The Order Of The Feasts in Relation To Jeremiah's Ministry

Passover - Unleavened Bread - First-Fruits - Pentecost - LONG DRY PERIOD - Trumpets — Day of Atonement - Tabernacles

These Feasts all relate to the **harvesting process** in Israel. The first four feasts: **Passover - Unleavened Bread - First-Fruits - Pentecost** all pertain to events that occur earlier in the harvest season. The last three feasts: **Trumpets — Day of Atonement - Tabernacles** pertain to the end of the harvest when the crop is mature and ready to be gathered into barns. The history of God's spiritual work to bring forth a harvest of His glory (Christ) in His people can be seen in the order of these Feasts that He instituted through Moses (Lev. 23).

Judah's Condition During Jeremiah in Relation to The Feasts

It has been many years since passing out from Egypt (Passover) for the people of Judah. She has been dwelling in the land for many years, for many harvests (unleavened bread, first fruits, pentecost). And yet, Judah has not matured. She is not filled with God's fruit / glory, but with wickedness (Jer. 6:6). It is past time for her to have matured for the harvest, and she is yet fallow ground (Jer. 4:3). She is unaware of the dire season she is in; "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20). It has been a long, dark period of sin and dryness in the people of Judah by the time Jeremiah arrives on the scene. God has no fruit in her, and she is completely unaware of her condition. Jeremiah begins sounding the Trumpet (Feast of Trumpets) to awaken her that she needs to prepare her heart for circumcision so that God may receive His Harvest in her. (Jer. 6: 1; "O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Bethhaccerem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction). She must prepare her heart to embrace the Cross that is about to come at the hands of Babylon, referred to in Zephaniah as the "Day of the Lord's Judgment" (Day of Atonement). If she does not enter into this inward application of the Cross (Captivity) with a soul afflicted and humbled to receive the circumcision (Lev. 23:29), then God cannot Tabernacle in her as He has desired (Tabernacles).

Spiritually, the Feasts that surround Jeremiah's ministry are: **Trumpets** and **Day of Atonement.** These are the feasts that occur towards the end of the season, when the harvest is about to be ready. The feast of **Tabernacles** does not occur in Jeremiah's life because his whole ministry surrounded sounding the alarm to embrace the Cross (TRUMPETS), and dying with and for the people (DAY OF ATONEMENT). **Tabernacles** would come later, after the Babylonian captivity when the hearts of the people choose to return and rebuild the Temple (Ezra / Nehemiah).

Lev. 23: 26-32 THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God. For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people. And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. You shall do no manner of work; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be to you a sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath."