



Thanksgiving

1. History background of Thanksgiving

Genesis 1:9-13

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.



2. No setting law period on eating food

Gen. 4:10. 9:4“But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.

2.1 Ten generations from Adam to Noah. Ge 5

2.2 Ten generations from Noah to Abraham Ge 11

2.3 Isaac, Jacob, Joseph Ge 24-50

2.4 430 years in Egypt Ex 12:40

3. Giving laws on food Ex 22:29, 23:19 34:26 Le 23:9-22 Nu 28:1,2 Dt 26

•The first fruits appear 13 times in the Old Covenant. Bikkurim is the Hebrew word for first fruits. The term means “promise to come.” First fruits offerings signified that ancient Israel would receive everything God promised them. In other words, their offering would turn God’s promise into a reality.


First-fruit

3.1 “Bring the best of the first-fruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God. Ex 23:19, 34:26

3.2 **Celebration**: “Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first-fruits of the crops you sow in your field Ex 23:16 Dt 26:11

3.3 **Bring them on Sunday**: The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. Lev 23:9-11

3.4 **It is a form of worship**. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the first-fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” Place the basket before the Lord your God and bow down before him. Dt 26:9-10



3.5 **Honor God in the first place**: You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. Lev 23:14

3.6 **50 Days**, on Sunday. Lev 23:15

‘From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks.

3.7. A rejoiceful festival. Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain. Then celebrate the Festival of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. Dt 16:9-10

3.8 God's guests or God is the real host: And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, the Levites in your towns, and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows living among you. Dt 16:11

3.9 Blessing from God. Look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place, and bless your people Israel and the land you have given us as you promised on oath to our ancestors, a land flowing with milk and honey.” Dt 26:15

3.10 Precised timing: Make sure that you present to me at appointed time my food offerings, as aroma pleasing to me. Nu 28:2 Do not hold back offerings from your granaries or your vats. “You must give me the firstborn of your sons. Ex 22:29

3.11 Forty years journey Jos 5:6 The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years. Arrived at Gilgal. Dt 8:4Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years.

3.12 You have to come: No one is to appear before me empty-handed. Exodus 23:15 NIV.

4. Promise-reminder laws carrying for Forty-years: Jos 5:6 Dt 8:4

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Deuteronomy 8:4 NIV

5. God's promise is fulfilled & Israel In the promised land. I

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Pr 3:9, Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Ezec 44:30 The best of all the first-fruits and of all your special gifts will belong to the priests. You are to give them the first portion of your ground meal so that a blessing may rest on your household.

Ne 10:35. Jer. 2:3 Israel my First-fruit

6. New Testament First-Fruit indicate Messiah & Christians Rom 16:5. 1 Cor 16:15

6.1 Christ is the first-fruit 1 Cor 15:20

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. The fore shadow of Christ.

6.2 Christ resurrected on the first day of the week , Sunday

Lev 23:11 He is to wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath.

See, the first day of the week: Mt 28: 1 Sunday He has risen. Mk 16:1,6
Lk 24:1, 5 Jn 20: 1, 15 Appeared to Mary, Paul, James

6.3 Christians will be resurrected as the first-fruit after Christ.

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first-fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1 Corinthians 15:22-23 NIV

➤ 6.4 New converts called first-fruit Rom 16:5, 1 Cor 16:15

Epenetus of Asia, Stephanas of Achaia

By believing in Christ. Jn 1:12,13

➤ 6.5 Saved ones in Heaven called First-fruit Rev 14:4 144000

redeemed ones in heaven call as first-fruit.

