

THE HOLY DAYS

God at creation gave to man
The means of telling time,
The motion of the sun and moon,
And all the stars that shine.
But man chose forthwith to oppose
The way that God had laid,
And in his stiff-necked arrogance
His own calendar made.

This pagan way was Israel's
When she from Egypt came,
So God to her by miracles
Revealed his sign and name.
No sooner settled in her land
To customs she returned
That during years of slavery
In Egypt she had learned.

Today the whole world is confused,
This heathen way is dear,
The day begins at dead of night,
Mid-winter starts the year.
But God who never changes
Begins his year in Spring
His new moon ushers in the month,
Sunset the day's beginning.

The first of all God's Holydays
The Sabbath every week,
Memorial of creation is,
And symbol to the meek.
For in the seventh Thousand-years
Rest, joy and peace will be
The products of Christ's rule on earth.
Then through eternity.

Next, Passover in memory
Of firstborn spared that night
When Israel from Egypt did
Make ready for her flight.
Lambs slain that night foreshadowed Christ,
Our true passover Lamb.
These two events we celebrate
The fourteenth of Nisan.

The Feast next day commemorates
Israel from Eghpt led,
It is an annual Sabbath too,
First day of unleavened bread.
These seven days depict, from sin
Deliverance complete,
The seventh too, a day when we
An annual Sabbath keep.

The Wave-Sheaf offering took place
The first day of the week
Following the weekly Sabbath when
Unleavened bread we eat.
Christ pictured here is first of all
The firstfruits God will reap,
Accepted by Him long before
So many that now sleep.

The fiftieth day is Pentecost
From this acceptance date,
And must be counted to be sure
Its neither soon nor late.
The Symbol is the Holy Spirit,
The Testament is New,
Christ's Church begins and it goes on
'Til His return is due.

The Feast of Trumpets next portends
The 'Last trump's' mighty blast,
The dead in Christ will rise and He
Will rule this world at last.
Atonement follows, and this day
We neither drink nor eat,
Symbol of Satan's just reward
For sin, that he will meet.

An annual Sabbath herald's next
The Tabernacles Feast,
These seven days-a thousand years
When Christians rule with Christ.
The following day, The Last Great Day,
More joyous symbol still,
The other dead will live again,
And know what is God's will.

This White Throne judgement will be theirs,
A time of trial and test,
Many will overcome and they
Will enter into rest.
So when as many as have sought,
Have gained eternal life,
New heaven and earth will follow then
Free from all sin and strife.