

Feast Application with the Creation

My theory, do the Feasts in Leviticus 23 line up in the same order and sequence as the creation story?

The seven festivals or feasts in the Jewish sacred calendar are integral to understanding the theme of the seventh-day rest in the Bible. These feasts have symbolic meaning connecting back to the creation account in Genesis and the story of the Exodus. They are meant to act as a way to remember and teach (AI).

Genesis Chapter 1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. ³ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Can this be related to Passover?

- Until there is a recognized need, people will not seek Christ for salvation. If someone already believes they are in the light, then they will not recognize they are wrong or in darkness and in need of Jesus who is the light of the world.
- We all start our walk with Christ in darkness.
- Feast application – when you find yourself in darkness and can't see a way out, we are to take the first step and seek the light.
- It takes humility.
- If this theory and connection is correct, then one way to practice picking up the cross is to recognize you are in darkness and in need of the light of Christ to see your way through.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6, But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Some other scripture references include:

- Acts 9
- Matthew 4:13-17
- John 1:1-5
- John 8:12
- John 12:46
- Isaiah 9:2

⁶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. ⁷ And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Unleavened Bread. This was fulfilled when Christ was buried in the tomb.

- The second day, God separates the waters by creating a canopy separating the waters of the earth from the sky or heavens. There is debate on what this actually was at the time. I take it to be the separation from the earth/water and the sky canopy or heavens that we see today.
- Feast application – there is a separation between the old and the new. We also will need to make a separation from the things of this world to the hope of heaven.
 - We have to separate from our past, there has to be a spiritual divide.

Additional revelation. When looking back at the Exodus, we see that the Children of Israel follow the same process in their deliverance. Notice in Exodus 14, as they are leaving or separating themselves from Egypt and bondage, that God again divides the water in parting the Red Sea. I again, find it fascinating that God divides the water on the second step of the process. Is He making a comparison on how He divided the waters on the second day? I think so. Regardless, there is clear application in my life with this enhanced understanding. Notice in Exodus 14:21-22, the waters are divided and they travel on dry ground. I don't think it is coincidence that on day three, dry ground is created after God divided the waters.

See also Exodus 8:23, John 7:43; 9:16, and Luke 12:51.

⁹ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. ¹⁰ And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. ¹¹ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. ¹² And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ¹³ And the evening and the morning were the third day.

Feast of First Fruits application.

- This seems to be very clear. Since First Fruits represents the resurrection and new life in Christ, we can easily see a connection has God creates the earth and new plant life springs up.
- Likewise, the separation works to produce fruit and create new hope for our lives. We should expect to see a change and not something improved, but something brand new.
- Additionally, we should be planting seeds where the new growth is expanding.

¹⁴ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ¹⁵ And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. ¹⁶ And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. ¹⁷ And

God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Feast of Weeks or Pentecost represents the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The application and comparison can be seen in both this fourth day of creation and the exodus journey of Israel.

- The lights in the heavens provide guidance. Commentaries indicate the sun, moon, and stars were created on this day.
- Man throughout history has used the sun, moon, and stars to track time and for navigation.
- Application – the Holy Spirit is our navigational guide through life. The timing of what we do should be guided by the Holy Spirit, reference Noah’s timing for leaving the Ark.
 - The Holy Spirit should guide our steps and actions, reference Jesus being led into the wilderness.
 - The stars and lights provide comfort, Jesus called the Holy Spirit our comforter.

²⁰ And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹ And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. ²³ And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Feast of Trumpets

- Trumpets points to the rapture. As we wait during this present church age, we look to spread the good news of the Gospel to increase the Kingdom.
- On this fifth day we see increase.
- Admittedly, I have not yet seen a stronger link with this Feast and creation day as I have with the others.

Another blogger made different connection:

The cloud of incense matches the fifth day. The birds represent a flock or cloud above the earth and the fish represent a cloud under the sea.

I’m not strongly convinced but the fifth piece of furniture in the Tabernacle is the Golden Altar which is where the incense is burned. Since I like to focus on the application perspective, I prefer looking at this from the expectation of the leading of the Holy Spirit producing increase in the Kingdom. In turn, we should experience increase in our ministry.

²⁴ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. ²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them

have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

²⁹ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

³¹ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Day of Atonement – corresponds to the second coming of Christ in victory. The enemies of Israel will be defeated and they will have dominion.

