



Introduction

A summary of the main feasts in the Jewish calendar.



Questions

1. What feasts were they to keep in the first month of each year?
2. How were they to consider the poor when they reaped their harvest?
3. What was the feast of booths meant to remind the children of Israel of?



Summary Points

- **v 1 and 2** Moses is told to give the Israelites the details of their yearly feasts (see information)
- **v 3** The Sabbath day is a weekly day of rest from normal work and for worship of God
- **v 4 to 8** The Passover starts on the 14th day of their first month, they eat unleavened bread for 7 days
- **v 9 to 14** At the start of harvest, a sheaf is to be brought to the priest as a wave offering together with other offerings
- **v 15 to 22** The next feast, 50 days later, is counted from the day after the Sabbath, the day of the wave offering. A new meal offering is brought together with other sacrifices
- **v 23 to 25** At the start of the 7th month, trumpets are blown
- **v 26 to 32** The day of atonement is on the 10th day of the 7th month
- **v 33 to 44** The feast of booths starts on the 15th day of the 7th month and lasts for 7 days. It is a time of rejoicing after the harvest when the Israelites live in temporary shelters. This is to remind them of their escape from Egypt

Timeline 1500 BC (see below)



 **Information**

The Feasts

Jewish Feasts and Festivals			
Feast name	Month & date	Reference	Significance
Passover	Nisan (Mar./Apr.) 14	Leviticus 23 v 5 Exodus 12 v 3 to 14 Deuteronomy 16 v 1 to 7	Commemorates God delivering Israel from slavery in Egypt
Feast of Unleavened Bread	Nisan (Mar./Apr.) 15 to 21	Leviticus 23 v 6 to 8 Exodus 12 v 15 to 20	Commemorates God delivering Israel from Egypt. Includes offerings of firstfruits of the barley harvest
Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)	Sivan (May/June) 6 (seven weeks after the Passover)	Leviticus 23 v 15 to 21, Deuteronomy 16 v 9 to 12	A time of rejoicing at freedom from bondage in Egypt. Includes offerings of firstfruits of the wheat harvest
Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah)	Tishri (Sept./Oct.) 1	Leviticus 23 v 24 to 25, Numbers 29 v 1 to 6	A day of blowing of trumpets. This marks the start of the civil new year
Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	Tishri (Sept./Oct.) 10	Leviticus 23 v 26 to 32, Leviticus 16 v 2 to 34	A day of fasting when the high priest makes atonement for the nation's sin
Feast of Booths or Tabernacles (Sukkot)	Tishri (Sept./Oct.) 15 to 21	Leviticus 23 v 33 to 43, Numbers 29 v 12 to 38, Deuteronomy 16 v 13 to 15	Celebrates the finish of the grain and wine harvests. Commemorates the 40 years wandering in the wilderness
Feast of Dedication or Festival of Lights (Hanukkah)	Kislev (Nov./Dec.) 25 to 30 and Tebeth (Dec./Jan.) 1 and 2	John 10 v 22	Commemorates the purification of the temple in 165 BC by Judas Maccabaeus
Feast of Purim	Adar (Feb./Mar) 14	Esther 9	Commemorates the deliverance of the Jews in the days of Esther

 **Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 5 and 6, Q 2: v 22, Q 3: v 43



Bible timeline

