



Summary of Victorious Messiah Fellowship's 2018 Holy Day Celebration Calendar

A note about the Biblical days: Times and dates refer to Biblical days, from sundown to sundown. The calculated time for sundown is indicated for each Holy Day. (Exodus 12:18, Leviticus 23:32, Nehemiah 13:19)

A note about the Biblical months: New moons are calculated based on 2.5% lunar illumination or greater at sunset, after a conjunction.

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

- ❖ The first day of the Biblical new year is Monday, March 19 at 7:40 pm (sundown) through Tuesday, March 20 at 7:40 pm (sundown).
- ❖ **We mark this day as the beginning of our Biblical new year because YHWH instructed us to do so.**
 - **On Monday Evening (3/19/2018), at 6pm** – 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 2018.
 - **On Sunday Morning (3/25/2018), at 10am** – 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 2018 Lamb Selection Day is Wednesday, March 28 at 7:46pm (sundown) through Thursday, March 29 at 7:47pm (sundown).

❖ **We mark this day as a reminder of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, as our spotless Passover Lamb.**

- **On Wednesday Evening (3/28/2018), at 7pm** - 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 2018 Passover Preparation Day is Sunday April 1 at 7:49pm (sundown) through Monday, April 2 at 7:50pm (sundown).

❖ **Passover Preparation Day is the annual day of preparation for the Passover meal, which is the New Covenant remembrance of the day Jesus was crucified for our sins.**

- From sundown on Sunday, April 1st to sundown on Monday, April 2nd, preparations are made for the Feast of Unleavened bread and the Passover meal (*see below*) that occurs at Victorious Messiah just after sundown on Monday. Also **leaven is to be removed from our homes**, to symbolically remind us to completely remove all sin from our lives in Biblical repentance.
- **On Sunday Morning (4/1/2018) at 11am** – We will meet at Victorious Messiah Fellowship for a **“De-leavening Party”**.

❖ 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 misunderstanding of 1 Corinthians 10:16.

❖ The 2018 Passover Meal will be held on Monday, April 2nd at sundown (7:50pm), at Victorious Messiah Fellowship.

❖ **The Passover meal is the annual commemoration of the day Jesus was crucified in order to save us from our sins.**

▪ **On Monday Evening (4/2/2018) at 7pm** – We will meet at Victorious Messiah Fellowship for the Passover Meal.

○ **The Passover meal** of lamb (*optional*), 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 7:50pm on April 2nd until 7:55pm on Monday, April 9th.

○ Then after we relive the Biblical Passover that the Messiah shared with His disciples, we will also have a **special unleavened carry-in dinner** - typically with some traditional 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 the evening before, 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 2018 Feast of Unleavened Bread is from Monday, April 2 at 7:50pm (sundown) through Monday, April 9 at 7:55pm (sundown).

❖ **The Feast of Unleavened bread is the annual reminder of the burial of our Lord Jesus Christ in the earth, and our being buried with Him in baptism.** And this Feast reminds us to completely remove the leaven of sin from our lives because we have died to sin.

