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And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.

PREFACE

To be a part of the family of God (YHWH) is truly a blessing. We have the privilege of calling ourselves His children. If we consider ourselves His children, we need to follow His instructions to be a true light to all people and stand apart from the things of the world.

One of the things our Father asks of us is to keep His feasts (appointed times). These are not Jewish shindigs, these are His.

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"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them:
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be holy convocations, these are My feasts.***

Embracing the feasts of God places us in the position of declaring that His ways are true and right. The enemy has held the place of "top dog" in the sacred celebrations area and holding God's people in error way too long.

If we are to be separate from the world, then people should be able to easily pick us out in the celebrations we hold as compared to the holidays of the worldly nations. I bet that if someone was asked about the house they were looking at that was decorated for the Christmas season, whether it was a Christian home or not, they wouldn't necessarily be able to tell. That's really sad for we have taken pagan holidays and

made them Christian when there is no Christian thing in them.

God has told us to come out of her (Babylon) and be separate. Isn't it time we obey God's instructions to do just that? In Colossians, Paul is talking about staying away from the traditions, commandments and doctrines **of men**. **He is not** referring to those things set up by God (YHWH).

Many have been taught that following the instructions of God i.e. His law, is legalism. Why is it that obeying His commandments is bondage but following the laws of man aren't? Why is it that everything pertaining to obeying God is considered legalistic? Yet we never label following the laws of everything else as that? If I were to go up to a 13-year-old who has never driven a car and gave them my keys and then told them to go into town to the store for me, what would the parents of that child say? They would probably say something like; She doesn't have a license to drive and she hasn't taken any lessons to learn, plus she is too young to acquire a license. I could say they were being legalistic on the matter. They were putting their child in bondage from the freedom to drive. This, of course, is an absurd argument, for anyone could see the danger in that situation. We follow rules of legality all the time. An architect must follow certain laws of math, so a roof doesn't collapse after built. A mechanic must put the engine parts in the right place for a car to run right. A doctor needs to know how the human body is constructed in order to operate on

someone without mutilating and killing them. You would never entrust yourself to someone who has never gone to school to learn the proper information to cut you open and sew you back up right. We see the importance of these laws but refuse to believe that the rules set in place by the creator of all things are important enough for us to follow for our livelihood. I see it as the best deception play Satan has ever pulled on us. Because we believe his lies, we are left unprotected from his attacks and he can take us out whenever he chooses. Why do I say that? Because we don't believe God is all sovereign and deserves our obedience, and His instructions are for our protection. If we do not follow God's instructions, we are saying that Satan is greater than the God of all creation. We are agreeing that what Satan whispers in our ears is the truth and nothing but the truth – never mind Jesus called him the father of all lies - he tells us God's laws are bondage and we believe him. I adhere to God's law not as a way of works, but because He has asked me to.

Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Joh 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love

*Me does not keep My words; **and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.***

***Psa 119:98** You, through Your commandments, **make me wiser than my enemies;** For they are ever with me.*

To be presumptuous in thinking He doesn't care what we do and that He has done away with His own instructions is walking in a fool's shoes.

There are no scriptures to confirm all His feasts are finished. Even Paul says several times he must keep the feast in Jerusalem and admonishes the people to not sully the Passover time.

***1Co 5:6** Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? **7** Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. **8** **Therefore let us keep the feast,** not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

***1Co 11:20** Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. **21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk.** **22** What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you. **23** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered*

to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. 27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. 33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. 34 But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

In this last dissertation, Paul is not talking about a little wafer and some wine as the "Lord's Supper". This is the Passover meal, for a meal is mentioned in 1 Co 11:21. I have a hard time picturing someone stuffing themselves with wafers and getting drunk on a sip of

wine or grape juice or going hungry because they didn't get a wafer!

Practicing His most precious appointed times draws us closer to Him in understanding who He is and what His plans are for His children. **His feasts are shadows of future events** to point us to His return that will take us to the mansions He has been preparing for us. I want to learn the meanings and messages within these appointed times so I will be ready and able to discern the times approaching.

Luk 12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. 38 And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

I would like you to understand that the way I celebrate the appointed times of God (YHWH) are not in the normal venue you have (or will see) with the majority of those observing these feasts.

I realize my methods will cause a stir in many groups, for I have moved a distance from the traditions practiced by Jew and Messianic alike.

In the past years of studying God's (YHWH's) word, I have found too many traditions that man has put in place and too much emphasis on doing them just right. I am not saying making traditions is bad. I just feel they should not take on such a role as to dominate the true purpose of the event.

I have come to believe God's (YHWH's) instructions are quite simple to follow and they are not burdensome.

Deu 30:11 "For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.



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Revealing God's Plan



INTRODUCTION

Many times, when we pull away from the celebrations we have grown up with because we are shown they are not pleasing to God (YHWH), we become discouraged or confused as to what we should do. We are so accustomed to all the fanfare and excitement with the old pagan festivals of man, that we don't know how to celebrate God's (YHWH's) appointed times. Man is truly a creature of habit. Once we are taught a certain routine, we can't seem to think in any other direction and many times we become confused and unable to comprehend how to change. Since we associate the feasts of God (YHWH) with the Jewish nation, we turn to them for guidance as to what to do. This, however, is not what God (YHWH) wants us to do. He wants us to run to Him. Even Judah has incorporated many man-made traditions that can be misleading as to the true meaning and purpose of the appointed times. They are not all bad, you just need to sift through all the traditions followed for each feast and determine which ones are nice to incorporate and which ones have nothing to do with hearing God's message for that feast. Let's read a section of the prodigal son:

Luk 15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." ' 20 And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him,

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 *But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 21 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'* **And they began to be merry.** 25 *Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, **your father** has killed the fatted calf.'* 28 *But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'* 31 *And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'* "

This story has to do with the two houses of Israel. The prodigal son is the northern half (Ephraim or Christians) and the son who stayed home is the southern half (Judah or now called Jewish nation). You should be able to identify with the prodigal son, since he is the one who left the worldly living and

came home to his Father's house and rules. If you notice, he did not run to the older brother to ask how to please their father. He went straight to his Father and celebrated as His Father did.

I am hoping to give you some ideas for this dilemma of "now what?" and make new traditions that will be fun or beautiful or memorable and help wipe out the residue of the world's pagan influence. I realize this may not be easy, for we have our brains in a certain groove and can't seem to get out of it. I would encourage you to forge ahead and tell yourself that God's (YHWH's) ways are meant to be more memorable than Satan's. Satan's celebrations are counterfeit and he uses them to veer us away from worshiping the true Creator and giving God (YHWH) the glory for all creation to witness.

In this book, I will endeavor to reveal the beautiful shadow meanings of each feast, give some historical background on how it was celebrated and then give you some ideas to make them special for you as you step out in faith to glorify God (YHWH) in all you do. I would like to point you to His word for the blueprint as to how to follow His celebrations and try to keep clear as much as possible of the pitfalls of man's added traditions that can cause diminishment in the true simplicity of God's way. Again, I am not saying that making traditions in a celebration is wrong. If it takes over as being so important that it overshadows the true purpose of the feast, it is heading down the wrong path to keeping the picture clear of how God (YHWH) wants to show His plans for the coming of His kingdom.

Let's start off with the very first feast mentioned by God (YHWH) for His people (children) to observe and celebrate.

Let me state here that all of God's (YHWH's) appointed times are according to His calendar. We are accustomed to fitting His times on the modern calendar, but they don't fit that way.



CHAPTER 1



GOD’S CALENDAR; SETTING UP HIS FEAST DAYS ACCORDING TO HIS TIME PIECE

I would like to start this book off with how to establish the appointed times of God (YHWH) on His calendar. If you are just coming into celebrating the feasts of God (YHWH), knowing how to read His calendar can be very confusing.

To begin with, Father’s months are set in place by the new moon sighting every 29 to 30 days. New Moon Day is not a commanded feast by God (YHWH), but it is used to set the new month on His calendar to get His feasts correct for the months.

I agree that the first visible sighting of the new moon **sliver** is called new moon. However, I do not call that night of it appearing New Moon **Day**. First, that isn’t **day**, it is night and the sun has already gone down by the time you spot the sliver. I believe the next day is called new moon DAY. Why do I stand on this? Because of all the sacrifices required to be done on

New Moon Day. You don't know if that day is new moon until you see the sliver, so sacrifices can't be performed until it is sighted. I know we don't do the sacrifices now, but it helps keeping the proper day for New Moon Day by remembering what had to be accomplished on that day in the past.

First understand that a regular burnt offering was required for **everyday** by God (YHWH).

*Num 28:3 And you shall say to them, 'This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the Lord: two male lambs in their first year without blemish, **day by day, as a regular burnt offering.** 4 The **one lamb** you shall offer in the morning, the other lamb you shall offer in the evening, **5 and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil.** 6 It is a regular burnt offering which was ordained at Mount Sinai for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord. 7 **And its drink offering shall be one-fourth of a hin for each lamb;** in a holy place you shall pour out the drink to the Lord as an offering. 8 The **other lamb** you shall offer in the **evening;** as the morning grain offering and its drink offering, you shall offer it as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord.*

Now let's read the required sacrifices for the beginnings of the months (new moons):

*Num 28:11 'At the beginnings of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the Lord: **two young***

bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish; 12 three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram; 13 and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb, as a burnt offering of sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord. 14 Their drink offering shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, one-third of a hin for a ram, and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering for each month throughout the months of the year. 15 Also one kid of the goats as a sin offering to the Lord shall be offered, besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. (from Num. 28:3)

That is quite a list for sacrificing on New Moon Day. You can't see the new sliver until the sun dips down below the horizon. How, pray tell, do you do all these in the dark? The first regular burnt offering was done in the morning:

(bo'-ker ; properly dawn (as the break of day); generally morning: - (+) day, early, morning, morrow.)

The second was done at evening:

(eh'-reb ; dusk: - + day, even (-ing, tide), night.)

Even was usually considered to start around 3 pm. You can't even see the sliver at that time. It is too light out. The sun disappears below the horizon before you see it.

The next day after the sighting of the new sliver had to be New Moon DAY.

Strong's # 2009 hin-nay' ; lo! - behold, lo, see.

*1Sa 20:5 And David said unto Jonathan, **Behold**, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat:*

The Ancient Hebrew Lexicon says: *hin-nay -*

*ac: **Look** co: ? ab: **Here:** The pictograph 'hey' represents the idea of looking toward something of interest. The 'nun' is a seed representing continuation. Combined these pictures mean "a looking toward something continually".*

David **had to see something** to proclaim the next day new moon.

I feel some of the confusion has to do with word terminology. The word for **moon** can also be **month** in Hebrew. So, if you look at the fact that the new moon is spotted at night, the next morning is the beginning of the **first day of the new month** which has taken on the title of New Moon or New Moon Day.

Now just look at the Day of Trumpets or Yom Teruah which is on a new moon day:

***Num 29:1** 'And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. For you it is **a day of blowing the trumpets**. 2 You shall offer a burnt*

*offering as a sweet aroma to the Lord: **one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish.** 3 **Their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the ram, 4 and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; 5 also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, to make atonement for you; 6 besides the burnt offering with its grain offering for the New Moon, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, as a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord.***

You have just **doubled** the sacrifices for this one New Moon Day.

Read these quotes from the Talmud, Gemara and Mishna on New Moon Day instructions:

TALMUD

1:9 He who saw the new moon but cannot go [on his own]— they bring him along on an ass, even in a palanquin. `And if there is an ambush set up against them, they take staves in hand. `And if it was a long trip, they take food in hand. `For: On account of a journey [requiring travel] for a night and a day they violate [the prohibitions of] the Sabbath and go forth to give testimony about the new moon, `since it is said, These are the set feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their appointed season Lev. 23:4.

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GEMARA: *"If the Beth Din alone saw it," etc. Why so? Surely hearsay evidence is not better than the testimony of an eye-witness! Said R. Zera: "It refers to a case where they saw it at night (and on the next day they could not consecrate the new moon until they had heard the evidence of two witnesses)."*

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MISHNA: *Formerly they received evidence as to the appearance of the new moon the whole (of the thirtieth) day. Once the witnesses were delayed in coming, and they disturbed the songs of the Levites. They then ordained that evidence should only be received until (the time of) the afternoon service (about 3 pm), and if witnesses came after that time both that and the following day were consecrated. After the destruction of the Temple, R. Johanan b. Zakkai ordained that evidence (as to the appearance) of the new moon should be received all day.*

GEMARA: *What disturbance did they cause to the songs of the Levites? Said R. Zera to A'hbha, his son: Go and teach to them (the Mishna) thus: "They ordained that evidence as to the appearance of the new moon should not be received, only that there might be time during the day to offer the continual and the additional sacrifices and their drink offerings, and to chant the (daily) song without disturbing the order."*

Here, right in the Mishna and Gemara it shows **they knew the time required to perform these things was extensive**. These could not be done the very night the sliver was seen. They were done the following DAY.

I also believe the announcement of the sighting should come out of Israel.

Isa 2:3 and Mic 4:2 Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

I go into more explanation with quotes from scripture on this in my book "YHWH's UNIQUE TIME-PIECE". These are the two sites I go to: *renewedmoon.com* which gives the sighting in Israel, and the second one shows the whole earth:

astro.ukho.gov.uk/moonwatch/nextnewmoon.htm

The following pictures of the calendar setup will hopefully give you some clarity on how to follow God's months. The first calendar picture is from the month of Abib (Nisan) (or the first month of God's (YHWH's) calendar) with omer count to the 3rd month or Sivan. This one starts with Passover week and goes through to Shavuot (Pentecost) during the year, 2019. I have labeled all the events on each day they happen. I have New Moon Day, then Passover, Unleavened Bread, First fruits and Pentecost. Each day for unleavened bread is labeled "Unleav." And then the number for the day. I have put a sheaf of barley on

each day to be counted for the seven weeks (Shavuot) to Pentecost. Each Sabbath of the complete week is also labeled with the corresponding number. The last day which is the 50th day or Pentecost I have put two loaves of bread to identify it. You will notice I have no barley sheaf on New Moon day or the extra 30th day of a month. These days are not part of the complete (or undefiled) Sabbath week which was to consist of 6 workdays in succession and a Sabbath day. If you will notice, Unleavened Bread count starts on the 15th and goes to the 21st day. First Fruits day is one of the unleavened bread days and is the first day for counting to Pentecost. Hence, the reason for the little barley sheaf on it. It is the beginning day of the first new week.

