seven steps”... “three days” growth into Christ the Head in order to become mature, into the full stature of Christ.

“TILL WE ALL COME in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, UNTO A PERFECT MAN, unto the measure of THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST:”
Ephesians 4:13

These three feasts “days” are the summary of our journey from realm to realm as we grow in the character and nature and mind of Christ, leaving the flesh nature/carnal mind of the first Adam behind. The first feast “day” is a type of Salvation because Christ is our Passover Lamb. The second feast “day” is a type of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The third feast “day” is a type of coming fully into Christ, (the Son of God & the Son of Man)...God dwelling in man and man dwelling in God. Jesus Christ is the first Wave Offering, the first fruit of a spiritual man. The Holy Spirit is working in the church by the Word & the Spirit to bring forth a company of firstfruit sons to follow. Those who complete the third “day” will be part of the first resurrection (**Luke 20:35,36**), that firstfruit company of sons mentioned in **Romans 8:29,30**).



Here's more food for thought along these same lines.



Note that 3500 years, is "3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days" (**2Peter 3:8 & Revelation 11**). The life of one age passes as the higher life of a new age begins.

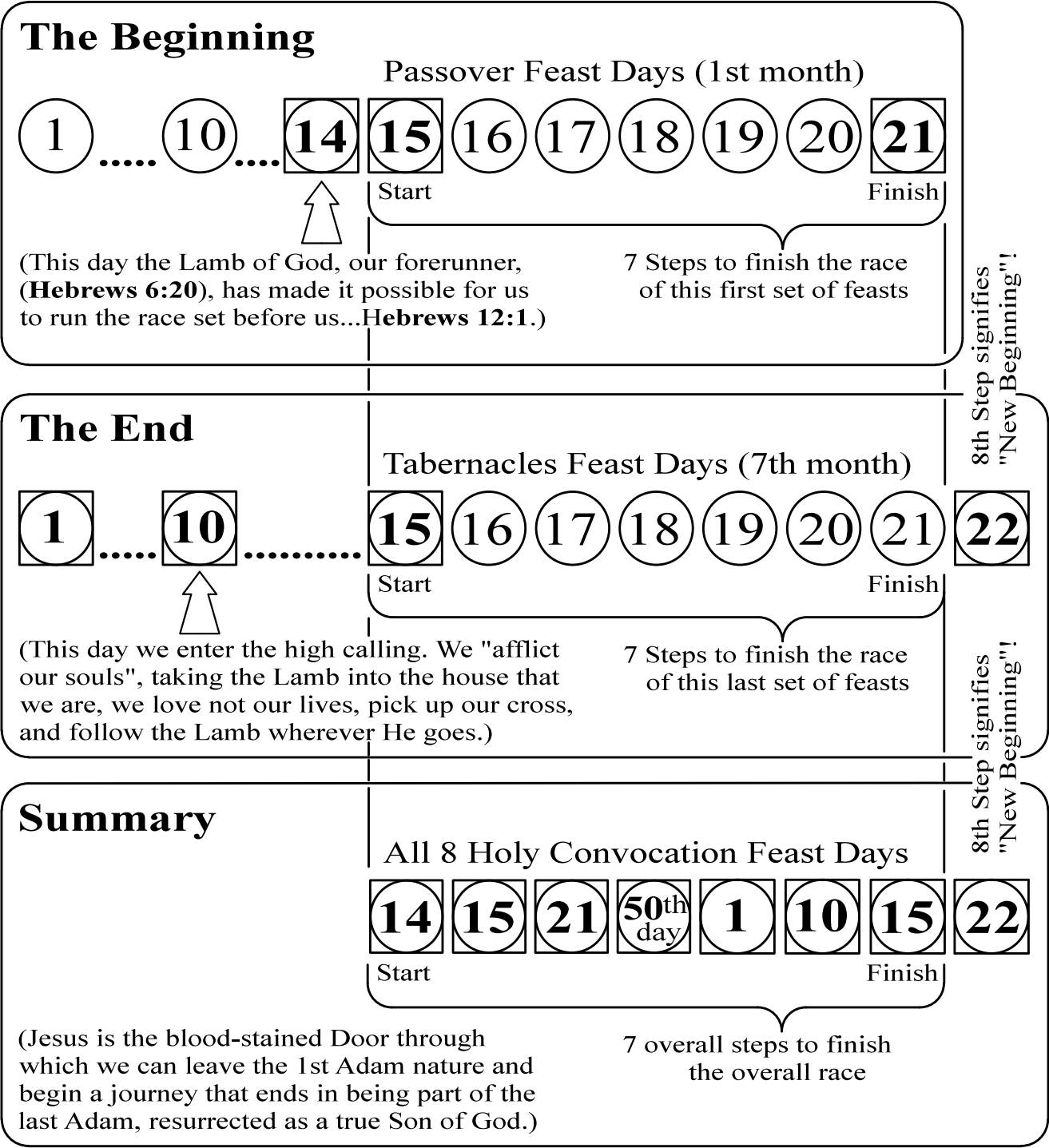
The woman ("church") fades from the scene as the manchild ("men children"/sons) are born. Prophetically this was seen as a type from Rachel's death when her last son Benjamin was born, (the younger brother of Joseph, who was the firstborn of Rachel and a type of Jesus Christ).

