Jewish Feasts

Feast	Date	OT Reference	Details	Connection to Jesus
Passover Pesach	14 Nisan March / April	Ex 12:1-4 Le 23:4-5	Remembers Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Doorframes covered with blood of a lamb.	Jesus' death Jn 1:29 1 Co 5:7
Unleavened Bread Hag HaMatzot	15-21 Nisan March / April	Ex 12:15-20 Le 23:6-8	Eight-day celebration along with Passover and Firstfruits. Represents how God brought Israel out of Egypt in haste. Bread without yeast symbolizes a life free from sin. Jewish males required to go to Jerusalem.	Jesus' sinless perfection Jn 6:32-33 1 Co 5:8
Firstfruits Reishit	Varies March / April	Le 23:9-14	First ripe barley sheaf offered by the priest to God as a harvest dedication. Happens on the day after the Sabbath during Unleavened Bread. Begins count of 50 days to the Feast of Weeks.	Jesus' resurrection 1 Co 15:20-23
Feast of Weeks Shavuot	Varies May / June	Le 23:15-22	Happens on the day after the seventh Sabbath from Firstfruits. New grain of the summer wheat harvest offered to God. Connected with the giving of Ten Commandments to Moses. Jewish males required to go to Jerusalem.	Spirit's descent Ac 2:1-4
Feast of Trumpets Rosh HaShanah	1 Tishri September / October	Le 23:23-25	Begins the Jewish civil new year and ten days of repentence leading to Yom Kippur. Shofar (ram's horn) blown 100 times. Jewish tradition says God examines the Book of Life on this day.	Jesus' judgment Jn 5:27-29 2 Ti 4:1 Re 21:27
Day of Atonement Yom Kippur	10 Tishri September / October	Le 23:26-32	The most solemn holy day of the Jewish people. Animal sacrificed by high priest to pay for his sins and the sins of the people. A scapegoat was released into the wilderness to carry the people's sins away	Jesus' atonement Lk 23:45 Heb 9:12 Zech 12:10 Ro 11:26
Feast of Booths Sukkot	15-22 Tishri September / October	Le 23:33-43	An eight-day celebration of the fall harvest. Booth built of branches to remember God's care for Israel in the wilderness. Jewish males required to go to Jerusalem.	Jesus' kingdom Jn 7:37-38 Jn 8:12 Zec 14:16-19