- God gives man dominion.
- God gives man instructions to be fruitful and multiply.
- Application – as we follow these days and steps in order, we should be experiencing victory and dominion in our walk.
- This also corresponds to number of man being incomplete without God.

New observations:

- Verse 29 God says to “behold”. This is important as it means God wants us to pay particular attention to something. He says to man, look carefully at what He has already created and done for him on day 3.
- Application: When we face difficult times and it seems we might be defeated, God wants us to remember what He has already done for us. This is a reminder that He who began a good work in us is faithful to complete it. This should be an encouragement as we wait for God to deliver us and we have dominion over our situation.
- Step 6 is also where the danger of self-righteousness can occur. This is a real danger after we have experienced success. This creation day reminds us that we are incomplete without God since 7 is the number of spiritual perfection and not 6. Since we are made in His image, we need to remember to walk humbly in His image and not pursue our own image or glory.

Genesis Chapter 2

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. ³ And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all



his work which God created and made. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

Feast of Tabernacles – celebration of the Kingdom to come.

- Application – resting after victory. It shows God’s dominion over our lives. We can practice this concept in our lives today by following these steps in sequence and entering into His peace. Process brings peace and rest.
- Notice here at this point God sees it was “very good”. There is a progression during this process.
 1. Each day or step that we take and apply is good. Before we get to the end and God’s best, it is good when we enter and continue through the process.
 2. Each step we take in this spiritual processing makes us better and “more good”.
 3. There are greater degrees of good, and when you arrive at level 7, you are very good. I want to be gooder!

AI Overview

Yes, the seven feasts in the Jewish sacred calendar have symbolic meanings that connect to the creation account in Genesis and the story of Exodus. These feasts are meant to be a way to remember and teach, and are based on a lunar calendar that follows the phases of the moon.

According to some accounts of creation, the sun and moon were created on the fourth day:

- First day: Light
- Second day: Sky and air
- Third day: Land and plants
- Fourth day: Sun, moon, and stars
- Fifth day: Birds and aquatic animals
- Sixth day: Animals and humans
- Seventh day: God rested

Summary – So what? If there is a link between the creation and the Feasts, what are we to do with this information? How do we apply this?

- It can increase our understanding of the scriptures and thereby improve the application of the word of God in our lives.

I was applying the Beatitudes the wrong way and out of order. Understanding the linkage with the Feasts changed that as it increased my understanding. So, what can I do with the creation story? Is there a greater understanding because of the Feast connection?

1. I'm currently in the dark about a situation in my life. I don't clearly know what actions to take. I find myself in need of insight or light to shine on my situation. So, I turn to God seeking a way through the dark.
 - a) God knows my situation and this scripture is telling me God wants me to have light in this situation and show me the way to go.
 - b) "Let there be light".
2. The light shows me there needs to be a difference between where I am and want to be and where I should be looking. There is a difference or divide between what I'm looking at below and what God wants me to see above this situation or where I am. I need to turn from looking at things from a worldly perspective and seek a heavenly perspective.
 - a) I know the decisions and options I have in the natural, but what does this look like from a Kingdom perspective and what are those options?
3. As I seek the Lord for guidance He will allow evidence or let me see things appear that I didn't see clearly before. Hope is coming out of these dark waters. I'm seeing some results or fruit from this direction I'm taking.
 - a) I may not have made my decision yet. I may be still weighing options but the Kingdom options I have may be giving me hope and guidance I didn't have or consider before.
4. I'm receiving peace and comfort about my decision. The Holy Spirit is guiding and directing me on where, what and the timing of my actions.
 - a) The story is telling me that God wants to provide me with "signs" for this new season.
 - b) I now have "light upon the earth" as to what decision to make.
5. In my new decision, I'm starting to enjoy increase. Life is different, changing, and abundance is evident. I'm seeing results in two places, my life and in the Kingdom.
 - a) God is blessing what I'm doing.
6. I may be faced with difficult and or new challenges or changes. There may be an increase in work or activity. More fruit or results from my earlier decisions may be evident. But the scriptures are telling me no matter the increase, success, challenges, etc., I'm to have dominion.
 - a) God reminds me that he has supplied me and given me what I need to succeed.
 - b) I'm made in His image, this reminds and encourages me to consider and act in a manner that is consistent with God.
7. When I've done all I can do, I'm finished and rest as I wait for God to move. When I have done all I can, I rest in Him.
 - I can see the purpose behind how He created the earth is the same process He desires for us. I can pray the creation steps in my life.
 - Does this help you better understand the significance of the days of creation and how to use this passage to encourage yourself in the Lord? What will you do differently as a result of this study?

