

First Fruits

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(By my interpretation, First Fruits falls on April 8th this year. According to another interpretation it falls on April 4th.)

Read Leviticus 23:10-22

First Fruits is a time of beginning. Before any of the harvest for that year was eaten, a portion was given to God on First Fruits. From then, fifty days were counted. After that was the second First Fruits (Shavuot or Pentecost). There are other things that follow this same pattern:

Yeshua rose on First Fruits. The tongues of fire came on the disciples on Shavuot.

Revelation speaks of a first resurrection and another after one thousand years.

The Israelites crossed the Red Sea on First Fruits. They received the Torah on Shavuot.

This is an appointed time. It is a time that God has scheduled to meet with you. I encourage you to remember this day.

Watch

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Imagine yourself in Egypt on the night of the Passover. You have just finished putting the blood of the lamb on the doorpost. The sun is setting, and it is time to go in. Tonight, our deliverer will come. We will watch for Him.

The lamb has finished roasting. Dinner is ready. But you must keep your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand, for tonight you will leave.

You do not get dressed for bed. On this night, you do not go to sleep, for He will come like a thief in the night. We must stay on watch.

So you wait. And wait. And a cry goes up in the city. And another. And another. But the end of the night has not yet come. Still we must wait and watch.

Someone is heard pounding on the door. "Get out! Get out!" the Egyptians yell, "Take whatever you want, just leave us!" Your sandals are on your feet and your staff in hand. No one is sleeping. Your bread is not yet leavened, but you can deal with that. You are ready to leave.

You and your family go out the door. A full moon is out to light your path. You line up behind your neighbor and begin the exodus from Egypt.

Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober. [1 Thessalonians 5:6](#)

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. [Mark 13:37](#)

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land. [Jeremiah 23:7-8 KJV](#)

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