

This chart seeks to demonstrate that the prophecy of Isaiah 58 was originally made during the Hebrew festival season of the 7th Month (“Tishrei”) as outlined in Leviticus 23:23-44.

7TH MONTH EVENTS	EVENT DETAILS	PARALLEL ALLUSIONS IN ISAIAH 58
<p><u>Days 1-8:</u> <i>Feast of Trumpets</i> Lev. 23:23-25</p>	<p>Memorial blowing of trumpets, holy convocation (i.e. national worship assembly), Soul-Afflicting Fast-Day on special <i>Festival Sabbath</i>, burnt offerings, Liberation of all Hebrew slaves every 7 yrs, Jubilee every 50 yrs: to restore land ownership & cancel all debts.</p>	<p>(1) Isaiah is told to lift up his voice like trumpet. (Isa 58:1) (2) The nation of Israel is assembled in holy convocation to perform God’s ordinances of worship, including a soul-afflicting fast-day. (Isa 58:2-3) (3) Israel is rebuked for failing to care for neglecting the ordinances of “justice” and failing to “loose the bonds” of wickedness toward the oppressed, in keeping with the theme of liberation & the meaning of Jubilee. (Isa 58:3-7)</p>
<p><u>Days 9-10:</u> <i>Day of Atonement</i> vv. 26-32</p>	<p>Holy convocation, Soul-Afflicting Fast-Day on special <i>Festival Sabbath</i> (evening to evening on Days 9-10), burnt offerings, killing one goat as a sin offering & releasing the “scapegoat” outside camp to take away Israel’s sin.</p>	<p>(1) Isaiah exposes Israel’s sin, in keeping with the sin offering on the Day of Atonement. (Isa 58:1) (2) The nation of Israel is assembled in holy convocation to perform God’s ordinances of worship, including a soul-afflicting fast-day. (Isa 58:2-3)</p>
<p><u>Days 15-22:</u> <i>Feast of Booths</i> vv. 33-44</p>	<p>Holy convocation, Special <i>Festival Sabbaths</i> on Days 15 & 22, Burnt offerings, Food and drink offerings, free-will offerings, Israelites were to make booths or tents in which to dwell on Days 15-22 – Recalling to mind God’s provision for them during their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness under Moses.</p>	<p>(1) The nation of Israel is assembled in holy convocation to perform God’s ordinances of worship. (Isa 58:2) (2) Israel is rebuked for not feeding the hungry [since they’d been fasting?] & not housing the homeless [since they dwelt in booths?], all in contrast to God’s merciful and generous provision for their needs in the wilderness. (Isa 58:7, 9-10) (3) If they show mercy, God promises to give them light in the darkness, guidance, water, and a dwelling — drawing heavily on <i>wilderness</i> imagery. (Isa 58:10-12)</p>
<p><u>Every 7th Day:</u> <i>Weekly Sabbath</i> v. 38</p>	<p>During this festal season (days 1-22), Israel would also enjoy its ordinary Sabbath rest on the 7th day of each week, per the moral law of the 4th Commandment.</p>	<p>(1) Isaiah warns against trampling upon God’s holy day. (Isa 58:13) (2) Isaiah urges Israel to delight in the Sabbath, which could <i>include</i> Festal Sabbaths, but seems most applicable to the weekly Sabbath. (Isa 58:13-14)</p>