The second calendar is of the month of Tishri or the 7th month of God (YHWH), also in 2019. You will see the labels for Yom Teruah, which is on New Moon Day, Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Sukkot (Tabernacles) and Simchat Torah on their perspective days. I have placed little sukkahs on each of the days for celebrating Tabernacles or Sukkot. For Simchat Torah I have put a Torah scroll.

These are the months that God has used to contain His feasts. The numbers at the bottom center of each day is for God's (YHWH's) calendar days.

FIRST MONTH (ABIB) TO THE THIRD MONTH (SIVAN) – PENTECOST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL	1	2	3	4	5	6 SLIVER SIGHTED IN ISRAEL
ABIB 7 NEW MOON DAY	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14 SABBATH	15	16	17	18	19	20 PASSOVER
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SABBATH 21 UNLEAVENED	22 FIRST FRUITS	23 UNLEAV. - 3	24 UNLEAV. - 4	25 UNLEAV. - 5	26 UNLEAV. - 6	27 UNLEAV. - 7
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SABBATH 28 COMPLETE - 1	29	30	MAY 1	2	3	4
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SABBATH 5 COMPLETE - 2	6 SLIVER SIGHTED	IYYAR 7 N.M. DAY	8	9	10	11
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
12	13	SABBATH 14 COMPLETE - 3	15	16	17	18
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
19	20	SABBATH 21 COMPLETE - 4	22	23	24	25
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
26	27	SABBATH 28 COMPLETE - 5	29	30	31	JUNE 1
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
2	3	SABBATH 4 COMPLETE - 6	SIVAN 5 N.M. DAY	6	7	8
27	28	29	1	2	3	4
9	10	11	SABBATH 12 COMPLETE - 7	13 PENTECOST		
5	6	7	8	9		

SEVENTH MONTH – TISHRI (FALL FEASTS) 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 29 SLIVER SIGHTED	N.M.DAY 30 YOM TERUAH	OCTOBER 1	2	3	4	5
	TISHRI 1	2	3	4	5	6
6	7	8	DAY OF ATONEMENT 10	10	11	12
7	SABBATH 8	9	11	12	13	
13	14 SUKKOT - 1	15 SUKKOT - 2	16 SUKKOT - 3	17 SUKKOT - 4	18 SUKKOT - 5	19 SUKKOT - 6
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20 SUKKOT - 7	SABBATH 21 SIMCHAT TORAH	22	23	24	25	26
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	28 SABBATH	29	30	31		
28	29					

CHAPTER 2



THE LORD'S SABBATH DAY

*Lev 23:1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, **these are My feasts**. 3 'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.*

I am starting with this feast first because it is the most frequently repeated feast throughout the year.

The Sabbath day was reestablished by God (YHWH) for His family after they were rescued from Egypt. They had no rest days as slaves and Father wanted His children to rest from labor once a week to replenish their strength and peace of mind before starting to work again.

It is also a shadow of the coming time of rest from all the turmoil, battle, and attacks from Satan. This is the promise of the future with our Savior, King and Husband for eternity. There will be no more war, only peace and rest in God's (YHWH's) kingdom. The time of "by the sweat of the brow" will be ended. This day is the **shadow** focus of the thousand-year reign of peace by our Savior and King who will then have the government on His shoulders; after the 6000 years of man are finished, **and** our future eternal peacefulness with Him once the enemy is defeated for good.

I see this day as a day to stop my everyday chores and bask in the presence of God (YHWH) in resting my mind and body from the things of the workdays. I try not to do anything that is considered normal business stuff. Calls that have to do with the regular work week things are avoided if possible.

I will make a nice supper the night before Sabbath to say goodbye to the *working* and hello to the *resting*. I also make a small braided loaf of bread or maybe bake some biscuits to **break bread in fellowship** at the beginning of the meal. We light the menorah and sing a song and then Dennie reads a scripture and prays to thank God for another closing of a busy week and giving us a day of rest to look forward to. We will put on a good movie and sit down with our meal and enjoy each other's company or just visit. Sometimes we will go out to eat.

We start off the Sabbath day with a wonderful breakfast. We all look forward to this meal because

we go all out on the fixing's! Dennie will blow the shofar outside to announce the Sabbath has arrived.

Things that are in the mix to do are: reading the word, listening to a good sermon or teaching, getting into a good discussion about what we heard or read or just reading the word quietly. If the weather is nice, we will go for a walk, or sit out on the porch and just watch the birds, ducks, squirrels, or whatever happens to be out there and listen to my fountain bubbling away. It is one of those times I can look at all God (YHWH) has made and given for enjoyment without thinking about what I am not getting accomplished for the day. Very often we will take a nice nap – something not heard of on a workday!

This is a day of ceasing from our labor and letting our mind and body relax and rejuvenate to prepare for the coming workweek the next morning. I try to make enough food at the supper before to give us another meal on Sabbath or I will make sure there is easy stuff to put together.

Sabbath is supposed to be a time to relax and spend time with Father. You can come up with your own things to do to make this day set apart and special.

If you have investigated any Jewish traditions for the Sabbath day, you would have noticed many dos and don'ts. I try to follow what is spoken of in God's instructions.

*Exo 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall **labor and do all your***

work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it **you shall do no work**: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

The word for **labor** in the Hebrew language is:

aw-bad'

A primitive root; to work (in any sense); **by implication to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.**: - X be, **keep in bondage**, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man), bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ing, self), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper.

The word for **work** in the Hebrew language is:

mel-aw-kaw'

properly deputyship, that is, ministry; **generally employment** (never servile) or work (abstractly or concretely); **also property (as the result of labor)**: - business, + cattle, + **industrious, occupation**, (+ -pied), + officer, thing (made), use, (manner of) work ([-man], -manship).

The Jewish tradition for the meaning of this word has expanded (to me) beyond the true meaning. They go

to the point of not even pushing an elevator button! If you were to read the Talmud on this subject, you would soon conclude it is almost impossible to keep Sabbath (without feeling you're doing something wrong) and relax!

Take a moment and look at the meaning for labor again.

These two descriptions for 'labor' and 'work' have to do with our occupation to make a living, whether it be farmer, cattleman, computer type business, waitress, cook, janitor, construction worker, secretary, lawyer, etc.

This type of work is further explained in the following verse:

*Exo 34:21 "Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; **in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.***

This work we are to stop. The word **rest** here in the Hebrew language is:

shaw-bath'

*A primitive root; **to repose**, that is, **desist from exertion**; used in many implied relations (causatively, figuratively or specifically): - (cause to, let, make to) cease, **celebrate**, cause (make) to fail, keep (sabbath), suffer to be lacking, leave, put away (down), (make to) rest, rid, still, take away.*

I make sure the day before Sabbath that anything that might tempt or distract me from resting is taken care

of. I have a wood cook stove so in the winter I make sure I have a good supply of wood stacked and ready to use. This is why you see the term “preparation day” in scripture. That is what they are doing; preparing to have a day of true rest.

There is a “rule” from the Talmud about kindling a fire on the Sabbath. I believe this has been wrongly interpreted. There is **only one place** this is mentioned.

*Exo 35:2 Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the Lord. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. 3 **You shall kindle no fire** throughout your dwellings on the Sabbath day."*

The only way to see what is being instructed here, is to go back in the scriptures and read what was being said by God (YHWH).

*Exo 25:8 **And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.***

Here in Exodus 25 is the beginning of God's (YHWH's) instructions to Moses for constructing the tabernacle and making all the priestly garments. The instructions go from chapter 25 to chapter 31. God ends with reiterating to keep the Sabbath, to work 6 days and then observe the Sabbath (Chapter 31:13-17).

*Exo 31:13 "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, **for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.** 14 You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations **as a perpetual covenant.** 17 It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'* "

By Exodus 35, Moses has come down from the mountain. The people had made the golden calf, Moses punishes those involved, again goes up with the new cut stones and then comes down again. So, he has gotten all the instructions for the people to make everything and then he assembles everyone after the second set of stones are engraved by God.

It is now when Moses begins to tell the people about **the work to be done** for the tabernacle and priestly garments. He starts out **reminding them** to keep the Sabbath. **Just as God (YHWH) ended** His instructions for all the work to be done for His Tabernacle and Priestly garments with the importance of observing His Sabbath, **Moses begins** his

instructions with that reminder, so they have that first in mind before commencing the work. They are to work 6 days and then keep the Sabbath. They are not to continue to work on the tabernacle stuff on the Sabbath. **Moses adds a warning** to them to not kindle a fire that day. This kindling of a fire has to do with preparing to work on the things for the tabernacle; the refining of metals, mixing and heating dyes for the linens and weaving of threads of red, blue, and purple. This kind of fire had nothing to do with eating on the Sabbath or lighting a candle for seeing in the morning.

I know there are those who would disagree with me, but if God says to rejoice on the Sabbath and count it a delight, then the burdens of no fire in the winter or not being able to cook a meal or stumbling around in the dark because you can't light a candle is opposite of that. If you disagree with me then you better not turn a light switch on or turn on a gas OR electric stove to cook, and you had better turn off the furnace, for those are our ways of "lighting a fire". If it produces heat or light, you shouldn't do it.

There is also another possible meaning for this "no kindling" and it has to do with a pagan ritual for worshiping a foreign god.

Isa 50:11 Look, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with sparks: Walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled-- This you shall have from My hand: You shall lie down in torment.

*Jer 7:18 The children gather wood, **the fathers kindle the fire**, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger.*

This was still a possible problem for the people to do this on the Sabbath set up by God (YHWH), for it would be a temptation **on a day designated** for worship of a deity. Of course, you can see they continued to do this abominable thing through history.

I hope I am opening a window to understand God's (YHWH's) appointed time of Sabbath for you who are just beginning to step into the water.

Remember --- He wants us to relax and enjoy the break with Him. Spend time with Him and be happy.





CHAPTER 3



THE CELEBRATION OF NEW MOON DAY

As I said, this is not an official appointed time of God (YHWH). It is not mentioned in the list in Leviticus 23 of His declared Feasts except for Yom Teruah which is on a New Moon day. It is listed in Numbers for the beginning of the months to have special sacrifices. I believe God (YHWH) wanted us to acknowledge the time of New Moon **because** it sets the months and in return sets all the true appointed times. I believe keeping His feasts at the proper times that He has set by His created hosts in the heavens, matters much.

Jesus said in Mathew 16:

Mat 16:2** He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, **but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

Jesus (Yeshua) was scolding the leaders that they couldn't even tell what season it was. With all the signs He fulfilled, they couldn't even recognize Him as the promised Seed, the Lamb of God; the Savior and Messiah that would remove the curse and open the door to freedom from sin and death, and, this was the very time for Him to appear. They had grown lazy in understanding and paying attention to the prophetic shadow meaning of the time of Passover.

The setting of the new month at the time of the new moon appearing is important for the true timing of His appointed times and consequently for the watching of the signs of His prophetic fulfilling of them.

New Moon Day was important enough for God (YHWH) to give instructions for an elaborate array of sacrifices. This was truly a way to remember to mark the new month.

Instructions were made for the silver trumpets to be blown to herald in New Moon Day and then celebrate it by the many sacrifices set down by YHWH.

***Num 10:10** Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, **and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets** over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the Lord your God."*

***Num 28:11** 'At the beginnings of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the Lord: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year,*

without blemish; 12 three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram; 13 and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb, as a burnt offering of sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord. 14 Their drink offering shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, one-third of a hin for a ram, and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering for each month throughout the months of the year. 15 Also one kid of the goats as a sin offering to the Lord shall be offered, besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.

After you have followed the sighting of the moon for each new month awhile, you will begin to anticipate the length of each month by the size of the first sighted sliver and how fast it grows through the month.

We follow the announcement out of Israel for the new sighting to confirm our conclusion of when the next moon sliver will appear. The moon follows its own course set down by God (YHWH) and can sometimes surprise you at when it appears. This is why we will wait for confirmation out of the land – Israel. The announcement comes around 2 – 3:00 pm here out of Israel which is seven hours ahead of us. We then all look for the moon sliver in the western sky as the sun sets here.

The following morning is the beginning of New Moon DAY. The reason that I believe it is the next morning

after sighting the moon is because it is impossible to fit all the sacrifices in at the sighting. The sun has gone down, and it is night already. In order to worship with all those sacrifices, you need the daytime to complete them all. This is also confirmed historically in the Mishna. I mentioned this already in chapter 1.

What do I do? Celebrating New Moon Day can be elaborate to very simple and quiet. It just depends on what you feel like doing. We usually acknowledge the day by either going out for steak or grilling at home. We have also had a fire and roasted hotdogs and sometimes made homemade pizzas. You can put on joyful music, read the Psalms or do both. Again, Dennie blows the shofar to announce New Moon Day.

If you have read my first book, you know we believe Sabbath is set by the sighting of the new moon. Not on every Saturday, so, every New Moon Day begins the next set of 4 Sabbath weeks; 6 days work, 7th day Sabbath. This counting of the first week begins the day after New Moon Day.

New Moon is not a Sabbath, or a workday that is attached to the perfect Sabbath week. It is considered a day of worship but there are not really any restrictions to it that I can find in scripture.

The only New Moon Day that is considered a Sabbath is Yom Teruah (or Day of Trumpets). This was commanded by God (YHWH) to be treated as such.



CHAPTER 4



PASSOVER NIGHT MEAL

The next appointed time mentioned is Passover.

Lev 23:5 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's Passover.

*Exo 12:3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On **the tenth day of this month** every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall **keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the***

congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. 8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire--its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. 11 And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

Notice that the times emphasized are the **numbered** days of a month, not a name of the day.

Passover was one night and marked the beginning of the liberation from bondage, for Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron by night, after the destruction by the death angel at midnight, and released them that night to leave. They began preparing to leave on the next day, for they were not to leave their houses until morning.

Exo 12:22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

Passover or Pesach was the 14th of Abib (Nisan) and the Passover lamb was killed at twilight (between 3-6

pm) and eaten that night. None of the lamb could be left until morning.

