



Summary of Victorious Messiah Fellowship's 2019 Holy Day Celebration Calendar

A note about the Biblical days: Times and dates refer to Biblical days, from sundown to sundown. (Exodus 12:18, Leviticus 23:32, Nehemiah 13:19)

A note about the Biblical months: New moons are calculated based on 2.0% lunar illumination or greater at sunset, after a conjunction. Also, an additional leap month was added in 2018 to reset our calendar to the barley harvest and the solar calendar. The next year a leap month should be needed will be 2021.

➤ **The Biblical New Year** – Also known as: Abib 1

- ❖ The first day of the Biblical new year is Saturday, April 6 at sundown through Sunday, April 7 at sundown.
- ❖ **YHWH instructed us to mark this day as the beginning of the year because each year in the month of Abib the cycle of the Feasts resets. And the Feasts of the LORD are designed to remind us all year long of the Gospel that was preached to the Israelites in Exodus and how that Gospel perfectly foreshadowed the Gospel of JESUS, our MESSIAH.**
 - **On Saturday Morning (4/6/2019), at 10:30am** – Victorious Messiah Fellowship will explore a special study entitled **Biblical Timekeeping**, explaining how YHWH has instructed us to track time, and we will review the relevant Scriptures and our calendar for 2019.
 - **On Sunday Morning (3/31/2019), at 11am** – Victorious Messiah Fellowship will hold a **Spring Decoration Party** to prepare the facilities for the celebration of the Spring Feasts of the LORD!
- ❖ For more information, please see: Exodus 12:2, Exodus 13:4 and Deuteronomy 16:1.

➤ **Passover Lamb Selection Day** - Also known as: “Palm Sunday”, or Abib 10.

- ❖ The 2019 Lamb Selection Day is Monday, April 15 at sundown through Tuesday, April 16 at sundown.
 - ❖ **YHWH instructs us to select our Passover Lamb for our household on this day, so we choose JESUS together as a congregation, and we mark this day as a reminder of JESUS entering Jerusalem on a donkey, as our spotless Passover Lamb.**
 - **On Monday Evening (4/15/2019), at 8pm** - Victorious Messiah Fellowship will **celebrate the triumphal entry of JESUS CHRIST into Jerusalem**, and His being the perfect, spotless Lamb of GOD, who takes away the sin of the world!
 - ❖ For more information, please see: Exodus 12:1-5 and Matthew 21:1-11.
- **Passover Preparation Day** – Also known as: the 14th of Abib, or “the day the Passover must be killed” as seen in Mark 14:12 and Luke 22:7.
- ❖ The 2019 Passover Preparation Day is Friday April 19 at sundown through Saturday, April 20 at sundown. Please Note: this day is also a weekly Sabbath.
 - ❖ **YHWH instructed the people to remove all leaven from their homes on this day and prepare for the annual Passover Meal. So, Passover Preparation Day is a special day of physical and spiritual preparation for the Passover Meal, which is our New Covenant remembrance of the day JESUS was crucified to set us free from our bondage to sin.**
 - From sundown on Friday, April 19th to sundown on Saturday, April 20th, preparations would typically be made for the Feast of Unleavened bread and the Passover meal (*see below*) that occurs at Victorious Messiah just after sundown on Saturday. Also, **leaven is to be removed from our homes**, to symbolically remind us to completely remove all sin from our lives in Biblical repentance. But because the day of preparation falls on a Sabbath this year, we will move our physical preparations forward one day, so we can rest on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

Passover items like charoset and matza ball soup - followed by optional (*gender separated*) foot washing as Jesus and the disciples demonstrated, and a closing Psalm.

- Note: Because JESUS knew He would not be present to eat the Passover with the disciples at the normal appointed time, they ate the Passover early, the evening before the appointed evening, on “the Preparation Day”.

- ❖ For more information, please see: Exodus 12:6-14, Matthew 27:57-66, Mark 15:39-43, Luke 23:50-55, John 19:14, Luke 22:13-16, and John 18:28.

➤ **The Feast of Unleavened Bread** – Also known as: Abib 15 – Abib 21, “the Feast of Matza”, or “Passover” when used in the context of the entire period of this feast - as in Acts 12:4 or Ezekiel 45:21.