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN, [an older brother with many younger brothers born of the same Father]." **Romans 8:29**

In this type Benjamin represents many brethren, which will be further explained in future lessons. The birth of the sons is gradual (happening now) until they take part in the 1st resurrection, when it will be sudden and apparent to all.

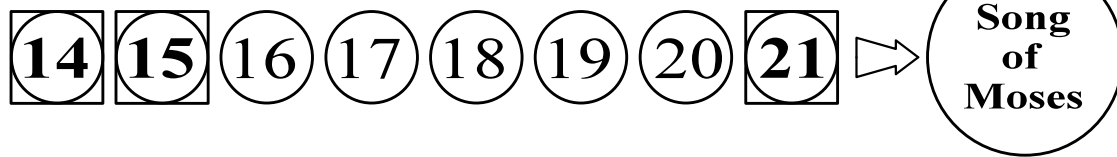
Some are following Him on wherever He leads, (picking up their cross & following Him), moving into and through the Tabernacles Feasts. As a virgin Bride they are seeking union with Christ until only His life is birthed from within them as sons.

Another concept seen in the feasts is that there is the beginning of a race and there is the end of a race. It can be declared who the winner is at the beginning, but the proof is found at the end. The first day of the 1st month heralds the upcoming race in that month as does the first day of the 7th month herald the upcoming race in that month by the blowing of trumpets. The pattern is shown that there are seven laps to the race. It is not by our strength, but we must be faithful (**Revelation 17:14**), and move in what we are directed by the Word and the Spirit. The victory song is sung at the end of the race.



Here are the victory songs sung at the end of each race.

