



## Summary of Victorious Messiah Fellowship's 2020 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 Wednesday, March 25 at sundown through Thursday, March 26 at sundown.
- ❖ **The LORD 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 Wednesday Evening (3/25/2020), at 8:00pm** – Victorious Messiah Fellowship will explore a special study entitled **Biblical Timekeeping**, explaining how THE LORD has instructed us to track time, and we will review the relevant Scriptures and our calendar for 2020.
  - **On Sunday Morning (3/29/2020), 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 2020 Lamb Selection Day is Friday, April 3 at sundown through Saturday, April 4 at sundown, therefore the 2020 Lamb Selection Day falls on a weekly Sabbath.
  - ❖ **The LORD 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 Saturday (4/4/2020), at approximately 1pm** - *During our weekly Sabbath Service*, 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 2020 Passover Preparation Day is Tuesday April 7 at sundown through Wednesday, April 8 at sundown.
  - ❖ **The LORD 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 time 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.**
    - **On Tuesday Evening (4/7/2020) at 7pm** – We will meet at Victorious Messiah Fellowship for a “**De-leavening Party**”, and also to decorate and prepare for the Passover Meal.
  - ❖ For more information, please see: Exodus 12:5-20 and 1 Corinthians 5:7-8.

- **The Passover Meal** – Also known as: “Pesach” in Hebrew, “Pascha” in Greek, “the Lord’s Supper” in 1 Corinthians 11:20, or “Communion” based on a misapplication of 1 Corinthians 10:16.
- ❖ The 2020 Passover Meal will be held on Wednesday, April 8th at sundown (8pm), at Victorious Messiah Fellowship.
  - ❖ **The LORD instructed us to keep the Feast of Passover to remember how we were set free by the blood of the true Passover Lamb JESUS CHRIST, so the Passover Meal is the annual commemoration of the day JESUS was crucified in order to redeem us and save us from our former slavery to sin.**
    - **On Wednesday Evening (4/8/2020) at 8pm** – We will meet at Victorious Messiah Fellowship for the Passover Meal.
      - **The Passover meal** of lamb, bitter herbs, unleavened bread, and the fruit of the vine (*i.e. grape juice - so no one is caused to stumble*) is served at this special gathering, and no leaven is to be eaten from sundown on Wednesday, April 8th until sundown on Saturday, April 15th.
      - After we relive the Biblical Passover that the Messiah shared with His disciples, we will share a **special unleavened carry-in dinner** followed by optional (*gender separated*) foot washing, as JESUS and His 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 in 30 A.D.; approximately 21 hours 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 2020 Feast of Unleavened Bread is from Wednesday, April 8 at sundown through Wednesday, April 15 at sundown.
  - ❖ **The LORD 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 Wednesday (4/15/2020) at 7pm** – We will meet at Victorious Messiah Fellowship to close out the Feast of Unleavened Bread with a special service, and afterward we will have a **special unleavened carry-in as we wrap up the Feast of Unleavened Bread.**
  - ❖ **1st Special Day of Rest: The first day of the 7-day Feast - from Wednesday, April 8, at sundown through Thursday, April 9, at sundown is a High Sabbath.**
  - ❖ **2nd Special Day of Rest: The last day of the 7-day Feast - from Tuesday, April 14, at sundown through Wednesday, April 15, at sundown is a High 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 2020 Day of Firstfruits is Saturday, April 11 at sundown through Sunday, April 12, at sundown.

- ❖ **The LORD instructed us to bring the firstfruits of the harvest of the promised land before Him as an offering of hope and thanksgiving. So, the Day 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 (4/12/2020), 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-free, carry-in, celebratory feast**, we will have games and treats for the children!
    - Also, on Firstfruits we collect a **special offering to send to Jerusalem for evangelism and discipleship.** (1 Corinthians 16:1-3)
  - **A family camp-in** will be held for those who wish to stay at the church after the Sabbath services on Saturday 4/11, to welcome the Day of Firstfruits together.
- ❖ 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 2020 Feast of Pentecost is Saturday, May 30 at sundown through Sunday, May 31 at sundown.
- ❖ **The LORD instructed us to count 50 days from the Day 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 (5/31/2020), at 11am** – Victorious Messiah Fellowship will hold a **special service followed by a special carry-in meal**, as we celebrate the sending of the HOLY SPIRIT, Who

writes GOD's Law on our hearts and minds, and empowers us to live it out!