- ❖ The 2019 Feast of Unleavened Bread is from Saturday, April 20 at sundown through Saturday, April 27 at sundown.
- ❖ **YHWH instructed us to put away all physical leaven from our homes and fast from physical leaven for one week each year. And when we do this, it is to remind us that we have put away the leaven of sin from our lives when we were baptized into the death of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who was buried as the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread approached.**
 - See “De-leavening Party” above (under Passover Preparation Day)
 - **On Saturday (4/27/2019) at 3pm** – When we meet at Victorious Messiah Fellowship for our weekly Sabbath carry-in lunch, the Feast of Unleavened Bread will still be with us, so we will have a **special unleavened carry-in as part of our celebration of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.**
- ❖ **1st Special Day of Rest: The first day of the 7-day Feast - from Saturday, April 20, at sundown through Sunday, April 21, at sundown is a High Sabbath.**

❖ **2nd Special Day of Rest: The last day of the 7-day Feast - from Friday, April 26, at sundown through Saturday, April 27, at sundown is a High Sabbath and a weekly Sabbath.**

❖ For more information, please see: Exodus 12:15-20, Exodus 13:6-10, Leviticus 23:6-8, Deuteronomy 16:2-4, Ezekiel 45:21, Mark 14:1, Acts 13:3, Acts 20:6, and 1 Corinthians 5:8.

➤ **Firstfruits** – Also known as: “Resurrection Day”, “Re'shiyth Omer”, “The Waving of the Sheaf”, or literally “one after the Sabbaths” in the final 27 books of Holy Scripture (*wrongly translated as “first day of the week”*).

❖ The 2019 Feast of Firstfruits is Saturday, April 27 at sundown through Sunday, April 28, at sundown.

❖ **YHWH instructed us to bring the firstfruits of the harvest of the promised land before Him as an offering of hope and thanksgiving. So, the Feast of Firstfruits is the annual celebration of JESUS rising victoriously from the grave as the Firstfruits of the resurrection harvest that will usher in His glorious Kingdom on this earth!**

▪ **On Sunday morning (4/28/2019), at 11am** – Victorious Messiah Fellowship will celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and LORD, JESUS CHRIST, as the Firstfruits of the resurrection!

○ During the **after-service, leaven-allowed, carry-in, celebratory feast**, we will have games and treats for the children also!

○ Also, on Firstfruits we collect a **special offering to send to Jerusalem for evangelism and discipleship**. (1 Corinthians 16:1-3)

❖ For more information, please see: Leviticus 23:9-14, John 20:1-23, and 1 Corinthians 15:20.

➤ **Pentecost** – Also known as: the “Feast of Weeks” or “*Shavuot*”.

❖ The 2019 Feast of Pentecost is Saturday, June 15 at sundown through Sunday, June 16 at sundown.

- ❖ **YHWH instructed us to count 50 days from the Feast of Firstfruits to the day of Pentecost. At the first Pentecost, GOD descended to Mt. Sinai to declare to His people the Covenant, the Ten Commandments. And in the New Covenant, on the Day of Pentecost, GOD descended once again when the HOLY SPIRIT came to write the Commandments of the Covenant on the hearts and minds of His people!**
 - **On Sunday morning (6/16/2019), at 11am** – Victorious Messiah Fellowship will hold a **special service followed by a special carry-in meal**, as we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit, Who writes God’s law on our hearts and empowers us to live it out!
 - Also, on Pentecost we hold a **special collection for the Victorious Messiah Fellowship food pantry**. (Leviticus 23:16-22)
- ❖ **3rd Special Day of Rest: Pentecost - from Saturday, June 15 at sundown through Sunday, June 16 at sundown is a High Sabbath.**
- ❖ For more information, please see: Leviticus 23:15-21 and Acts 2:1-41.

➤ **The Feast of Trumpets** – Also known as: “*Yom Teruah*” (*incorrectly changed to Rosh Hashanah*), or the first day of the seventh Biblical month (*Ethanim according to 1 Kings 8:2*).

- ❖ The 2019 Feast of Trumpets is Sunday, September 29 at sundown through Monday, September 30 at sundown.
- ❖ **YHWH instructed us to remember how the trumpet sounded when He descended to Mt. Sinai to declare the Covenant. So, in the New Covenant, the Feast of Trumpets is an annual reminder of the LORD’s approaching return, and our being gathered together to Him at the great sound of the last trumpet!**
 - **On Sunday 9/29/2019 at 7pm** - Victorious Messiah Fellowship will have **special worship service and carry-in meal**, as we celebrate the Day of Trumpets, and our glorious Hope in CHRIST’s promised return!

❖ **4th Special Day of Rest: The Feast of Trumpets - from Sunday, September 29 at sundown through Monday, September 30 at sundown is a High Sabbath.**

❖ For more information, please see: Leviticus 23:23-25, Matthew 24:30-31, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, & Revelation 4-9.

➤ **The Day of Atonement** – Also known as: “*Yom Kippur*”, “The Fast” in Acts 27:9, or the tenth day of the seventh Biblical month.

❖ The 2019 Day of Atonement is Tuesday, October 8 at sundown through Wednesday, October 9 at sundown.