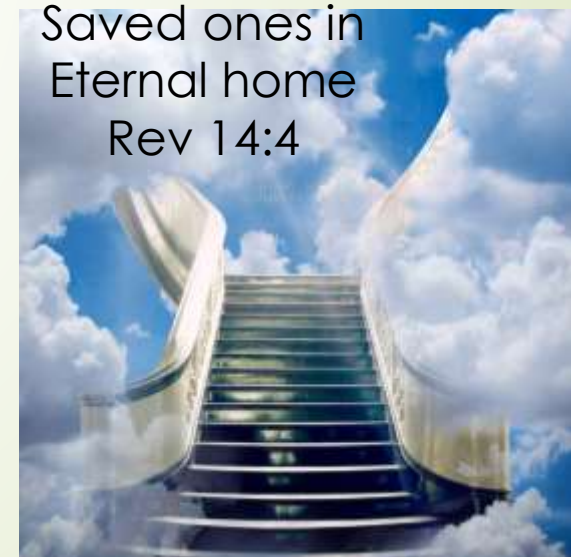
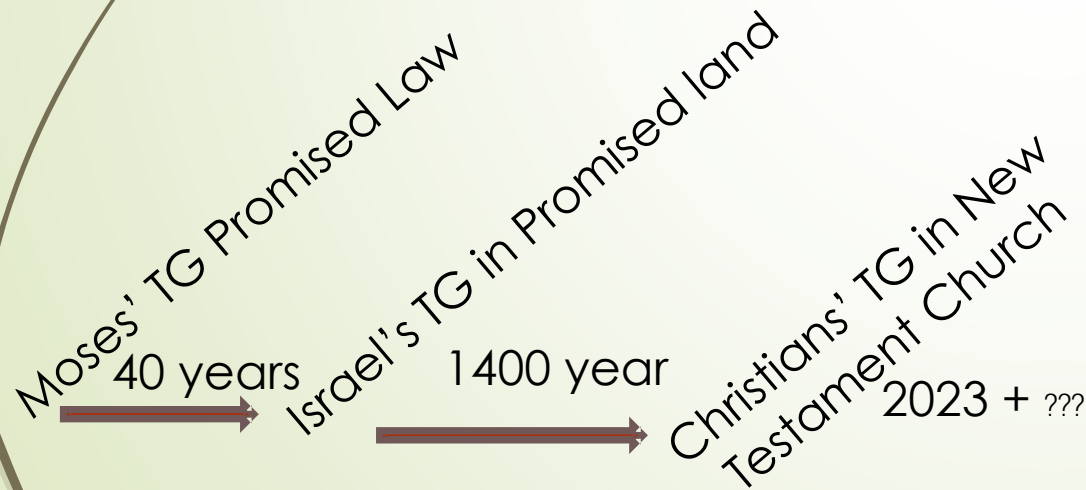
- They sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as first-fruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless. Revelation 14:3-5 NIV



Thanksgiving for today

Israel's thanksgiving is Physical. Proverbs 23:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Ex 23:17

Christian's thanksgiving is both physical & Spiritual. 1 Corinthians 15:20 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first-fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1 Corinthians 15:22-23 NIV What you have brought before the Lord is your substitute. No one is to appear before me empty-handed. Exodus 23:15 NIV. Dt 16:16




Rev 19:9 Wedding supper of the lamb

Its important to celebrate thanksgiving today.

- Israel's thanksgiving is giving thanks for God's provision. Pr 3:9
- We see that thanksgiving in Israel is the fore shadow of Christ and Christians.
- The Christian is the fore shadow of saved ones in heaven. Rev 14:4

Never appear before the Lord with empty handed
He is to wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf;
the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. Lev 23:11

Anything that you bring before the Lord is your substitute,
Like fore shadow of you, present yourself before the Lord in
heaven.



Thanksgiving is revealing God's promise for saved ones like baptism and the Lord's supper. These are God's promise reminders. So, thanksgiving is the reminder of God's promise for saved ones in heaven.

So, we are taught to teach, to lead and to explain the real picture of Thanksgiving in our Church that they can understand, they involve in the feast, and learn God's promise for us.



According to his promise-reminders, God will fulfill his promise.

So, Trust the Lord as his promise is sealed by his life.



Be the first to know

Be the first to follow

Be the first to lead

Be the first to receive blessing from God

May God bless you