This is the first big feast for us to celebrate. It was on the 10th of Abib (Nisan) that the Passover lambs were taken into the people's houses to be observed for any imperfections for the Passover meal. This was also the day Jesus (Yeshua) entered Jerusalem on the donkey and spent the days before Passover in His Father's house (the temple) for all to see His character; whether He be righteous or not. This timing is recorded in the volumes of the ante-Nicaean fathers. It was the beginning of the walk of our Savior as the sinless Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

CONSTITUTIONS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

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CONCERNING THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, AND WHAT WAS DONE ON EACH DAY OF HIS SUFFERINGS

For they began to hold a council against the Lord on the second day of the week (the 10th), in the first month, which is Xanthicus; and the deliberation continued on the third day of the week (the 11th); but on the fourth day (the 12th) they determined to take away His life by crucifixion..... And on the fifth day of the week (the 13th), then we had eaten the Passover with Him, and when Judas had dipped his hand into the dish, and received the sop, and was gone out by night, the Lord said to us: "The hour is come that ye shall be dispersed, and shall leave me alone;"in their madness cast upon Him, till it

was very early in the morning, and then they lead Him away to Annas, who was father-in-law to Caiaphas; and when they had done the like things to Him there, it being the day of the preparation (the 14th), they delivered Him to Pilate the Roman governor,

*Pilate therefore, disgracing his authority by his pusillanimity, convicts himself of wickedness by regarding the multitude more than this just person, and bearing witness to Him that He was innocent, yet as guilty delivering Him up to the punishment of the cross, **although the Romans had made laws that no man unconvicted should be put to death....***

Then there was darkness for three hours, from the sixth to the ninth, and again light in the evening; as it is written: "It shall not be day nor night, and at the evening there shall be light."

*He gave up the ghost, (Luk 23:46) and was buried before sunset in a new sepulchre. **But when the first day of the week (the 16th) dawned He arose from the dead,** and fulfilled those things which before His passion He foretold to us, saying: "The Son of man must continue in the heart of the earth three days and three nights." (Mat 12:40) And when He was risen from the dead, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, then to Cleopas in the way, and after that to us His disciples, who had fled away for fear of the Jews, but privately were very inquisitive about Him. (Mar 16:9; Joh 20:11, etc.; Luk 24:18; Mar 16:14) But these things are also written in the Gospel.*

Fragments of Clemens Alexandrinus.

***(Cont.) XI. - Fragments Found in Greek Only in the
Oxford Edition.***

*From the Last Work on the Passover. Quoted in the
Paschal Chronicle.*

*Accordingly, in the years gone by, Jesus went to eat the passover sacrificed by the Jews, keeping the feast. But when he had preached He who was the Passover, the Lamb of God, led as a sheep to the slaughter, **presently taught His disciples the mystery of the type on the thirteenth day**, on which also they inquired, “Where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the passover?” (Mat 26:17) It was on this day, then, that both the consecration of the unleavened bread and the preparation for the feast took place. Whence John naturally describes the disciples as already previously prepared to have their feet washed by the Lord. And on the following day our Saviour suffered, He who was the Passover, propitiously sacrificed by the Jews.*

The Same.

*Suitably, therefore, to the fourteenth day, on which He also suffered, in the morning, the chief priests and the scribes, who brought Him to Pilate, did not enter the Praetorium, that they might not be defiled, but might freely eat the passover in the evening. With this precise determination of the days both the whole Scriptures agree, and the Gospels harmonize. The resurrection also attests it. He certainly rose on the third day, **which fell on the first day of the weeks of harvest, on which the law prescribed that the priest should offer up the sheaf.***

What does the night of Passover mean to us? This was the fulfillment of its true meaning; the protective covering blood of the Passover Lamb and deliverance from bondage of sin, which started in the garden. The Passover lambs were to be killed at evening time. That time was between 3 pm and 6 pm. **This was also the time** that the regular daily sin offering lamb was sacrificed at the temple. So, you have the Passover lamb (blood of protection) and the SIN offering being killed at the same time Jesus died; at the ninth hour OR 3pm. He became our covering of protection **and** the lamb sacrifice for our sin at the same time. What timing! What a sign! What fulfillment! What a wonderful feast to celebrate every year as a reminder of our freedom from the curse of sin and death which was provided by Jesus (Yeshua), and our being spared the judgement due us, if we but recognize His provision to escape this judgement and repent and ask His forgiveness.

*1Co 5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed **Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.***

It is a good idea to recognize the 10th of Abib (Nisan) to begin preparing for Passover. If we look to our Savior for our redemption then we should acknowledge the start of His walk for our salvation. He showed Himself to the people and leaders as being without blemish (unleavened).

I begin seeing what things I have in the kitchen that contains leaven. I do not consider baking soda or baking powder as true leaven. To me it is yeast that is

leaven, for it grows on its own and can multiply; just like sin unattended. By Passover I have removed all leavened products and put them out of the house. I have a shed with a freezer that I store the stuff in for the week of unleavened bread.

This was a command from God (YHWH) to remove all leaven from the house. **This is a physical practice for a spiritual walk.** The unleavened bread at this meal represents the undefiled Lamb of God. He gave Himself for the remission of our sin and so He was sinless and entered the grave without leaven. He was our sin sacrifice and you can see this shadow of Him with the sacrifices in the Old Testament (Torah). Every meat sacrifice was to have unleavened bread with it. This unleavened bread with the Passover meal is separate from the unleavened bread for the 7 days starting on the 15th. We also are to remove leaven (sin) from our lives. Even though we are to do this continually through our walk with Him, once a year we are to walk out this physical showing of what we are doing spiritually every day.

What can you do to celebrate? For the Passover meal itself, I set a very nice table with my china and silver servers and my goldware. I put a white tablecloth on and use cloth napkins. My glassware is my best wine glasses and water goblets. I make a centerpiece of some flowers and small twinkle lights or candles. My apparel is spring like in colors. The norm is to wear white, however this is not a command from God (YHWH), it is a tradition. This is to symbolize being washed of our sins.

*Isa 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together,"
Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red
like crimson, they shall be as wool.*

I stay away from everyday wear to honor my Savior. I do wear some white, for to me it is a symbol of what my Savior has done for me; washed me white as snow and cleansing me from sin.

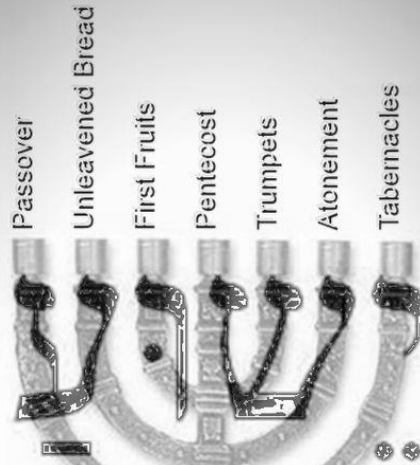
The items commanded by God (YHWH) are bitter herbs, unleavened bread and a roasted lamb or goat. My meal consists of these three elements plus wine and water. I make a salad containing romaine and another bitter herb like arugula or parsley or cilantro; greens like that. You can make your own matza (unleavened tortillas) or buy the matza crackers at the store. I buy Trader Joes 100% whole wheat tortillas. They must have the kosher sign on the package and no yeast in them. We roast lamb chops on the grill and only make enough that we can finish that night. I will then add some kind of vegetable dish like roasted green beans, potatoes, onions, carrots and Brussel sprouts. You can be creative and do what you want. I then make a dessert.

I used to go more traditional in the meal and Seder, but, I felt we were missing much of the present and future meaning of the service. I decided to stick closer to the instructions in scripture instead and study the shadows carried out by our Savior and the future shadows of Revelations. This is what matters more to us now; looking at what Jesus (Yeshua) did for us and what it means for us at His return. I have some of the

Exodus account mixed along with the present and future applications. This is solely my opinion. You can follow whatever Seder gives you the closeness to God (YHWH). You can find a variety of Seders on the internet.

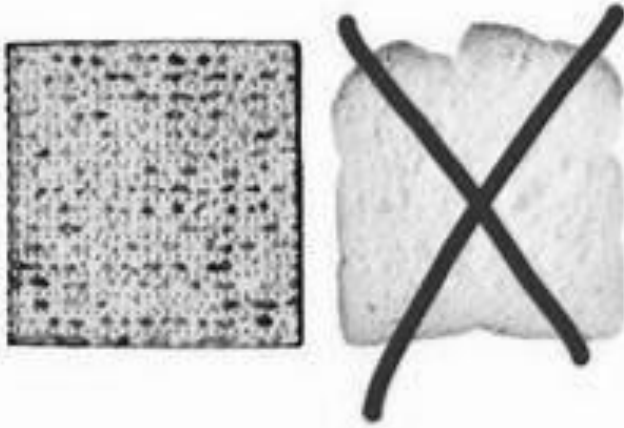
I have also put a copy of the Seder we use in the back of this book for an example to look at. To me it is a good idea to get before Father and ask Him what He wants you to do. That is what I did. Each year He has led me a little differently in what to do. If you have children, it is a good idea to plan some special things for them this night. Some ideas can be found in a more traditional Seder from the messianic point of view. You can have them make table decorations of little sheep of cotton balls or such and have them tape red strips on the doorway to symbolize the blood and tell them to stay on the inside of door till they are told it's okay, just like the Israelites. I put out sparkling grape juice for them in small wine glasses to make them feel special too.





I had given them My Name
in the wilderness,
yet they did not see me.
I AM
the feast they celebrate.

CHAPTER 5



WEEK OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

*Lev 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. 7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. 8 But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord for seven days. **The seventh day** shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.' "*

Right after the Passover observance on the 14th begins the week of unleavened bread feast. Even though there is a meal with unleavened bread the night before at Passover meal, these two events are separate. One represents the passing over those with blood on the door posts. The slaying of the first born in Egypt and the release from bondage. The other represents leaving Egypt with all belongings and the trek through the land of Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea. The first day on which they left was the

evening of the 15th. This was the start of their rest from bondage and slavery. They traveled for a week before passing through the Red Sea; hence there was no time for bread to sit and leaven.

Num 33:3 They departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover the children of Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians. 4 For the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the Lord had killed among them. Also on their gods the Lord had executed judgments.

Deu 16:1 "Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

This first day of unleavened bread on the 15th then is the first day of rest. This was also the first Sabbath day they experienced – no slave work. It is said by the Sages or Rabbis that they crossed the Red Sea on the 21st day of Abib (Nisan). That would be the 7th day of unleavened bread set up by God (YHWH). This would explain why God (YHWH) set this day aside also as a day of no work, for it was a momentous day of finally being free from the Egyptians, for they were drowned in the sea that day. The next day would again be the Sabbath and a true day of rest – no more running. A new life was now beginning for them.

There is a shadow also for us in this event with the Red sea drowning the enemies pursuing the children of God (YHWH). This shadow deals with God's

(YHWH's) promise to forgive us our sins when we turn and repent and come back to Him and He then delivers us from the bondage of our enemy.

Mic 7:19** He will again have compassion on us and will subdue our iniquities. **You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Okay, so the day of unleavened bread started on the morning of the 15th of Abib (Nisan). **What does this day hold for us?** This was the day Jesus was in the tomb. He was unleavened – sinless and He had just made a way for us to get rid of the leaven in our lives too. This was the Sabbath. It is a day for us to reflect on the **rest** He has given us from that bondage. As we believe on Him and what He did, we can enter into that rest and know the enemy no longer has a claim on our soul, as we work toward removing all leaven (sin) from our lives in Him. In 1 Peter we read:

***1Pe 3:18** For **Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust**, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, **19** by whom **also He went and preached to the spirits in prison**, **20** who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.*

This was the day He was preaching to those who had died at the flood and before His first coming and were being given a chance to accept Him as Savior.

I follow what God (YHWH) has set down here. The 15th is the Sabbath and the first day of eating

unleavened bread. We eat unleavened bread for the seven days God (YHWH) commanded. The 21st is the last day for eating unleavened bread. It is treated as a no work, holy convocation day and then we observe the next day, the 22nd, as the Sabbath day.



CHAPTER 6



DAY OF FIRST FRUITS

*Lev 23:9 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a **sheaf of the firstfruits** of your harvest to the priest. 11 He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it ...14 **You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God;** it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.*

***Josephus book 3 chptr 10** - But on the second day of unleavened bread, which **is the sixteenth day** of the month, they first partake of the fruits of the earth, for before that day they do not touch them. And while they suppose it proper to honor God, from whom they obtain this plentiful provision, in the first place, **they offer the first-fruits of their barley**, and that in the*

*manner following: They take a handful of the ears, and dry them, then beat them small, and purge the barley from the bran; they then bring one tenth deal to the altar, to God; and, casting one handful of it upon the fire, they leave the rest for the use of the priest. **And after this it is that they may publicly or privately reap their harvest.** They also at this participation of the first-fruits of the earth, sacrifice a lamb, as a burnt-offering to God.*

This day called 'First Fruits' is the day after the Sabbath. The day of first fruits is the 16th of Abib (Nisan). This was the day that our Savior rose from the grave. **This is truly Resurrection Day.** This is the day we really rejoice in!

*1Co 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and **has become the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.*

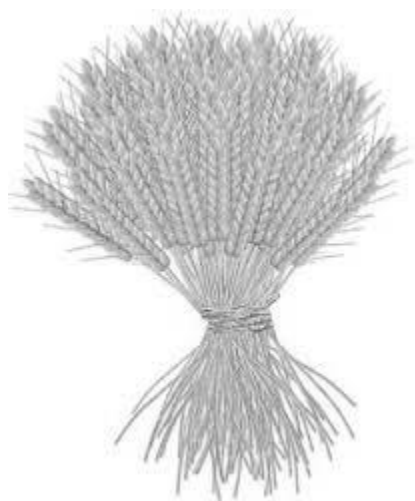
On this day I put on any music that has to do with His rising from the grave. I read the scriptures pertaining to the first day of the week about the women coming to the tomb; all the way to His ascension. This is a good time to plan a special breakfast to celebrate the day, or a dinner if you would prefer. This is our day (God's children) to be joyful and remember what was done for us by Jesus (Yeshua) - the victory of overcoming death and the freedom from the curse.

What we do should overshadow the pagan day of Easter with the true practice of the day of First Fruits. This is also the first day for the counting of the weeks to Shavuot and Pentecost (the 7 weeks (Shavuot) and the fiftieth day after (Pentecost)). So, while you are finishing out the week of unleavened bread, you begin the count to Pentecost that God (YHWH) instructed to do starting on the 16th day of Abib (Nisan) or the first day of the new workweek.

On this day I begin to count the 7 perfect weeks by marking the days off on the calendar. I have a sheet of little bundles of barley that I tape to each day in the count. I skip New Moon Day and any extra day at the end of the month for these are not included in the **perfect Sabbath week** count. You can go back to Chapter 1, to see the calendar setup for this celebration time.

Remember, God's (YHWH's) instructions say to count 7 **Sabbaths** complete (undefiled) and then add the day after the 7th Sabbath.

I have put a page of the omer bundles in the back of this book for you to use.



