

Colossians 2:16-17 says, “*Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.*”

Passover

Transformation of Passover (Matthew 26:26-29)

Jesus fulfills the Symbolism of the Passover Lamb (1 Cor 5:7, 1 Peter 1:19, John 19:36)

Jesus fulfills the Sabbath Rest (Heb 4:3)

Feast of Weeks or Pentecost

Jesus is the fulfillment of First Fruits (1 Cor 15:20-23)

Jesus gathers in the First Fruits at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-3)

Feast of Booths and Tabernacles

Jesus fulfills the Symbol of Tabernacling (dwelling) with Us (John 1:14)

Jesus fulfills the Symbolism in the Jewish Festival (John 7:37-39, 8:12)

Jesus will fulfill the Final Ingathering of his People at Consummation (Rev 21:3)

The Israelites tailored their calendar and religious holidays to remember God’s provision, goodness, and salvation to them throughout the year. It caused the people to be blessed and rejoice to know that God is deeply involved in their lives and that everything they had was because of God. As Christians, we have much more to rejoice over! For we too should remember God's provision and goodness to us, but also the greater salvation we have received in Christ.