I noted on my post about [Israel's seven festivals and the creation week](#) that each festival has a fairly close link to the corresponding day of creation. I did say, however, that there seemed to be little link between the Feast of Trumpets and the fifth day, when the birds and fish were created. After thinking on the matter further, I've concluded that there is indeed a closer link than I first saw. In Exodus 25-31, the construction of the Tabernacle is commanded in seven speeches, because the Tabernacle is a microcosm, a miniature world, just as the cosmos as a whole is the temple of God. The fifth speech, corresponding to the fifth day of creation, is all about incense. Likewise, in the [creation week structure of Leviticus](#), the fifth slot is taken by the commandment to glorify the Bread (the world) with incense. Other creation week patterns reflect the same association: incense matches the fifth day.

How come? I believe it is because the "cloud of incense" associates with God's "cloud of glory." The Glory Cloud is composed by the Preincarnate Christ enthroned in the middle, surrounded by billions of angels sweeping through the cloud, some of whom are assembled in council surrounding Him (compare Daniel 7, Isaiah 6, 1 Kings 22). On the fifth day of creation, God creates visible symbols of His Glory-Cloud. The fifth day is chastically related to the third day of creation, when God separated land and sea and caused fruit trees and grain plants to spring up. God now **creates a cloud** for each of these created zones. A school of fish is an image of the glory-cloud living in the sea, a flock of birds is an image of a glory-cloud dwelling in trees (see Gen. 1:22, which identifies the dwelling place of birds as the Earth).

The Feast of Trumpets commemorates the appearance of God's Glory-Cloud. When God descended at Sinai, Israel heard booming trumpet blasts. The prophets, speaking of the Day of the Lord, when God is manifest to judge the Earth, speak of "blowing a trumpet on Zion." When St. John in the Apocalypse sees the Incarnate Christ, he hears a trumpet blast behind him. Thus, as the fifth day of creation saw the creation of visible symbols of God's Glory-Cloud, so the fifth festival of Israel celebrates the manifest Presence of God in the Cloud.

Israel has seven festivals, and they correspond, in order, to the seven days of creation:

1. Passover. Passover is the new creation of Israel through the Glory-Cloud covering up Israel's door and killing the Egyptians, just as God made the Heavens and the Earth, and the Spirit (the Glory-Cloud) hovered over the face of the waters.
2. Unleavened Bread. This continues the above festival. The second day of creation is an image within "Earth" of the division of the Heavens and the Earth. On the first day, God made the Heavens and the Earth- the invisible heavens, with the angelic hosts, was made complete and mature, while the Earth was formless, void, and dark, intended to grow up into the model of its heavenly prototype. On the second day, as God had made Heaven and Earth, he now divides the waters above from the waters below, creating a visible Heaven as a symbol of the invisible heaven.
3. Firstfruits. This connection is obvious: on the third day, God makes the grain plants and the fruit trees (shrubbery is not yet made, see Genesis 2:5), the foundations of the sacraments: Bread, Oil, and Wine.
4. Pentecost. God puts visible symbols of the divine glory in the skies. The sun symbolizes God's rule over creation, the stars symbolize the angels, the moon marks the festival times. Fascinatingly, the fourth



night vision of Zechariah (there are seven night visions) is a prophecy of New Testament Pentecost, when the divine glory itself is poured out onto the Earth.

5. Trumpets. This is the weakest link, but I'm sure (based on precedent) that it will get stronger as I study more. For now, we can say that the creation of swarms of chirping birds could be a match for Trumpets. Updated analysis [here](#).

6. Day of Atonement. The Day of Atonement has Aaron entering the Holy of Holies with only a linen garment, symbolizing Adam's innocent nakedness. He takes the sins of Israel on himself, then puts them on a goat which is sacrificed and cleans the world. Another goat is sent to destruction. Afterwards, Aaron is cleansed and robed in glory and beauty- symbolizing the exaltation Adam was to await, but instead seized by eating prematurely of the Tree of Wisdom. This is the creation of a new man, and as such, links with the creation of man.

7. Tabernacles/Ingathering/Booths. Sabbath. God comes and dwells with His People in Sabbath Rest. A very tight link.

God appears to have had this divine process in place from the very beginning, See Revelation 13:8, John 17:24, and 1 Peter 1:18-20.