CHAPTER 7



FEAST OF WEEKS SHAVUOT/PENTECOST

*Lev 23:15 'And you shall count for yourselves **from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed.** 16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord. 17 You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be **baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the Lord....** 20 The priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs. **They shall be holy to the Lord for the priest.** 21 And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.*

We now come to the Feast of Weeks. This is what “Shavuot” means in Hebrew - **weeks**.

This appointed time of God (YHWH) comes the day after the final Sabbath day of the 7 counted Sabbath weeks (6 days work – 7th day rest). This is the fiftieth day of counting. In fact, that is what Pentecost means in Greek - fiftieth.

I understand the confusion with Shavuot timing. It gets misconstrued when reading Leviticus instructions only. Some people believe that it is saying to add 50 more days after the 7 weeks. However, if you read the instructions from Moses in Deuteronomy 16, you will see only the 7 weeks being talked about and then being told to celebrate Feast of weeks after those instructions.

Deu 16:9 "You shall count seven weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain. 10 Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you.

The Day of First Fruits, which is the day our Savior rose from the grave, is the beginning of the barley harvest, and the first day to start the count to Pentecost. It is the **beginning** of the harvest in Abib (Nisan) that is taken into consideration.

1Co 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The harvesting of the barley is completed in the month of Ziv (Iyyar), which is the 2nd month of God's (YHWH's) calendar (Apr/May of modern calendar).

The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost is at the beginning of the wheat harvest which is the beginning of Sivan; the 3rd month (May/Jun). This too focuses on the first fruits or the **beginning** of the harvest.

If we read Leviticus 23:16, we will see that the new grain (wheat) offering is being made at Shavuot or Pentecost:

*Lev.23:16 seven Sabbaths shall be completed. 16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall **offer a new grain** offering to the Lord.*

*Num 28:26 'Also on the **day of the firstfruits**, when you bring a new grain offering to the Lord **at your Feast of Weeks**, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work.*

*1Co 15:23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, **afterward those who are Christ's** at His coming.*

This harvest is completed in Tammuz, the 4th month (Jun/July). It is the **beginning** of the harvest that is looked at, not the end **for both** Spring harvest celebrations of First Fruits and Shavuot. Shavuot means weeks. **It is weeks counted and not days.** You do actually count 50 days within that 7-week time plus the final day after the seventh Sabbath. 7x7 weeks = 49 days + 1 day after = 50. These harvest times are out of Israel. It is my belief that, if there

were to be 50 more days counted, Moses would have reiterated it in Deuteronomy 16, because he was reestablishing the instructions from God (YHWH) for the people to understand before they entered the land. For him not to mention that, is rather negligent to leave that important piece out if they needed to count more days to get the right time. The only feast that talks about celebrating AFTER gathering in the harvest instead of at the beginning, is Tabernacles.

*Exo 23:14 "Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year: 15 You shall keep the **Feast of Unleavened Bread (First Fruits)** (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt; none shall appear before Me empty); 16 and the **Feast of Harvest (Shavuot)**, the **firstfruits** of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the **Feast of Ingathering (Tabernacles)** at the end of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labors from the field. 17 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord God.*

Following is a chart for planting and harvest times out of Israel:

<i>Months</i>	<i>Weather</i>	<i>Crops & activity</i>
<i>Tishri (Sep/Oct)</i>	<i>First rains</i>	<i>Ploughing begins</i>
<i>Heshvan (Oct/Nov)</i>		<i>Ploughing/plant grain</i>
<i>Kislev (Nov/Dec)</i>		<i>Planting continues</i>
<i>Tebeth (Dec/Jan)</i>	<i>Main rains</i>	
<i>Sebet (Jan/Feb)</i>		
<i>Adar (Feb/Mar)</i>	<i>Spring rains</i>	<i>Almond bloom/flax,barlev.</i>

<i>Abib (Mar/Apr)</i>		<i>Barley harvest begins</i>
<i>Zif (Apr/May)</i>		<i>Barley Harvest Complete</i>
<i>Sivan (May/Jun)</i>	<i>Dry season</i>	<i>Wheat harvest begins</i>
<i>Tammuz (Jun/Jul)</i>		<i>Wheat complete/first figs</i>
<i>Ab (Jul/Aug)</i>	<i>Summer heat</i>	<i>Grape harvest begins</i>
<i>Elul (Aug/Sep)</i>		<i>Date harvest/summer figs</i>

"In Palestine wheat was sown in November or December, after the rains began. The harvest was in April, May or June in Palestine varying according to the locality and the weather at the time."

HARVEST IN ISRAEL JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA 1901 - 1909

*The Palestinian harvest began in April with the cutting (hence "**ḳaṣir**") of the barley. The lentil and pea ripened at the same time, and the reaping of the wheat and spelt followed two weeks later, although, of course, the time varied with the climatic conditions in the different districts.*

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6. When a week of weeks has passed over after this sacrifice, (which weeks contain forty and nine days,) on the fiftieth day, which is Pentecost, but is called by the Hebrews Asartha, which signifies Pentecost, they bring to God a loaf, made of wheat flour, of two tenth deals, with leaven;

As you see with the quotes above, it is clear there are only the 7 weeks and then the fiftieth with Josephus and the wheat harvest would be ready by Shavuot according to the Jewish Encyclopedia. Now, if you can't give up the idea of another 50 days counting then I encourage you to find it in history. God

(YHWH) has always preserved His appointed times for us to discover by it being recorded somewhere by someone in history. I have searched for evidence for some time now so, if you find something, please, let me know! I only want to do His times, not the made-up ones of man.

Shavuot is one of the three Feasts required to be in Jerusalem. It is an appointed time called a Chag in Hebrew which means the gathering together for a festival, usually in the form of a circle for dancing and feasting.

It was at this time of the year that the Torah (commandments) was given at Mt. Sinai. It was also the time that the Holy Spirit came down on all those who were in the upper room worshipping for Shavuot. So, you have the memorial of the Law (Torah) and the memorial of the Spirit (power) being given on the very same day.

These spring feasts are intricately connected. It is a continuous motion starting with the night of Passover meal and ending with Shavuot or feast of weeks. First you start with the true sacrifice of the Lamb of God (**Passover**) which makes a way for us to be forgiven and cleansed from sins and given a way back into the Kingdom of God. The next step (**unleavened bread**) is the battle in hell for the souls of those already gone and the keys of death taken by Jesus (Yeshua) and then Him taking captivity captive, and leading the souls who are His to paradise, and then rising from the grave victorious on **first fruits day** (or resurrection day) which is the beginning of the harvest of the first

fruits of God (YHWH). First Jesus (Yeshua) who IS the first fruits on the 16th of Nisan, and then **Shavuot** or **Pentecost** and the first fruits of the first followers of the infilling of the Spirit which are represented by the two wheat loaves waved in front of the alter, and the true start of the new covenant of His Torah being taken from hearts of stone and written on hearts of flesh.

I would say this is one of the more difficult days to know what to do to celebrate. The only instructions for it to the people, is to bring two loaves of wheat bread made with leaven to wave before the Lord which are for the priest. If you notice, the loaves are leavened. Remember the parable told by Jesus (Yeshua).

***Mat 13:33** Another parable He spoke to them: "**The kingdom of heaven is like leaven**, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."*

I feel these loaves are a picture of His kingdom being hidden within those who receive His spirit and the leavening started on the first Pentecost after He ascended.

The day is also a day of no work, a holy convocation. The two loaves can also stand for the two families (Ephraim and Judah) coming together in Truth and Spirit. It can simultaneously stand for the Law (Truth) and the Spirit being brought together; giving His children the Spirit (power) to do what Truth (Law) commands.

*Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace, **who has made both one**, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,*

Here is another time that you have two days of rest back to back; just like the 7th day of the unleavened bread feast and the Sabbath the next day, you have the final 7th Sabbath counted and the fiftieth day the next day.

I think this is rather interesting how these two celebrations are like shadows of the Shmita year (seventh year of seven-year cycle) and the Jubilee year (the 50th year after the seven 'seven year' cycle). This has seven times seven years = 49 plus the 50th year (Jubilee).

*Lev 25:2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a sabbath to the Lord. 3 **Six years you shall sow** your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; 4 **but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land**, a sabbath to the Lord. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard. 5 What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, for it is a year of rest for the land. 6 And the sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you, 7 for your livestock and the beasts that are in your land--all its produce shall be for food. 8 **'And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself,***

seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. 9 Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. 10 And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. 11 That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. 12 For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field. 13 'In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession.

If you notice what is being set in place with the Jubilee year, it is rather intriguing. Instead of six days and then the seventh day to make up a week times seven and then the fiftieth day like Shavuot; you have six **years** and then the seventh year as a sabbath year and count seven of these: seven years, seven times. Every seventh year is called the year of release – release from debts and servitude. Then you add the year of Jubilee at the end of the final seventh year.

This Jubilee year is the return to everyone's original inheritance and family. Looking back to when the Israelites left Egypt, it was the seventh day (Abib 21) they received **release** from the labors of slavery and then the next day was the Sabbath and they were

freed to head to the land promised to them.

Proclaiming liberty for all with two days of rest and having their own possessions. That was a beautiful shadow. Then you have the seven Sabbaths plus one more day (the fiftieth day) of Shavuot, which was also two days of rest combined for receiving the possession of God's protecting Law and His Spirit of power to stand against the enemy, Satan, for all who take shelter under it. The final year of Jubilee will be something to behold and experience when He returns.

Here are a few suggestions to do on this day of Feast of Weeks/Pentecost:

Bake two loaves.

Blow the shofar to announce the day

Light the menorah and present the loaves to God (YHWH). Lift the two loaves to God (YHWH) and bless them. Thank Him for giving us His Torah to live by and His Spirit to give us the power to walk it out. Ask for the continued growth of the kingdom within us and to spread His kingdom in love.

Read in Exodus about the giving of the Ten commandments and Acts about the giving of the Holy Spirit.

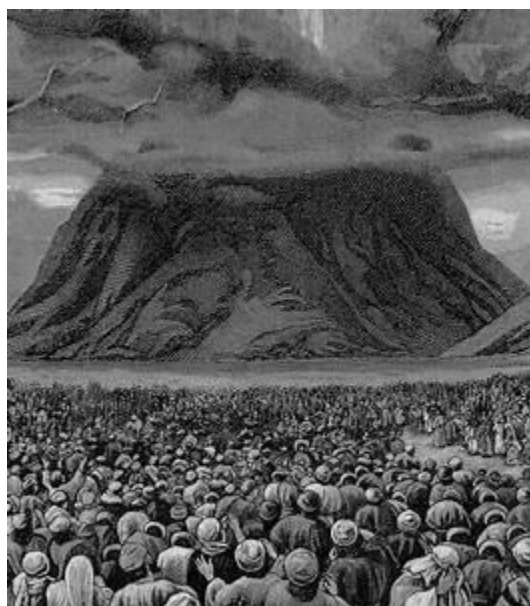
Break bread with those with you and have a good meal to celebrate the day. Again, you can set the table with your good stuff. You can

decorate with flowers, greenery and maybe some stalks of wheat.

One day we will understand more about this day and maybe even the connection to the Shmita and Jubilee years more clearly.

*Exo 19:16 Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that **there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud**, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.*

*Act 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 **And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*



CHAPTER 8



YOM TERUAH

Lev 23:24 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25 You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.' "

This Feast of God (YHWH) comes on the first day of the 7th month of God's (YHWH's) calendar called Tishri. This month comes around the end of September to late October on the modern calendar.

I know in Leviticus 23 it says 'blowing of trumpets', but this word 'Teruah' means much more than that.

*ter-oo-aw' - **clamor, that is, acclamation of joy or a battle cry; especially clangor of trumpets, as an alarm:** - alarm, blow (-ing) (of, the) (trumpets), **joy, jubile, loud noise, rejoicing, shout** (-ing), (high, joyful) sound (-ing).*

You can see by the definition from the Strong's how much more it is than just trumpet blasts. This word is translated 38 times using different words. The list includes the following (the number after the word is the amount of times used):

Shout 10, shouting 8, alarm 6, blowing 2, joy 2, sounding 2, high 1, joyful 1, blow 1, jubilee 1, noise 1, rejoicing 1, shouted 1, sound 1.

I believe the reason for this day to be so misunderstood as to its purpose, has much to do with the interpretation of the word "Teruah" in Lev 23:24, and Num 29:1, for both are translated blowing of trumpets and nothing more. If it said the wider meaning, people would see it clearly in the birth account in the gospel of Luke.

All God's feasts are shadows to events prophesied in the Old Testament, so the coming of the promised Seed proclaimed back in the garden would also be shadowed in one of His appointed feasts. It would not be with one of the three feasts that the men had to appear before God (YHWH) in Jerusalem, for they had to return to their place of birth for the census. It would not be smart for Caesar to stir the Jews to revolt by messing with their laws when he could just as well choose a time for a quiet census. Yom Teruah

is not a time appointed to appear before God at the Temple, but it is an appointed feast. The feasts to be at the Temple are Unleavened bread, Shavuot and Tabernacles.

Deu 16:16 Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed.

This one is an easy one to celebrate, for this is when I believe Jesus (Yeshua) was born. You can read it here in Luke:

Luk 2:8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

I don't know if you see it, but that was a loud, clamorous, joyful, rejoicing noise in the heavens. A true Teruah!

Somehow I think there were more than a few angels appearing to the shepherds. It says a **multitude** of the heavenly host. What would that look like?



Now that seems more like it! What a Teruah!

Here is where we can honestly celebrate our Savior's birth. I truly believe this will also be the time of His second coming.

*1Co 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

The Jewish celebration for this day actually begins about 29 days earlier; a series of more than 90 trumpet blasts build up to a final blowing of the shofar on Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets). The final blast is called Tekiah Gedolah or the Great Blowing. **This final blast is referred to as the last trump.**

This revelation in connection to the event in Luke is something new to me this year so this will be my first time celebrating this one at Yom Teruah.

There have been more and more pastors connecting the birth of Jesus (Yeshua) to around September or October, which is interestingly at the time of Yom Teruah. I believe God (YHWH) is stirring His children to seeing His appointed times more than ever. We must be able to read the signs.

Since this celebration is familiar to us, I think we need to be careful as to what we allow as part of the trimmings. Personally, I will stay away from the traditional things so associated with the Christmas traditions.

Of course, I do think food is part of any good celebration. Some of my favorites are:

Little beef smokies, pies, cheese ball, Housenblussen (a family pastry), anything kosher is good. I say, bring out your favorites! Even a fine big meal would be great. Deck the table with your best ware and tablecloths for Autumn.