❖ **YHWH instructed us to fast and humble ourselves before Him on this solemn day, to prepare to enter into His holy presence. And the Day of Atonement is an annual reminder that JESUS is returning to the earth to be “at one” with His Church, therefore He will cleanse the earth of all lawlessness so that the planet is worthy to receive His awesome holiness.**

- **On Wednesday 10/9/2019, at 6pm** – Victorious Messiah Fellowship will host a **special service** to close the Day of Atonement. And after sundown and the service concludes, everyone is invited to end the fast together at Cici’s Pizza in Weatherford. (325 Adams Dr Suite #355, Weatherford, TX 76086)

❖ **5th Special Day of Rest: Day of Atonement – from Tuesday, October 8 at sundown through Wednesday October 9 at sundown is a High Sabbath.**

❖ For more information, please see: Leviticus 23:26-32, Isaiah 58, Joel 1:14-15, Joel 2:11-18, Hebrews 9:6-7, Acts 17:30-31, and Acts 27:9.

➤ **The Feast of Tabernacles** – Also known as: “*Sukkot*”, “the Feast of Booths”, or the 15th to the 21st of the seventh Biblical month. (*The 22nd day of the 7th month is “the eighth day”, or “the great day” in John 7:37*)

❖ The 2019 Feast of Tabernacles is from Sunday, October 13 at sundown through Sunday, October 20 at sundown.

- ❖ **YHWH instructs us to live in temporary structures for seven days each year to remember how we are passing through the spiritual wilderness of this world on our way to an eternal Promised Land in His everlasting Kingdom. So, the Feast of Tabernacles is an annual reminder that we are not home yet, we are waiting for our MESSIAH to return and usher in His Kingdom so He can tabernacle with His people forever!**
 - **From Sunday, October 13th through Sunday, October 20th** - Victorious Messiah Fellowship will host a **7-night Tabernacles camping trip** to celebrate the Feast!
 - We will vote on and announce the location of the 2019 Tabernacles Celebration Camp-Out at a later time.
 - **On Saturday, 10/19/2019, at 11am** - We will hold our weekly Sabbath service at the campground, and all who were unable to join us for camping are welcome to join us for Sabbath service.
 - **And on Monday 10/21/2019, at 5pm** - Victorious Messiah Fellowship will have a **special evening service to close the feast of Tabernacles on 'The Great Day'**, as we celebrate our hope of dwelling with our King forever in a New Heavens and a New Earth!
- ❖ **6th Special Day of Rest: The first day of the Feast of Tabernacles - Sunday, October 13 at sundown through Monday, October 14th at sundown is a High Sabbath.**
- ❖ **7th Special Day of Rest: The last day of the Feast of Tabernacles - Sunday, October 20th at sundown through Monday, October 21st at sundown is a High Sabbath.**
- ❖ **Complete List of Days Needed To Observe The Feast of Tabernacles Camping Trip: Sunday, October 13, 2019 – Monday, October 21, 2019**
- ❖ For more information, please see: Leviticus 23:33-44, John 1:14 and Revelation 21:3-7.

➤ **Summary:**

- ❖ So, the 7 special Biblically commanded high days of rest in 2019 are:
1. **The first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread** - from Saturday, April 20, at sundown through Sunday, April 21, at sundown is a High Sabbath. *(8:05pm 4/20 - 8:05pm 4/21) (Leviticus 23:7)*
 2. **The last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread** - from Friday, April 26, at sundown through Saturday, April 27, at sundown is a High Sabbath and a weekly Sabbath. *(8:09pm 4/26 - 8:10pm 4/27) (Leviticus 23:8)*
 3. **Pentecost** - from Saturday, June 15 at sundown through Sunday, June 16 at sundown is a High Sabbath. *(8:41pm 6/15 - 8:41pm 6/16) (Leviticus 23:21)*
 4. **The Feast of Trumpets** - from Sunday, September 29 at sundown through Monday, September 30 at sundown is a High Sabbath. *(7:19pm 9/29 - 7:17pm 9/30) (Leviticus 23:24-25)*
 5. **The Day of Atonement** - from Tuesday, October 8 at sundown through Wednesday, October 9 at sundown is a High Sabbath. *(7:07pm 10/8 - 7:06pm 10/9) (Leviticus 23:27-32)*
 6. **The first day of the Feast of Tabernacles** - from Sunday, October 13 at sundown through Monday, October 14th at sundown is a High Sabbath. *(7:01pm 10/13 - 7:00pm 10/14) (Leviticus 23:35)*
 7. **The last day of the Feast of Tabernacles** - from Sunday, October 20th at sundown through Monday, October 21st at sundown is a High Sabbath. *(6:53pm 10/20 - 6:51pm 10/21) (Leviticus 23:39)*
- ❖ And the complete list of modern secular days needed for the Victorious Messiah Fellowship Feast of Tabernacles camping trip is:
1. **Sunday**, October 13, 2019
 2. **Monday**, October 14, 2019
 3. **Tuesday**, October 15, 2019
 4. **Wednesday**, October 16, 2019
 5. **Thursday**, October 17, 2019
 6. **Friday**, October 18, 2019
 7. **Saturday**, October 19, 2019
 8. **Sunday**, October 20, 2019