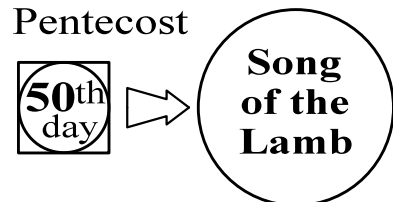
Passover Feast Days



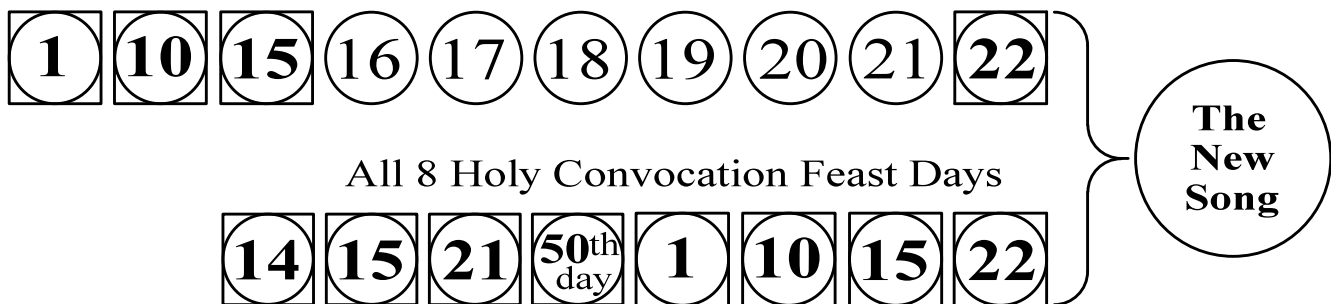
So who do you suppose sings the “Song of Moses”? That would be Moses and those who applied the blood of the Lamb and finished this race. They sang it as soon as they crossed the Red Sea which was when that particular race was over, (**Exodus 15:1, Deuteronomy 31:22, 30**). The song is praising God because the horse & rider are thrown into the sea. The spiritual meaning is the first Adam & beast nature upon which he rides can now be put in their place because of the blood, (life) of the Lamb. The Word then comes forth available for us so that we can overcome the horse & rider, (our first Adam beast nature), finish this race and join in the Song of Moses.

This song is sung by those who have further victory over the 1st Adam beast nature, (**Revelation 15:3**). This overcoming is done by the Holy Spirit which is available to us because Jesus as the Lamb of God ascended. The song is praising God because His nature & ways are being further revealed and available in us now by Spirit as well as by Word.

Pentecost



Tabernacles Feast Days



This New Song is sung by Christ the Head & by Christ the Body. In **Revelation 5:8-10** it is the four Living Creatures and the 24 Elders who sing this song. It explains here that they represent the kings & priests who reign with Christ. Those who reign with Him are also represented by the 144,000s that are with the Lamb on Mount Zion. They are the firstfruit company of Sons of God (**Revelation 14:1-5**). They are elsewhere referred to the “Overcomers”, (**Revelation 2:7 to 3:21 & 21:7**), the younger brothers, (**Romans 8:29**), and the Manchild, again identified as the corporate body that reigns with Him, (**Revelation 12**).

The only ones who can sing the songs are those who finish the race. They are the only ones who know the words...what to sing about. At the beginning of a race you have some understanding of the race but at the end of the race you can add your experience...your testimony to your understanding. All who finish this race are the 3rd witness in the earth...His Life (blood) living in a people...Sons in His image.

I will show two more patterns in closing.

Future lessons will expand, clarify, and confirm some concepts presented in this lesson.

Passover

Pentecost

Tabernacles

-the firstfruit.....	-the firstfruits.....	-the firstfruits company
-barley (1 sheaf).....	-wheat (2 loaves).....	-wine & oil
-Wave Offering (small harvest).	-larger harvest.....	-largest harvest (final ingathering)
-resurrection (Jesus).....	-the church.....	-overcomers, (Sons)
-Word made flesh in one man....	-Holy Spirit upon many.....	-His Life in a people
-1st witness.....	-2nd witness.....	-3rd witness

These "die" as separate entities when the 3rd witness is birthed. Each feast is "swallowed up" into the next one. So in a sense the first two witnesses are resurrected into the 3rd witness.

As one goes on the journey from feast to feast there is an enlargement both of harvest and of time to get to the harvest. This is shown above and also by the pattern of sevens in that:

Passover is followed by 7 DAYS of Unleavened Bread,
Pentecost is 7 WEEKS from the Wave Offering
Tabernacles is 7 MONTHS from the New Year.

Not everyone is given vision to run the entire race, but those who do must endure to the end. We can do this because of Christ. It is not us but Him in us, (**Galatians 2:19,20**). Here is Paul's testimony from the New King James Version right before his death:

"6. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7. I have fought the good fight, I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I have kept the faith. 8. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing [in their lives and in the lives of others]."

2Timothy 4:7

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