Decorating for the Fall season is what I do. I like lots of twinkle lights – amber, red, white – entwined into my leaves and Autumn things. These can carry you right through Sukkot (Tabernacles). The music I have is a combination of the songs of His birth and any songs speaking of His second coming. There is much out there to make your own mix. I do stay away from any that mention Christmas if possible. Did you know that the song “Joy to the World” is about His second coming?

The traditions of man which should be avoided is the red and green trimmings, mistletoe, gingerbread men, manger scene and giving of gifts. Gift giving was a practice with the pagan feast of Saturnalia which was the original feast of December. If you look up the origins of the other trimmings you will find some negative things too. If I read anything too negative, I stay away from it.

1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

I have heard the argument for the presents because of the Magi. So, we get presents because it's Jesus' birthday? WE get gifts on our birthday, so why do WE get the gifts on His? If you're stuck with the gift giving – give to a charity or homeless people in His name. Carnage of presents is not the spirit of His birth.

Why do I avoid the manger scene?

*Exo 20:4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or **any likeness of anything** that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;*

*Isa 44:13 The craftsman stretches out his rule, He marks one out with chalk; He fashions it with a plane, He marks it out with the compass, **And makes it like the figure of a man, According to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house.***

Now if you are saying to yourself that you do not look at that manger set as an idol you worship; I say to you: Just try to destroy that family treasure and see what you go through emotionally. Believe me, I went through it!

Have a hard time burning it, crushing it, or just throwing it in the trash? That, my friend, is an idol! ("I can't kill baby Jesus!")

This time of Yom Teruah is also the future of Jesus' (Yeshua's) second coming. At the last trump.

There are several good movies of the birth of Christ, it could be a wonderful thing to add, since that is what we are celebrating along with the hope of the future event of His second coming. There are some wonderful scriptures to read this day. I have copied a few below for you to read. You might find others as you research yourself. Reading these can be a good

tradition to start here. In fact, many of these are familiar reading for His birth.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isa 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Luk 2:1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. 4

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. 6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" 15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the

shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Act 1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**"

Mat 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 **And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet,**

and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mar 13:24 *"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.*

Isa 11:10 *"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." 11 It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. 12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. 13 Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, And Judah shall not harass Ephraim.*

Isa 63:1 *Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?-- "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your*

garments like one who treads in the winepress? 3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes. 4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart, **And the year of My redeemed has come.**

Zec 14:3 Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. 4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. 5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the Lord my God will come, And all the saints with You. 6 It shall come to pass in that day That there will be no light; The lights will diminish. 7 It shall be one day Which is known to the Lord-- Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen That it will be light. 8 And in that day it shall be That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. 9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be-- "The Lord is one," And His name one.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who

*sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and **with the trumpet of God**. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

***1Co 15:51** Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound**, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

Rev 19:11** Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.



CHAPTER 9



YOM KIPPURIM (DAY OF ATONEMENTS) 10th day of Tishri

Lev 23:26 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 27 "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. 28 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.

Lev 23:32 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."

The word 'atonement' in the Strong's is this:

kaw-far' A primitive root; to cover (specifically with bitumen); figuratively to expiate or condone, to placate **or cancel**: - appease, make (an) atonement, **cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful**, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge (away), put off, (make) **reconcile (-liation)**.

The Greek word used in the New Testament is:

hil-as-mos' **atonement**, that is, (concretely) an expiator: - propitiation

*1Jn 2:2 And He Himself is **the propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

*1Jn 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent **His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.***

The first shadow fulfillment for this day has to do with the crucifixion. After the Passover meal, Jesus (Yeshua) went to the garden and began His agony of being sacrificed for our sins. It began in the evening and went until His death on the cross; **from evening to evening**. During that time another shadow of the two goats for the Day of Atonement was fulfilled. The scene was Jesus (Yeshua) and Barabbas standing before the people. The lots were cast, and Jesus became the sin offering of God (YHWH) and Barabbas became the scapegoat released.

*Lev 16:7 He shall take the two goats and present **them** before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of*

meeting. 8 Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. 10 But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.

He fulfilled that feast spiritually at Passover time. There will be another time for this on the actual day of the 10th of Tishri (7th month); at the end of time. This will be the time of judgement to see whose names are written in the Book of Life. This is called the White Throne judgment written in Revelations.

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

This judgment is different than the Bema Seat judgment. The Bema judgment is for believers and will happen at His second coming to receive His own.

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ***28*** so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. **To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.**

Rom 14:8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, **whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.** ***9*** For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ***10*** But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? **For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

1Co 3:11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ***12*** Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ***13*** **each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.** ***14*** **If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.** ***15*** If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive

the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

This is a feast we should observe as with solemn thankfulness; denying our flesh for one day and remembering just what Jesus (Yeshua) went through and did for us.

On this day I start out as the instructions say. I stop eating the evening of the ninth. Earlier on that evening I fix a meal for us to be together and join our hearts as we begin the “affliction of our souls”. To me one of the best ways to afflict my soul is to deny myself food and sometimes water for the duration of the allotted time – from evening of the ninth to the evening of the tenth.

It is amazing that in the group I originally spent this day with, the children wanted to fast also. The parents didn’t force them to do it. They just wanted to. Some of them even went the whole day. They liked being a part of this with the adults.

How I start the day is I shower and dress in a clean outfit which is usually mainly white. Many times, I ask Father what He wants me to wear to portray what He wants said to all at that time. One time I wore a white skirt with a red sash underneath to demonstrate we are cleansed but still have sin to deal with which is the scarlet sash. Another time I wore a red skirt with a white one underneath to show we are covered in His blood which makes us pure (symbolized by the white underskirt).

The day is spent in the word. We read out loud different scriptures we feel led to or we read to ourselves. We can also listen to a teaching. This is a time to reflect on the wonderful gift of redemption we have been given by Jesus' (Yeshua's) sacrifice of atoning blood and humbling ourselves in confessing sins we are still hanging onto and repenting. We do not want to find we are not known by Him when He comes back for His own.

To understand more what He went through for us, you can read the account from in the garden to His death on the tree. This went from evening to evening.

*Mathew 26:36-on, Mark 14:32-on, Luke 22:31-on
and John 18:1-on*

The Day of Atonement was the day that the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies and it was only this day, no other. There he sprinkled the blood of the goat chosen for God (YHWH) to atone the sins of the people.

***Gen 14:18** Then **Melchizedek** king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.*

***Exo 30:10** And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns **once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement**; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the Lord."*

*Lev 16:29 "This shall be a statute forever for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. 30 For **on that day the priest shall make atonement for you**, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord. 31 It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall afflict your souls. It is a statute forever. 32 And the priest, who is anointed and consecrated to minister as priest in his father's place, shall make atonement, and put on the linen clothes, the holy garments; 33 then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tabernacle of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 34 This shall be an everlasting statute for you, **to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year.**" And he did as the Lord commanded Moses.*

Reading the book of Hebrews is a good book to read at this time, for it is about the transfer of the High priesthood to Jesus (Yeshua).

*Psa 110:1 The Lord said to my Lord, "**Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.**" 2 The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 3 Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. 4 The Lord has sworn and will not relent,*

"You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

This is truly a day for the redeemed to rejoice and observe, just as God (YHWH) said to do.

A light meal can be planned at the end of the fast on the evening of the 10th. It can also be a good fellowship time before everyone departs for home.



Differences Between BEMA and GWT	
BEMA: JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST	G.W.T. (Great White Throne Judgement)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only believers in Christ will be judged• For rewards• Will happen after the Rapture• Will be judged based on deeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unbelievers will be judged• For punishment• Will happen after the Millennium• Will be judged because of their rejection of Christ
Jesus Christ will be the Supreme Judge of both Bema judgement seat and the Great White Throne judgement.	

CHAPTER 10



SUKKOUT FEAST OF TABERNACLES 15th day of Tishri

*Lev 23:33 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 34 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: '**The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord.....** 39 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, **when you have gathered in the fruit of the land**, you shall keep the feast of the Lord for seven days; **on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.** 40 And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God*

for seven days. 41 You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. 42 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, 43 that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.'

Deu 16:13 “You shall observe the **Feast of Tabernacles** seven days, **when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress.** 14 And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates. 15 Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice.

Here is the second Feast of God (YHWH) that is seven days long. This is also the one feast that is mentioned in scripture of continuing through the thousand-year reign of Jesus (Yeshua) our King so, this is a good one to get acquainted with since we will be observing it in the millennium.

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go **up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.**

I think I like this one the best. Why? Because it reminds me a little of the camp meetings I used to go to as a kid, also, this is a shadow of His dwelling with us for eternity and we are rehearsing for it. I have fond memories of those times at camp meeting. There is much similarity in the events we do throughout this week.

You start by setting up camp in a temporary dwelling for a week. I have a nice little camping trailer I call my sukkah. All that means in Hebrew is a tent.

If you join a group of like-minded people, you have a campground atmosphere. Many of the larger groups have meeting times for bible study, discussions and gathering for eating most of the meals together. The food brought together by everyone is always excellent! There is usually a fire going in a fire pit to talk around till all hours of the night.

You will often see a main tent or building for gathering in or under. Many places will decorate around the grounds. We have all the banners of the tribes of Israel which were made by the children some years ago. These are still used and placed upon poles and set up around the camp.

I like to decorate my "Sukkah" with Fall things like leaf garlands, lanterns, little twinkle lights, pumpkins, gourds, flowers; whatever hits my fancy to make it look festive.

We will have activities for the children throughout the week, like a hayride, go to a gym for tumbling, etc., taking a hike, scavenger hunt; just to name a few. Sometimes we are treated to a talent show of anyone who wants to participate in it.

This is the feast to remember that God (YHWH) talked about to dwell with His people. There are many scriptures that mention this and are good to read at this feast. This one scripture below is talking about the future.

Eze 37:26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed, I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

It says in Leviticus on the first day to gather branches of leafy trees and wave the branches and rejoice before God (YHWH). We do this waving every night to music in the group we are with.



This is the final feast commanded by God (YHWH) in the yearly cycle.

CHAPTER 11



HANUKKAH A MILESTONE IN HISTORY

I know that Hanukkah or Chanukah is not an appointed feast of God (YHWH), but it is an historical event that greatly affected Israel.

It was a time when the Temple had been desecrated by Antiochus who was a Hellenistic king of the Seleucid Empire.

The historical events upon which the celebration is based are recorded in Maccabees I and II, two books contained within a collection of writings known as the Apocrypha.

In the year 168 B.C.E., the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes sent his soldiers to Jerusalem. The Syrians desecrated the Temple, the holiest place for Jews at that time. Antiochus also abolished Judaism, outlawing the observance of Shabbat and the Festivals, as well as circumcision. Altars and idols

were set up for the worship of Greek gods, and he offered Jews two options: conversion or death.

On the 25th day of the Hebrew month of *Kislev* in 168 B.C.E., the Temple was renamed for the Greek god Zeus.

A Jewish resistance movement led by a priestly family known as the Hasmoneans, or Maccabees developed against the cruelty of Antiochus. The head of the family was Mattathias, an elderly man. His son, Judah, became the chief strategist and military leader of the resistance. Though outnumbered, Judah Maccabee and his fighters miraculously won two major battles, routing the Syrians decisively.

Hanukkah, which means “dedication,” is the festival that commemorates **the purification and rededication of the Temple** following the Greek occupation of that holy place.

The story of the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days was added sometime down the road. The original happening was the Maccabees declared the eight-day celebration of rededicating the Temple to mirror the Feast of Tabernacles, for they missed celebrating Sukkot because of the battle. You can read this in the book of the Maccabees. There is no mention of oil in the account.

I celebrate this feast because of the hand of God (YHWH) bringing about the victory and the Temple being brought back to the Hebrew nation.

This was one step in preparing for the coming of the Messiah. This is my reason. I see the sovereignty of God in this event; recapturing the Temple.

I do not use a hanukkiah candlestick because it is a corruption of the real menorah, for the hanukkiah has 9 candle sticks instead of 7. I use the menorah designed by God (YHWH). Actually, mine is not His design, for the true menorah was an almond branch design. This design had a message to it. The Hebrew word for almond and sleepless is the same root word.

sha ^qe ^d (H8247) shaw-kade'

From H8245; the almond (tree or nut; as being the earliest in bloom): - almond (tree).

sha ^qad (H8245) shaw-kad'

*A primitive root; **to be alert, that is, sleepless**; hence to be **on the lookout** (whether for good or ill): - hasten, remain, wake, **ready**, watch (for).*

Jer 1:11 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a branch of **an almond** tree." ***12*** Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, **for I am ready** to perform My word."

Psa 121:4 Behold, He who keeps Israel **shall neither slumber nor sleep**.

This is the message hidden in the menorah of His design. The menorah was to always be burning in the temple.

My menorah is 7 crystal candle sticks with tea candles on a silver platter for the base. The middle candle stick is taller than the other 6. I made it. The other thing I do differently is, I don't use the star of David. He never had a star. This is a pagan symbol.

*Amo 5:26 You also carried Sikkuth your king And Chiun, your idols, **the star of your gods**, which you made for yourselves.*

This holiday is to me a memorial of the rededication of God's Temple. I do not do the presents. This is something put in to make the holiday rival Christmas. They even have added a Hanukkah bush! I decorate in winter motif and have candles and little lights in some of my winter stuff to set the theme of the dedication of lights, which is the other name given to this feast.

*Joh 10:22 Now it was the **Feast of Dedication** in Jerusalem, and it was winter. 10:23 And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.*

So, what do I do?

I set up my menorah and light it each day – servant candle (the taller one) first day, servant plus one the next, and so on. The last day all are lit again for the eighth day just like the seventh.

I decorate in blue and white symbolic of Israel. I put up winter stuff like frosty branches, snowflakes, ice cycles, white twinkle lights entwined in branches or

with snowflakes, etc. I will have candles put up in my lanterns around the house too.

We will on some of the evenings get together with others and eat some different deserts and play games. When my grandchildren were younger, I had all kinds of children crafts and games for them. I bought little molded boxes for them to paint how they wanted and filled them with small treats each day. One year I bought small candy bricks and made frosting 'mortar' for them to build with. I also made a box with different sized holes in it with points to earn on each one. Then I got some stretchy frogs for them to pull and let them fly into a hole. There are all kinds of fun things from the Oriental Trading Company.

The children light their own candles on their homemade menorahs as the main one is lit each night.

There are lots of songs on YouTube to play that have videos with them for fun.



