

Name	OT References	OT Time	Modern Equivelant	Description	Purpose	NT References
Sabbath	Ex. 20:8-11, 31:12-17; Lev. 23:3; Dt 5:12-15	7th Day	Same	Day of rest; no work	Rest for people and animals	Mt 12:1-14, 28:1; Lk 4:16; Jn 5:9; Ac 13:42; Col 2:16; Heb 4:1-11
Sabbath Year	Ex. 23:10-11; Lev 25:1-7	7th Year	Same	Year of rest; fallow fields	Rest for land	
Year of Jubilee	Lev 25:8-55; 27:17-24; Nu 36:4	50th Year after 7 x7 years	Same	Canceled debts; liberation of slaves and indentured servants; land returned to original family owners	Help for poor; stabilize society	
Passover	Ex 12:1-14; Lev 23:5; Dt 16:1-3a, 4b-7	1st month (Abib) 14	Mar-Apr.	Slaying and eating a lamb together with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast, in every household	Remember Israel's deliverance from Egypt	Mt 26:17; Mk 14:12-26; Jn 2:13; 11:55; 1 Co 5:7; Heb 11:28
Unleavened Bread	Ex 12:15-20; 13:3-10; 23:15; 34:18; Lev 23:6-8; Nu 28:17-25; Dt 16:3b, 4a, 8	1st month (Abib) 15-21	Mar-Apr.	Eating bread made without yeast; holding several assemblies; making designated offerings	Remember how the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt in haste	Mk 14:1; Ac 12:3; 1 Co 5:6-8
Firstfruits	Lev 23:9-14	1st month (Abib) 16	Mar-Apr.	Presenting a sheaf of the first of the barley harvest as a wave offering; making a burnt offering and a grain offering	Recognize the Lord's bounty in the land	Ro 8:23 1 Co 15:20-23
Weeks (Pentecost, Harvest)	Ex 23:16a; 34:22a; Lev 23:15-21; Nu 28:26-31; Dt 16:9-12	3rd month (Sivan) 6	May - June	A festival of joy; mandatory and voluntary offerings, including the firstfruits of the wheat harvest	Show joy and thankfulness for the Lord's blessing of harvest	Ac 2:1-4, 20:16; 1 Co 16:8
Trumpets (Later Rosh Hashana - New Year's Day)	Lev 23:23-25; Nu 29:1-6	7th month (Tishri) 1	Sept. - Oct.	An assembly on a day of rest commemorated with trumpet blasts and sacrifices	Present Israel before the Lord for His favor	
Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	Lev 16; 23:26-32; Nu 29:7-11	7th month (Tishri) 10	Sept. - Oct.	A day of rest, fasting, and sacrifices of atonement for priests and people and atonement for the tabernacle and altar	Cleanse priests and people from their sins and purify the Holy Place	Ro 3:24-26; Heb 9:7, 10:3, 19-22
Tabernacles (Booths, Ingathering)	Ex 23:16b; 34:22b; Lev 23:33-36a, 39-43; Nu 29:12-34; Dt 16:13-15 Zec 14:16-19	7th month (Tishri) 15-21	Sept. - Oct.	A week of celebration for the harvest; living in booths and offering sacrifices	Memorialize the journey from Egypt to Canaan; give thanks for the productivity of Canaan	Jn 7:2, 37
Sacred Assembly	Lev 23:36b; Nu 29:35-38	7th month (Tishri) 22	Sept. - Oct.	A day of convocation, rest and offering sacrifices	Commemorate the closing of the cycle of feasts	
Purim	Est 9:18-32	12th month (Adar) 14-15	Feb. - Mar.	A day of joy and feasting and giving presents	Remind the Israelites of their national deliverance in the time of Esther	
On Kislev 25 (mid-Dec.) Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, or Festival of Lights, commemorated the purification of the temple and altar in the Maccabean period (165/4 B.C.). This feast is mentioned in Jn 10:22. In addition, new moons were often special feast days (Nu 10:10; 1 Ch 23:31; Ezr 3:5; Ne 10:33; Ps 81:3; Isa 1:13-14, 66:23; Hos 5:7; Am 8:5; Col 2:16)						

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