- See “De-leavening Party” above (under Passover Preparation Day)
 - **On Monday (4/9/2018) at 6pm** – We will meet at Victorious Messiah Fellowship for a **special closing celebration of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, along with a meal.**
 - ❖ **1st Special Day of Rest: The first day of the 7 day Feast - from Monday, April 2, at 7:50pm through Tuesday, April 3, at 7:50pm.**
 - ❖ **2nd Special Day of Rest: The last day of the 7 day Feast - from Sunday, April 8, at 7:54pm through Monday, April 9, at 7:55pm.**
 - ❖ 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 post-Messianic Scriptures (*wrongly translated as “first day of the week”*).
- ❖ The 2018 Feast of Firstfruits is Saturday, April 7 at 7:53pm (sundown) through Sunday, April 8, at 7:54pm (sundown).
 - ❖ **The Feast of Firstfruits is the annual celebration of Jesus rising victoriously from the grave!**
 - **On Sunday morning (4/8/2017), 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, unleavened, 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 2018 Feast of Pentecost is Saturday, May 26 at 8:28pm (sundown) through Sunday, May 27 at 8:29pm (sundown).
 - ❖ **Pentecost is the annual celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit!**
 - **On Sunday morning (5/27/2017), 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, May 26 at 8:28pm through Sunday, May 27 at 8:29pm.**
 - ❖ 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 2018 Feast of Trumpets is Tuesday, September 11, at 7:40pm (sundown) through Wednesday, September 12, at 7:40pm (sundown).
 - ❖ **The Feast of Trumpets is an annual reminder of the Lord’s Return, and our being gathered to Him at the sound of a trumpet!**
 - **On Tuesday 9/11/2018 at 6pm** - 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 Tuesday, September 11, at 7:40pm through Wednesday, September 12, at 7:40pm.**
 - ❖ For more information, please see: Leviticus 23:23-25, Matthew 24:30-31, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, and 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 2018 Day of Atonement is Thursday, September 20, at 7:28pm (sundown) through Friday, September 21, at 7:28pm (sundown).
 - ❖ **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 of His holy eternal kingdom.**
 - **On Thursday 9/20/2018, at 6pm** – Victorious Messiah Fellowship will host a final **carry-in meal before the Fast**, and afterwards there will be a **special service** to welcome the Day of Atonement.
 - ❖ **5th Special Day of Rest: Day of Atonement – from Thursday, September 20, at 7:28pm through Friday, September 21, at 7:28pm.**
 - ❖ 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 2018 Feast of Tabernacles is from Tuesday, September 25, at 7:21pm (sundown) through Wednesday, October 3, at 7:11pm (sundown).
 - ❖ **The Feast of Tabernacles is the annual celebration of the fact that YHWH is coming to Tabernacle with His people forever!**
 - **From Tuesday, September 25th through Tuesday, October 2nd** - 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 2018 Tabernacles Celebration Camp-Out at a later time.
 - **On Saturday, 9/29/2018, at 11am** - We will hold our weekly Sabbath service at the campground, and (*Lord willing*) we will live

stream our service that week on our YouTube channel, for those who are unable to join us.

- **And on Wednesday 10/3/2018, at 6pm** - 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 - Tuesday, September 25, at 7:21pm through Wednesday, September 26, at 7:21pm – is a day of rest.**
- ❖ **7th Special Day of Rest: The last day of the Feast of Tabernacles - Tuesday, October 2, at 7:12pm through Wednesday, October 3, at 7:12pm – is a day of rest.**
- ❖ **Complete List of Days Needed To Observe The Feast of Tabernacles Camping Trip: Tue, September 25, 2018 – Wed, October 3, 2018**
- ❖ For more information, please see: Leviticus 23:33-44, John 1:14 and Revelation 21:3-7.

➤ **Summary:**

- ❖ So the 7 special Biblically commanded days of rest in 2018 are:
 - 1. **The first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread** - from Monday, April 2, at 7:50pm through Tuesday, April 3, at 7:50pm.
 - 2. **The last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread** - from Sunday, April 8, at 7:54pm through Monday, April 9, at 7:55pm.
 - 3. **Pentecost** - from Saturday, May 26, at 8:28pm through Sunday, May 27, at 8:29pm.
 - 4. **The Feast of Trumpets** - from Tuesday, September 11, at 7:40pm through Wednesday, September 12, at 7:40pm.
 - 5. **The Day of Atonement** - from Thursday, September 20, at 7:28pm through Friday, September 21, at 7:28pm.
 - 6. **The first day of the Feast of Tabernacles** - from Tuesday, September 25, at 7:21pm through Wednesday, September 26, at 7:21pm.

- **7. The last day of the Feast of Tabernacles** - from Tuesday, October 2, at 7:12pm through Wednesday, October 3, at 7:12pm.
- ❖ And the complete list of modern secular days needed for the Victorious Messiah Fellowship Feast of Tabernacles camping trip is:
 - **Tuesday**, September 25, 2018
 - **Wednesday**, September 26, 2018
 - **Thursday**, September 27, 2018
 - **Friday**, September 28, 2018
 - **Saturday**, September 29, 2018
 - **Sunday**, September 30, 2018
 - **Monday**, October 1, 2018
 - **Tuesday**, October 2, 2018