IMac 2:19 Then Mattathias answered and spake with a loud voice, Though all the nations that are under the king's dominion obey him, and fall away every one from the religion of their fathers, and give consent to his commandments: 20 Yet will I and my sons and my brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers. 21 God forbid that we should forsake the law and the ordinances. 22 We will not hearken to the king's words, to go from our religion, either on the right hand, or the left. 23 Now when he had left speaking these words, there came one of the Jews in the sight of all to sacrifice on the altar which was at Modin, according to the king's commandment. 24 Which thing when Mattathias saw, he was inflamed with zeal, and his reins trembled, neither could he forbear to shew his anger according to judgment: wherefore he ran, and slew him upon the altar. 25 Also the king's commissioner, who compelled men to sacrifice, he killed at that time, and the altar he pulled down. 26 **Thus dealt he zealously for the law of God** like as Phinees did unto Zambri the son of Salom. 27 And Mattathias cried throughout the city with a loud voice, saying, **whosoever is zealous of the law, and maintaineth the covenant, let him follow me.**

CHAPTER 12



OTHER TRADITIONS OF MAN JUDAH'S TRAPPINGS, EPHRAIM'S ERROR

Before going into this chapter, I need to explain my title a little bit. The use of the two terms – Judah and Ephraim are the titles of the two houses of Israel. One represents the southern house which we here in modern days call Jews, and the other group labeled Ephraim is the northern house which represents the Christians for Ephraim's mother was a gentile. Now, understand this one thing, if you call yourself a child of God (YHWH), you are of the family of Israel for, there is **only one family** He has named as His. His promise was given to Abraham and if we do not connect ourselves with Abraham in faith, we have no part of the promise. My book "HE SHALL CRUSH THY HEAD" goes into detail on this subject so, if you have not read it, I would recommend you do so.

The next list of man's traditions that will be addressed is more of the messed-up understandings of God's

children. They are beliefs the enemy has used to skew the true instructions from our Father. We can become encumbered with fetters that blind us, so we are unable to see His message of future events in His appointed times. We can also miss the true freedom we are to have in doing His ways. These are not a salvation issue, however, why give even one inch of road to the enemy?

Understanding what is truly of God is important for us to be able to please Him when celebrating His appointed times and worshiping Him. I will start out exposing the deceptive trappings of Satan in leading men from the pure truth of God's ways and instructions with God's Sabbath day. In chapter 1, I have touched on some trappings placed on the Sabbath that was not instructed by God (YHWH); such as the kindling of a fire, and what was considered work. In this dissertation on the Sabbath, I will expose the day itself.

SABBATH. SEVENTH DAY? FIRST DAY?

This has been an age-old battle between Jews and Christians. Who has the right day? The Jews stand on Saturday as the day God (YHWH) rested from all His creation work. The Christians stand on the day that Jesus (Yeshua) rose from the grave as the right day, for it is the day of new beginnings.

What does history have to say about these two positions?

EPHRAIM'S ERROR

The Christian half of the family line has gotten sucked into many pagan traditions. They believe that the seventh day Sabbath was changed to Sunday to honor the day Jesus rose from the grave. Believing that the day of His Sabbath was changed is not a scriptural truth.

Sunday And the Catholic Church

*“Most Christians assume that Sunday is the biblically approved day of worship. **The Catholic Church protests that it transferred Christian worship from the biblical Sabbath (Saturday) to Sunday, and that to try to argue that the change was made in the Bible is both dishonest and a denial of Catholic authority.....**” Rome’s Challenge*

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“Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday. ‘The day of the Lord’ was chosen, not from any direction noted in the Scriptures, but from the (Catholic) Church’s sense of its own power...People who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority, should logically become 7th Day Adventists, and keep Saturday holy.” St. Catherine Church Sentinel, Algonac, Michigan, May 21, 1995.

“Nowhere in the Bible is it stated that worship should be changed from Saturday to Sunday.....

This same Church, by the same divine authority, taught the doctrine of Purgatory long before the Bible was made. Martin J. Scott, Things Catholics Are Asked About, 1927 edition, p. 136.

JUDAH'S TRAPPINGS

Okay, so we can see what happened to the Christian side of the family on this topic. Does this mean there is no mistake on Judah's side?

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*"There were very marked differences, in the attitude toward government and the preservation of Jewish religion and life, between the Palestinian and Babylonian Jews. The Palestinian Jews jealously guarded their religion and way of life, while the Babylonian Jews were clearly, willing to accommodate the government of their area **and compromise certain principles they held. This included the Sabbath day.** During this time, a major revival of the Zoroastrian religion, took place in (226 A.D.), when the first Sassanian king, Ardeshir, came to the Persian throne. He made reforms to the old lunar-based calendar, which had a far-reaching effect on his people, (especially the Jews), who initially rejected his new calendar, since it affected their religious observances. This resulted, for a while, in two calendars, one decreed by the king and the other, older one, followed by the majority of the*

*people in the kingdom. Eventually, however, the new calendar won out and the Persians, as well as the Jews of Babylonia, **began to organize their sabbaths, according to the new solar calendar.**"*

HISTORY OF THE TALMUD

*But as our present reformers are descendants of the Pharisees, and the Sadducees being no more in existence, therefore they also have in many things adopted a new form, and recognize the teachings of the Pharisees (as for instance the observance of the sixth day of Sivan as Pentecost) as indisputable laws. But we can by no means accuse the reformers in not believing in tradition generally, as we cannot well accuse of that the former Sadducees. **(Even those reformers who have changed the Sabbath, for even this can be explained in accordance with the general rule of the Talmud which sanctifies the seventh day, but not the Sabbath itself, and for this reason the Talmud decreed that in case one forgets which day is the Sabbath, he shall count six days and observe the seventh as Sabbath, see our article in the Deborah, 1894.)***

I do not believe the Talmud should take precedence over the word of God (YHWH) in any subject, especially on His set apart day called the Sabbath.

On what day did the ancient people celebrate the Sabbath of God?

JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA WEEK (Connection with Lunar Phases)

*A division of time comprising seven days, thus explaining the Hebrew name. There are indications of the use of another system of reckoning time, in which the month was divided into three parts of ten days each, the decade being designated in Hebrew by the term " 'asor" (Gen. xxiv. 55; comp. the commentaries of Dillmann and Holzinger ad loc.; Ex. xii. 3; Lev. xvi. 29, xxiii. 27, xxv. 9). This apparently represented one-third of the solar month, **while the week of seven days was connected with the lunar month, of which it is, approximately, a fourth. The quadripartite division of the month was evidently in use among the Hebrews and other ancient peoples; but it is not clear whether it originated among the former. It is unnecessary to assume, however, that it was derived from the Babylonians, for it is equally possible that observations of the four phases of the moon led the Hebrew nomads spontaneously and independently to devise the system of **dividing the interval between the successive new moons into four groups of seven days each.*****

UNIVERSAL JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, (1943)

HOLIDAYS p.410

*"1. Sabbath and New Moon (Rosh Hodesh), both periodically recurring in the course of the year. **The New Moon is still, and the Sabbath originally was, dependent upon the lunar cycle.** Both date back to the nomadic period of Israel. Originally the New Moon was celebrated in the same way as the Sabbath; gradually it became less important, while the Sabbath became more and more a day of religion and humanity, of religious meditation and*

instruction, or peace and delight of the soul, and produced powerful and beneficent effects outside of Judaism."

WEEK p.482

*Shabbat [weekly Sabbath] **originally arose from the lunar cycle**, containing four weeks ending in Sabbath, plus one or two additional unreckoned days per [lunar] month."*

*"With the development of the importance of the Sabbath as a day of consecration and the emphasis laid upon the significant number seven, **the week became more and more divorced from its lunar connection**".*

ENCYCLOPEDIA BIBLICA

WEEK VOL IV p.705

*This quadripartite **division of the month into weeks** was naturally suggested by the phases of the moon and **was far from being peculiar to the Hebrews.***

SABBATH VOL IV p.4178

*Astrology is in its nature an occult science, and there is not the slightest trace of a day of twenty-four hours among the ancient Hebrews, who had the week and the Sabbath long before they had any acquaintance with the planetary science of the Babylonian priests....These facts make it safe to reject one often-repeated explanation of the Sabbath viz., that it was in its origin what it is in the astrological week, the day sacred to Saturn,....
...in fact, the four quarters of the moon supply an*

obvious division of the month.....

“of celebrating a sabbath every 7th day, irrespective of the relationship of the day to the moon's phases, led to a complete separation from the ancient view of the Sabbath”.

STARS VOL IV p.432

*The Hebrew month is a lunar month, and the quarter of this period – **one phase of the moon** – appears to have determined the week of seven days.*

**CLEMENT THE STROMATA
BOOK VI, CHAPTER 16**

*"In periods of seven days, the moon undergoes its changes. **At the end of the first week**, she becomes half moon; **at the end of the second** [week], full moon; and **at the end of the third** [week], in her wane, again half moon; and **at the end of the fourth** [week] she disappears".*

THEODORE GILMAN (1916) p. 479

*“The changes in the calendric position of the weekly religious rest day have been few from pre-historic times to the present day. **The Sabbath** which came down to the Jews from pre-historic [prior to Moses] times **was the seventh day of the lunar week**. The lunar week and the lunar month gave the simplest form of time division to early man . . . Moon and month meant the same thing. The division of the month into four weeks of seven days left the so-called epagomenal days which had to be neglected, and **the weekly division begun again at the time of the next***

new moon. The change from the lunar week to the seven-day week running continuously through the year, while a momentous change, was unrecorded. The use of two styles of weeks seems to have existed together, and the more modern seven-day week slowly, but finally, supplanted its ancient but inexact competitor. The lunar week was simple and serviceable When the continuous seven-day week was generally accepted, then it was linked with the past, as we now date events before Christ by a scale unknown to the people and historians of those times. . . The lunar Sabbath was succeeded by the seven-day weekly Sabbath without confusion, and the mention of the Sabbath in Exodus 31:13 and elsewhere may be taken to refer to the lunar day."
Sunday the World's Rest Day, "The Sabbath, the Day Which Divine Love Established and Human Love Must Preserve," Published for the New York Sabbath Committee, Doubleday, Page and Company, New York

Because of the research I have done on this subject, **this is my stand.** The Sabbath of God (YHWH) is **contained in and connected to** the lunar month where there are 4 Sabbaths counted inside each new month. If you are intrigued by this small sample of quotes, you can read my book "YHWH's UNIQUE TIME PIECE". In it are all the quotes I have found so far on this subject. I have documented 34 different sources just on the Sabbath alone.

MILK AND MEAT TOGETHER? NEVER!

JUDAH'S TRAPPINGS

The scriptures that Judah stands on for the viewpoint of not eating dairy and meat together have to do with the command from God (YHWH) not to boil a kid in his mother's milk.

What does the word really have to say about this?

Gen 18:6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes." ***7*** And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. ***8*** ***So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.***

Here we have the very first mention of the dastardly combination of meat and dairy. Abraham is feeding it to the angels. How could this be? Obviously it is okay to do so.

Exo 23:19 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

Exo 34:26 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk."

Deu 14:21 "You shall not eat anything that dies of itself; you may give it to the alien who is within your gates, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to the Lord your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk. 22 "You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year.

These are the only places that this command is given. All three passages are connected to harvest crops **not** to eating. Why would this be in here? These verses here are the ones that Judah uses to confirm there is a command to not eat these together, however, that is not the correct meaning of the instructions given by Moses. Why are these warnings in the Torah?

It was a custom of the ancient heathens, when they had gathered in all their fruits, to take a kid and boil it in the milk of its dam; and then, in a magical way, to go about and sprinkle it on all their trees and fields, gardens and orchards; thinking by these means to make them fruitful, that they might bring forth more abundantly in the following year. You can look this up on the web.

This custom would **not** be pleasing to God for it was a pagan ritual. It had nothing to do with how the Jews use the command today. It had to do with using pagan ways to make crops grow, hence, the reason it is mentioned along with the harvest times.

I am in no way saying you should stop following what you have been taught if you feel you might be sinning. I am asking you to go beyond what man has told you

and **study it for yourself**. I am just placing the facts out here so you can choose what you do wisely and with knowledge.

HAVE A GOOD DAY! THE SUN HAS JUST GONE DOWN.

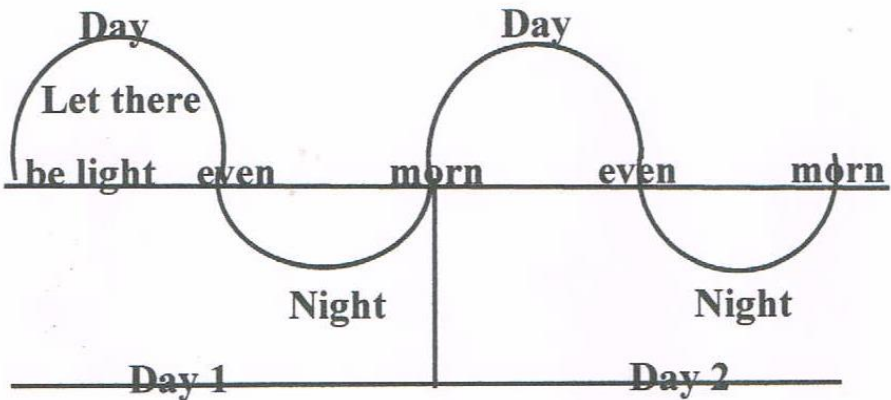
This one here has taken such a deep root in society that no one even realizes it has. I think logic has been left at the door on this one.

Gen 1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Here we have the verses that have determined the belief of the day starting at night. These verses have been read so many times, nobody really stops to READ them. If you bother to follow the train of thought, you will notice that the very beginning of God creating is at the statement "Let there be light." He then divides the light from the dark and calls each by their new name. First comes the day and then the

night – in that order. Again, look at verse 5. After these are set in place, He sets the dividers between them. First evening is put in place – right after all the creating of that first day and then morning is put into place just before the next day of creating which starts out saying “Then God said,”.

Following is a chart to give a more visual perspective of what I am talking about:



It is amazing to me that people cling to the mixed-up timing of the beginning of a new day.

JUDAH’S TRAPPINGS

With Judah we have a day starting at night. This idea was taken from the creation story where it says, and it was evening, and it was morning and the command for Day of Atonement. This is the scripture on Day of Atonement that is mainly used to prove the day starts in the evening. However, this is not a correct interpretation, for it clearly states “the **evening of the ninth**” which identifies that that evening is connected

to the day of the ninth not the beginning of the tenth. Think this through. First hour of the day would then be 6:00 pm, 3rd hour would be 9:00pm, 6th hour would be 12 midnight and so on. However, we don't live our days that way at all. If that is correct, then why don't we keep time that way? We insist this is the biblical way but don't follow it.

