



## Session 5 ■ Special Interest Topic 1 Yearly Religious Festivals

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Besides the daily service in the temple, the Jewish religious year had festivals. There were six ceremonial Sabbaths attached to the sanctuary. They involved rituals that include eating, drinking and special offerings.

Each of the six ceremonial Sabbaths (shown below) were attached to the sanctuary services and celebrated on a particular day of the year in the Jewish calendar. They all point toward the ministry of Christ.

The first three (Spring festivals) pointed toward the events of the first advent of Jesus; the last three (Autumn festivals) toward the second coming of Jesus. This explains why the Book of Revelation has so much imagery dealing with last three feasts.

### Spring Festivals:

<b>Passover</b>	<b>Crucifixion (see 1 Corinthians 5:7)</b>
<b>First Fruits</b>	<b>Resurrection (see 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23)</b>
<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Pentecost (see Acts 2:1)</b>

### Autumn Festivals:

<b>Trumpets</b>	<b>Revelation 8 and 9</b>
<b>Day of Atonement</b>	<b>Revelation 11:19</b>
<b>Tabernacles</b>	<b>Revelation 7:9, 21, 22</b>