- **A family camp-in** will be held for those who wish to stay at the church after the Sabbath services on Saturday 5/30, to welcome the Day of Pentecost together.
- 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, May 30 at sundown through Sunday, May 31 at sundown is a High Sabbath.**

❖ For more information, please see: Leviticus 23:15-21 and Acts 2:1-41.

➤ **The Day 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 2020 Day of Trumpets is Friday, September 18 at sundown through Saturday, September 19 at sundown.

❖ **The LORD instructed us to remember how the trumpet sounded when He descended to Mt. Sinai to declare the Covenant. So, in the New Covenant, the Day 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 Friday 9/18/2019 at 7pm** - Victorious Messiah Fellowship will have **special worship service and carry-in meal (followed by a family camp-in)**, as we celebrate the Day of Trumpets, and the glorious Hope of CHRIST's promised return!

❖ **4th Special Day of Rest: The Day of Trumpets - from Friday, September 18 at sundown through Saturday, September 19 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 (Ethanim).
  - ❖ The 2020 Day of Atonement is Sunday, September 27 at sundown through Monday, September 28 at sundown.
  - ❖ **The LORD 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 Sunday 9/27/2020, at 7pm** – Victorious Messiah Fellowship will host a special service to open the Day of Atonement.
  - ❖ **5th Special Day of Rest: Day of Atonement – from Sunday, September 27 at sundown through Monday, September 28 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 (Ethanim). (*The 22nd day of the 7th month is “the eighth day”, or “the great day” in John 7:37*)
  - ❖ The 2020 Feast of Tabernacles is from Friday, October 2 at sundown through Friday, October 9 at sundown.
  - ❖ **The LORD 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 Friday, October 2nd through Friday, October 9th,** 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 2020 Tabernacles Celebration Camp-Out in January.
- **On Saturday, 10/3/2020, 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 Saturday 10/10/2020, at approximately 1pm** – After returning home from the camping trip, Victorious Messiah Fellowship will have a **special Sabbath service to close the Feast of Tabernacles on ‘The Eighth (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 - Friday, October 2 at sundown through Saturday, October 3rd at sundown is a High Sabbath.**
- ❖ **7th Special Day of Rest: The last (eighth) day of the Feast of Tabernacles - Friday, October 9th at sundown through Saturday, October 10th at sundown is a High Sabbath.**
- ❖ **Complete List of Days Needed to Observe The Feast of Tabernacles Camping Trip: Friday, October 2, 2020 – Saturday, October 10, 2020**
- ❖ 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 2020 are:
  1. **The first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread** - from Wednesday, April 8, at sundown through Thursday, April 9, at sundown is a High Sabbath.  
(7:57pm 4/8 – 7:58pm 4/9) (Leviticus 23:7)

2. **The last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread** - from Tuesday, April 14, at sundown through Wednesday, April 15, at sundown is a High Sabbath. (8:01pm 4/14 - 8:02pm 4/15) (*Leviticus 23:8*)
  3. **The Day of Pentecost** - from Saturday, May 30 at sundown through Sunday, May 31 at sundown is a High Sabbath. (8:33pm 5/30 - 8:34pm 5/31) (*Leviticus 23:21*)
  4. **The Day of Trumpets** - from Friday, September 18 at sundown through Saturday, September 19 at sundown is a High Sabbath. (6:54pm 9/18 – 6:53pm 9/19) (*Leviticus 23:24-25*)
  5. **The Day of Atonement** - from Sunday, September 27 at sundown through Monday, September 28 at sundown is a High Sabbath. (7:20pm 9/27 - 7:19pm 9/28) (*Leviticus 23:27-32*)
  6. **The first day of the Feast of Tabernacles** - from Friday, October 2 at sundown through Saturday, October 3 at sundown is a High Sabbath. (7:14pm 10/2 - 7:13pm 10/3) (*Leviticus 23:35*)
  7. **The last (eight) day of the Feast of Tabernacles** - from Friday, October 9th at sundown through Saturday, October 10th at sundown is a High Sabbath. (7:05pm 10/9 - 7:04pm 10/10) (*Leviticus 23:39*)
- ❖ And the complete list of modern secular days needed for the Victorious Messiah Fellowship Feast of Tabernacles camping trip is:
1. Friday, October 2, 2020
  2. Saturday, October 3, 2020
  3. Sunday, October 4, 2020
  4. Monday, October 5, 2020
  5. Tuesday, October 6, 2020
  6. Wednesday, October 7, 2020
  7. Thursday, October 8, 2020
  8. Friday, October 9, 2020
  9. Saturday, October 10, 2020