EPHAIM'S ERROR

Now we come to Ephraim. What do they follow? They follow the old Roman time keeping. The day starts at 12:00 am or midnight. However, the workday doesn't start until around 6:00 am.

Looking at both these crazy beginnings of a day, why don't we just look at the title for 12:00? At night it is called mid**NIGHT** and in the day it is called mid**DAY**. Doesn't anybody see this little detail?

These titles fit God's true time keeping. His day starts in the morning or dawn and ends at the end of the evening; then night begins. In fact, this is how we automatically live our days. We get up when it gets light and go to bed when the night comes, and we don't even think twice about it being the wrong thought. Here's a thought for everyone: When your baby is awake most the night and sleeps more during the day, you say "He's got his days and nights mixed up." Food for thought.

*Exo 12:29 And it came to pass **at midnight** that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne*

*to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. 30 So Pharaoh rose **in the night**, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead.*

***Mar 13:35** Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming--in the evening, **at midnight**, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning--*

***1Ki 18:26** So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal **from morning even till noon**, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. 27 And so it was, **at noon, that Elijah mocked** them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened." 28 So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. 29 And **when midday was past**, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention.*

There is no mistake to the meaning of the time of the day in these verses. Does history have anything to add?

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DAY VOL. I p.554

*From dawn to dark was the ancient and ordinary meaning of a day (yome) among the Israelites; night as being the time 'when no man can work' (Jn. 9:4), night, it was considered, be left out of account altogether, or, at all events, as being the evident complement of the 'day' and involved in it, did not require explicit mention. Thus the word 'day' came to have a twofold meaning: at one time signifying **the period from sunrise to sunset**; at another including day's inseparable accompaniment, **the night**, and embracing the whole **period from one sunrise to the next**. The Israelites regarded the morning as the beginning of the day;...*

*Not till post-exilic times do we find traces of a new mode of reckoning **which makes day begin at sunset**.*

THE JEWISH FESTIVALS: HISTORY AND OBSERVANCE

"In order to assure against profanation of the Sabbath the Jews added the late Friday afternoon hours to the Sabbath." p.13

JUDAISM: BETWEEN YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW KUNG, p.518

"If we look at the essentials of a day of rest and reflection which has a religious orientation, it is possible to justify the shifting of the Sabbath worship to Friday evening [the celebration of which was moved back to the eve of the feast] as early as the Middle Ages."

"In order to fix the beginning and ending of the Sabbath-day and festivals and to determine the precise hour for certain religious observances it becomes necessary to know the exact times of the rising and setting of the sun. According to the strict interpretation of the Mosaic Law, every day begins with sunrise and ends with sunset...."

DAY p.475 (Hebrew, "yom"): *in the bible, the season of light (Gen. 1:5), lasting "from dawn (lit. "the rising of the morning") to the coming forth of the stars"*

JACOB Z. LAUTERBACH, "THE SABBATH IN JEWISH RITUAL AND FOLKLORE,"

"Rabbinic Essays by Jacob Z. Lauterbach," (Hebrew Union College Press, Cincinnati, 1951), p.437-470

WHEN DOES THE SABBATH BEGIN?

There can be no doubt that in pre-exilic times the Israelites reckoned the day from morning to morning. The day began with the dawn and closed with the end of the night following it, i.e. with the last moment before the dawn of the next morning..."And it was evening and it was morning, one day." THIS PASSAGE WAS MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE TALMUD, ... But it was correctly interpreted by R. Samuel b. Meir (1100-1160) when he remarked: "It does not say that it was night time and it was day time which made one day; but it says 'it was evening,' which means that the period of the day time came to an end and the light disappeared. And when it says, 'it was morning,' it means that the

period of the night time came to an end and the morning dawned. Then one whole day was completed.

This next one is an instruction given by God (YHWH) but it is understanding it that I want to get across.

LEARNING TO RIDE A BIKE

When we were young, sometime in our life we were given a bike and we began our journey to becoming a proficient bicyclist. First we were surprised with a brand-new bike and then training wheels were bolted onto the back tire. We started out learning how the peddles worked and then off we went – bobbing side to side, scooting down the street. As we practiced our skill of biking, we slowly learned that if we worked at balancing the bike while peddling, we wouldn't bang side to side from one training wheel to the other. When our parents saw that we had mastered the balancing, they prepared us to accept the removal of our little crutches and trying a solo run without them.

With this illustration in mind, let us read one of the instructions of God (YHWH).

Num 15:38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. 39 And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are

inclined, 40 and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God. 41 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God."

Allow me to do a little comparison of words here.

Bike = commandments (Torah)

Training wheels = tassels

Practice skills = follow commandments with the help of training wheels (Tassels)

Jer 31:31** "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, **when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah--** 32 *not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

New covenant = no training wheels

In their minds, on their hearts = Holy Spirit

JUDAH'S TRAPPINGS

Now let's apply the learning process with these terms. If you study what God (YHWH) is saying to the Israelites, He is bringing them into account for following the covenant He has just made with them. If you read the verses right before the instructions to make the tassels you will see why this law was brought into play.

*Num 15:30 'But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the Lord, and he shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he has despised the word of the Lord, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him.' " 32 Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, **they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.** 33 And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. 34 They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him. 35 Then the Lord said to Moses, "The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."*

Let's look at the word presumptuous:

- 1. Unduly confident; **irreverent with respect to sacred things.***
- 2. **Willful**; done with bold design, rash confidence or in violation of known duty; as a presumptuous sin.*

With this description in mind, you can understand why God (YHWH) decided to put “training wheels” on the people. Right after the incident with this man in Numbers 15:30, God (YHWH) sets the rule for the tassels in place - Numbers 15:38. If you then look at Jerimiah 31, you see the promise of a new covenant. This covenant will be written on the heart or, no more “training wheels” so to speak.

The bike (commandments) is still in use but now the balance of the Holy Spirit is in place and we are to “ride that bike” with the knowledge of the Spirit instead of needing a reminder by visually seeing the training wheels. If you will notice in this instruction from God (YHWH), there is no “seal” on it as to be a statute forever throughout the generations. The Hebrew word used for ‘throughout the generations’ in Strong’s is:

dore, dore

properly a *revolution* of time, that is, **an age or generation**;

Now, if you feel more comfortable wearing the tassels, do so. There is nothing wrong with that. I just want you to have the knowledge.

EPHRAIM’S ERROR

Now what do we see in the Christian camp on this subject. There are some bold kids that will learn to ride a bike without using the training wheels. They mount and fall and mount and fall till they stay upright. Now there is nothing wrong with this approach, for

Christians are taught that the Holy Spirit is our guide. The error is believing that they can ride with the Holy Spirit (written on our hearts and in our minds) without even using a bike; which is studying God's commandments, instructions and teachings in Torah.

HOLD IT! YOU DIDN'T WASH YOUR HANDS!

As we came back to trying to do things God's (YHWH's) way, we have looked to the traditions of our brother, Judah. We adopted rituals they performed thinking this is the way it is needed to be done to please God or put more meaning into it. One of these rituals is the washing of the hands before Sabbath begins and before Passover meal. These are two examples. Where was this commanded in Torah?

Exo 30:17 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 18 "You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it, 19 for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it. 20 When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the Lord, they shall wash with water, lest they die. 21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them--to him and his descendants throughout their generations."

This was to be done by the High Priest family in the Tabernacle before God (YHWH).

JUDAH'S TRAPPINGS

Somewhere along the line the leaders of the people moved this command down to all the people and enhanced it a bit. This is what Jesus (Yeshua) dealt with in His time with the Pharisees.

Mat 15:1** Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, 2 **"Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."** 3 He answered and said to them, **"Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

Mar 7:1** Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. 2 Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. 3 **For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders.** 4 When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. **And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.** 5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, **"Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"** 6 He answered and said to them, **"Well did Isaiah

prophecy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'
8 *"For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men*--the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."* 9 *He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.*

This was not a required act for starting the Sabbath meal or the Passover or any others for that matter.

EPHRAIM'S ERROR

Now we come to the Christian side of the family. They read these verses as a license to **eat** anything they want and it's okay. The following verses are a **part of the same conversation** Jesus (Yeshua) was having with the Pharisees about washing of hands:

Mat 15:7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' " 10 *When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "**Hear and understand: 11 Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.**" 12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that*

the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

Mar 7:5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" 6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' 8 "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men --the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."14 When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: 15 There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. 16 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Pulling things out of context can mess you up in understanding what is going on. There was no changing of the dietary commandment here. I go into more scripture detail on this subject in my book **“He Shall Crush Thy Head”**.



The next section of this book is the sample copy of the Passover Seder I follow, then follows the Barley bundles for you to cut out for counting to Shavuot and last, the Menorahs to count the days of Hanukkah on the calendar. This counting is not commanded by God (YHWH), but it adds fun to keeping track of the days to the feast.

PASSOVER SEDER



Eze 11:17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Master YHWH; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.



Pesach Memorial/Rehearsal

Blessings in Yeshua,

Here it is that time of year again when we participate in the Passover and the week of unleavened bread.

A time of remembering the trial, death and resurrection of our Savior; Yeshua Ha Mashiach and a time of looking forward to our deliverance from this captivity in Babylon and returning home again. A time of rehearsal..... A rehearsal for the second exodus – *Shemot!!* (The word ‘exodus’ is the English word. In Hebrew it is shemot which means ‘names’) May our ‘names’ be included!

Jer 16:14 'Look, the days are coming, Yahweh declares, when people will no longer say, "As Yahweh lives who brought the Israelites out of Egypt!"¹⁵ but, "As Yahweh lives who brought the

Israelites back from the land of the north and all the countries to which he had driven them." I shall bring them back to the very soil I gave their ancestors.'

We are gathered here in anticipation of the event to happen spoken in Jerimiah 16. Let us remember our liberation from bondage and look forward to our future.

The night begins!

The four promises of YHWH

Exo 6:6 Therefore say to the sons of Israel, *I am YHWH*, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rescue you out of their bondage. And I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgments. 7 And I will

take you to Me for a people,
and I will be your Elohím. And
you shall know that I *am*
YHVH your Elohím, who
brings you out from under the
burdens of the Egyptians.



First promise, Separation and Affliction

1) / will bring you out: (yaw-tsaw – to pluck out, to depart, to issue forth from one place to another.) He separated our fathers from Egypt. He separated us who believe by the blood of His son. He will again separate us from the world as we listen to His voice and obey His commands.

First cup: dip matza in salt water (tears and sweat of slavery) (Prayer)

Exo 8:20 Yahweh said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; behold, he comes forth to the water; and tell him, 'This is what Yahweh says, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21 Else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you, and on your servants, and on your people, and into your houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also

the ground whereon they are. 22 I will set apart in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end you may know that I am Yahweh in the midst of the earth. 23 I will put a division between my people and your people: by tomorrow shall this sign be." ' "

Psa 142:7 Bring my soul out of prison that I may praise Your name; the righteous shall gather around me; for You shall reward me.

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

The Memorial of our Passover



Exo 12:2
This month
shall be to
you the
beginning of

months. It shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth of this month they shall take to them each man a lamb for a father's house, a lamb for a house. 4 And if the household is too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take according to the number

of the souls, each one, according to the eating of his mouth, you shall count concerning the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You shall take from the sheep or from the goats. 6 And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month. And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. 7 And they shall take *some* of the blood and strike on the two side posts and upon the upper door post of the houses *in* which they shall eat it. 8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened *bread*. They shall eat it with *bitter* herbs. 9 Do not eat of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted *with* fire, its head with its legs, and with its inward parts. 10 And you shall not let any of it remain until the morning. And that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. 11 And you shall eat of it this way, *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in a hurry. It *is* YHVH's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt. I *am* YHVH. 13 And the blood shall be a sign to you upon the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be upon you for a destruction when I smite in the land of Egypt. 14 And this day shall be a memorial to you. And you shall keep it as a feast to YHVH throughout your generations. You shall keep it *as* a feast by a law forever.

Joh 13:1 *Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this*

world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. 2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." 8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." 12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. 18 I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' 19 Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He. 20 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives

whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." 21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. 25 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." 28 But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. 29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. 30 Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night. 31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. 33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." 36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward." 37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake." 38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

Joh 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. 12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. 15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My

commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. 25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

Joh 15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the

vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in

Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another. 18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He who hates Me hates My Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. 25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me

without a cause.' 26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Joh 16:1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. 3 And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. 4 But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. 5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. 16 "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the

Father." 17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" 18 They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying." 19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? 20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. 23 And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. 25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father." 29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from

God." 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Joh 17:1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. 6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. 9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition,

that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24 Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Joh 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. 2 And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. 3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of

troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" 5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. 6 Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," 9 that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none." 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?" 12 Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. 13 And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. 14 Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. 15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another ^[97] disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. 16 But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. 17 Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." 18 Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself. 19 The high priest then

asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. 20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, ^[98] and in secret I have said nothing. 21 Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said." 22 And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?" 24 Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. 25 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!" 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" 27 Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed. 28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. 29 Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" 30 They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." 31 Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," 32 that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die. 33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" 35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to

me. What have You done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all. 39 "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 40 Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

Joh 19:1 So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. 3 Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. 4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." 5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" 6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." 8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, 9 and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus

gave him no answer. 10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." 12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." 13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" 15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" 16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. 17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. 19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. 21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' " 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. 24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not

tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. 25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. 31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a great day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Joh 6:54 Whoever partakes of My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 He who partakes of My flesh and drinks My blood dwells in Me, and I in him.

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Rev 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book and to open its seals, for You were slain and have redeemed us to YHVH by Your blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.



What does the foot washing symbolize? Washing the 'world' from us and preparing for His walk set before us. If we won't

allow our walk to be cleansed from the world, we cannot walk His walk. What else can it mean? We are to be servants to one another. Preferring each other over ourselves and be willing to show compassion and mercy to others.

1Co 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit *the* kingdom of YHVH? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor abusers, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit *the* kingdom of YHVH. 11 And such were some of you. **But you are washed**, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Master Yeshua, and by the Spirit of our Elohim.

Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, **and our bodies washed with pure water.**

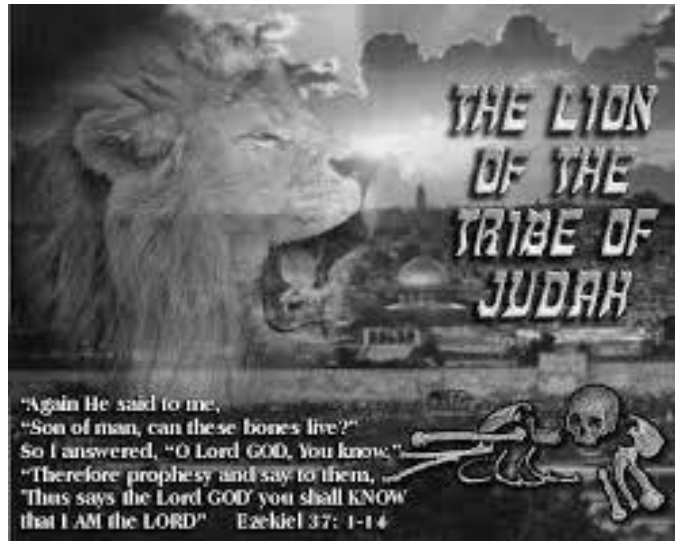
Gal 5:13 For, brothers, you were called to be free. Only do not let that freedom become an excuse for allowing your old nature to have its way. Instead, **serve one another in love.**

1Pe 4:10 As each one has received some spiritual gift, he should **use it to serve others**, like good managers of God's many-sided grace –

His Plan:

*Second
Promise,
Deliverance*

*2) I will
rescue you*



out of their bondage: (naw-tsal - to defend, deliver, preserve, rescue.) He delivered our fathers from being slaves to the Egyptians. He delivered us from being slaves to sin. He will deliver us from the slavery of the world when He comes to judge the world and set His government in place.

Second cup: dip matza in watered down honey (sweetness of rescue) (Prayer)

Psa 144:7 Send Your hand from above; rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of a foreigner's sons;

Eze 34:12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out My sheep and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Eze 34:27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. And they shall be safe in their land, and they shall know that I *am* YHVH, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hands of those who enslaved them.

2Co 1:9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, so that we should not trust in ourselves, but in YHVH who raises the dead; 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver; in whom we trust that He will yet deliver *us*,

Gal 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of YHVH our Father:

Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.



Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of YHVH, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, YHVH El Shaddai; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Master of masters, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

[bottom line note:]

Question: What are we now to do?

Answer: Keep our clay soft!

How?: Water softens clay. Use the water of the Word.

Challenge: Do not just listen to others interpret the Word but read it often for yourself.

THE MEAL of Preparation for the Coming Time of Endurance and Watching

Let us now partake of the meal of the Lamb of YHWH and remember the love He showed us by fulfilling all the requirements needed to open the door to fellowship with YHWH again. Let us eat with joy and gratitude to our wonderful Savior and soon coming King. Let us eat in anticipation of His return.

After the meal

Third Promise, Redemption and Judgement,

3) / will redeem you with a stretched out arm,

and with great judgments: (gaw-al – to purchase, ransom, avenger, redeem.) He redeemed our fathers with His outstretched arm of judgment. He redeemed us with His blood. He will again redeem us from the grasp of the world with great judgment.

Third cup: dip matza in wine with horseradish in it.
(representing judgements coming on the earth and
reminder to pray for those still bound. (Prayer)



*(What are
the
judgments
coming upon the earth?)*



Let's look at the plagues. (Listed at back of Seder)

Exo 11:4 And Moses said, Thus says YHVH: About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt. 5 And all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sits upon his throne, even to the first-born of the slave-girl that is behind the mill; also the first-born of beasts. 6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. 7 But against any of the sons of Israel not even a dog shall move his tongue, against man or beast, so that you may know that YHVH puts a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

Psa 72:14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

Psa 130:8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Hos 13:14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, where are your plagues; O Grave, where is your ruin! Repentance shall be hidden from My eyes.

Joh 3:16 For YHVH so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rev 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear YHVH, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. 8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of YHVH, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Yeshua our Mashiach has redeemed us; taking our place in judgment. He paid the price demanded by disobedience to His Words. He took our cup of bitter waters of adultery. He ransomed us with the price of the shedding of His blood. With His sacrifice of life and

obeying Father unto death, He took the stripes we deserved that we could be free from the curse brought on by breaking the agreement of betrothal through disobedience to the 10 words of the covenant with YHWH; and with His death, as our estranged husband, opens the door for us to be once again betrothed to our beloved.

The Torah that was set down as a shadow for our redemption:

Num 5:18 And the priest shall set the woman before YHVH, and uncover the woman's head, and put the reminding offering in her hands, which *is* the jealousy offering. And the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causes the curse. 19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say to the woman, If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone aside to uncleanness, being under your husband, you are free from this bitter water that causes the curse. 20 But if you have gone aside, being under your husband, and if you are defiled and some man besides your husband has given his seed to you, 21 then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing. And the priest shall say to the woman, YHVH make you a curse and an oath among your

people, when YHVH makes your thigh to fall away and your belly to swell. 22 And this water that causes the curse shall go into your bowels to make *your* belly swell and your thigh fall away. And the woman shall say, Amen, amen. 23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water. 24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causes the curse. And the water that causes the curse shall enter into her *and become* bitter.

Luk 22:42 saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me. Yet not My will, but Yours be done.

Hos 1:8 Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. 9 Then said Elohim, Call his name Lo-ammi: for you are not my people, and I will not be your Elohim. 10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, You are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, You are the sons of the living El.

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has

called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of YHVH: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.



Fourth Promise, Reward

4) And I will take you to Me for a people:

(/aw-kach – accept, carry away, fetch, take.) He took our fathers by the hand and led them out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. He took us by the hand and led us to the tree to die of our sins and brought us into the presence of YHWH by His blood. He will again come to lead us out of captivity into the Promised Land – The new Heaven and new Earth – to dwell forever with Him as His people.



Fourth cup: dip matza in milk and honey. (Prayer)

Jer 31:20 Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a delightful child? For as often as I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still. Therefore My heart is troubled for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says YHVH. 21 Set up waymarks, make sign posts for yourself. Set your heart toward the highway, the way you went. Turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these your cities.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from YHVH out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of YHVH is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and YHVH himself shall be with them, and be their Elohim. 4 And YHVH shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am the Aleph and the Tav, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is thirsty of the fountain of the water of life freely.

What is coming?

Isaiah: 2:12, 4:3-6, 11:1-16, 12:1-6, 13:9-13, 14:1-2, 24-27, 16:3-5, 24:21-23, chp 25- 27:6, 31:4-5, 33:13-22, chp 34 - 35, chp 40, 43 - 44:8, 48:16, 17-49:6, 15-26, 51:4-8, 52:6-12, 55:1 - 56:8, 60:8-9, 62:6-7, 63:16-19, 65:17-25

Jerimiah: 3:6-22, 23:1-8, chp 30 – 31

Ezekiel: 11:14-2, 20:33-38, 28:24-26, 34:11-31,
36:6-38, chp 37 – 39, 47:1-14, 21-23

Plagues of Egypt

1. Water to blood - All in Egypt experienced this; even Israel - to get their attention maybe?
2. Frogs - All experienced theses also.
3. Lice - Also this one - it's not good to be dull of hearing!
4. Swarms - Now the difference begins. I will put a division between my people and thy people: tomorrow shall this sign be. Israel protected
5. Pestilence on cattle - Israel protected
6. Boils - Israel Protected
7. Hail and fire - Israel protected
8. Locust - Israel protected
9. Darkness - Light in Goshen
10. Death of first born - ***Israel protected IF they obey the instructions.***

Plagues of Revelations

COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT
PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND THAT YE RECEIVE NOT
OF HER PLAGUES.

Trumpet 1 - hail and fire mingled with blood, third part of trees and all green grass was burnt up. Rev. 8:7

Trumpet 2 - great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: third part of the sea became blood; third part of the creatures in the sea, and third part of ships were destroyed. Rev. 8:8

Trumpet 3 - there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. Rev. 8:10

Trumpet 4 - third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. Rev. 8:12

Trumpet 5 - star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. there came out locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. Rev.9:1

***First woe** with the fifth trumpet - Apollyon coming out of the pit with his army of locusts.

Trumpet 6 - the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. Rev. 9:13

* **Second woe** with sixth trumpet. The two witnesses with no rain, fire, and water into blood as often as they wish. Great earth quake with 10th part of the city falling and killing 7000 men. Remnant frightened and give glory to YHWH.

Trumpet 7 - announcing coming of world kingdoms under YHWH and Mashiach. there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. Rev. 11:15

***Third woe** - A war in the heavens and Ha Satan thrown to earth with great wrath. Final assault on mankind for repentance before final judgements.

Last set of plagues - bowls of YHWH's wrath

Bowl 1 - there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. Rev. 16:2

Bowl 2 - poured upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea. Rev. 16:3

Bowl 3 - poured upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. For they have shed the blood of

saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. Rev. 16:4

Bowl 4 - poured upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat. Rev. 16:8

Bowl 5 - poured upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain. Rev. 16:10

Bowl 6 - upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of YHVH the Almighty. Rev. 16:12

Bowl 7 - poured into the air; And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed YHVH because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great. Rev. 16:17

MAKING COTTON BALL SHEEP FOR PASSOVER TABLE

Supplies:

Empty toilet paper rolls

Cotton balls

Cardboard to cut strips for legs

Construction paper for making sheep faces

Glue

Scissors

Little moving eyes for faces

*Cut strips from cardboard for legs

*Glue legs onto empty toilet paper roll and let them dry. You can use pieces of balsam wood or match sticks too.

*Glue cotton balls all over toilet paper roll that has legs attached. They can be stretched some to look more like wool.

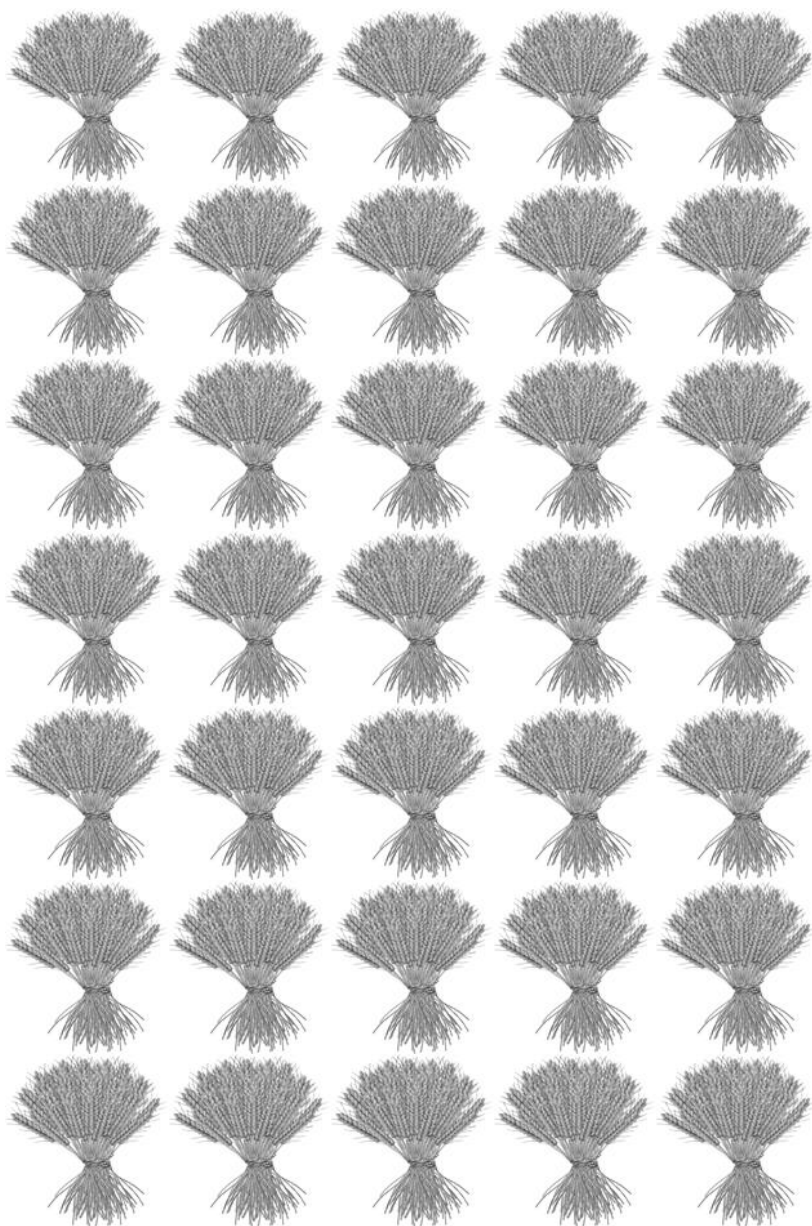
*Draw and cut out sheep faces and glue eyes on them

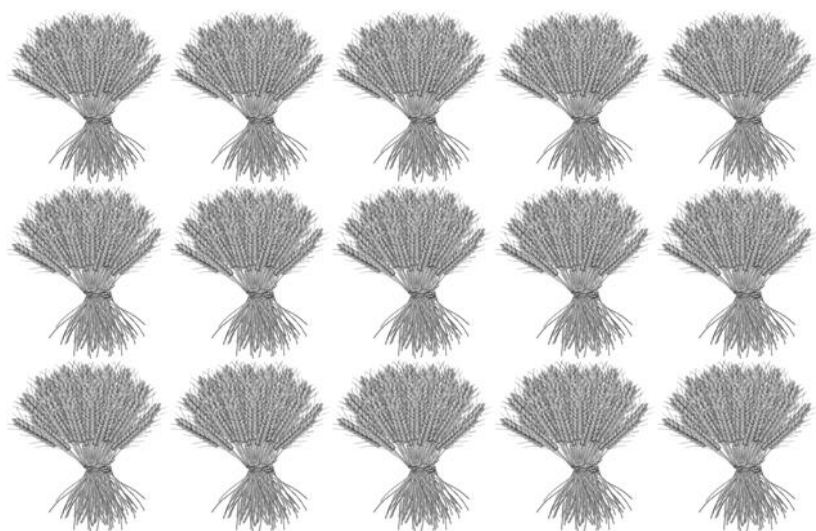
*Glue faces onto front of cotton ball body

The children liked doing these when they were little. It gave them a part in decorating.



**OMER BUNDLES FOR YOUR COUNTING TO
SHAVUOT / PENTECOST**





I write the number for the day of count on the bundle and then cut it out and tape to that day. For the Sabbath day, I write:

1st Sab

And then the number counted for that day.

Do not put a bundle on New Moon Day or any intercalated days at end of the month (that would be the 30th day of a month).

**MENORAHS FOR COUNTING ON CALENDAR FOR
HANUKKAH**

