

# The Feasts of Yahweh Elohim of Israel

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### **Prologue**

I was asked by my friends in Pakistan to write this book on the Feasts of Yahweh the Elohim that we love and worship, they desired to know about the seven feasts of Yahweh mentioned in the Bible and their desire is to worship our Master Yahshua in spirit and in truth knowing about His ordinances, judgements and statutes. There was no such teaching in Pakistan about the feasts and in the year 2006 I taught about the feast of Passover and Pentecost for the first time to His people who were hungry for His words, for this I feel privileged that our Master Yahshua took me to Pakistan for such a time as this to teach on these important elements of our faith which can bring real blessings in the believers life yet are so neglected by most of the Pastors.

This book is written from a Torah perspective because the Torah plus the rest of the books of the Bible are words eternal for ALL time for ALL those who consider themselves **grafted in Israel** and are the **sheep of Yahshua**, Bnai Israel (The people of Israel) to show them that they need to return to their **original** heritage and come out of the Babylonian worship and customs. Pakistan has a sizable Ephramite community, parts of the ten tribes are dispersed in this region of the world and here also we find members of the tribe of Judah in the North West Frontier and Afghanistan. Many Pushton Pathans who may not be aware of their Jewish heritage are actually the blood relatives of King David. Some of these are aware of their genealogies. Return to the Lord your God Yahweh.

In this book I use references from the King James Version of the Bible or New King James version and where different it states the name. The Bible that I recommend for ALL believing communities is the non-agenda related Semitic Bible the one that I rate as the best translation in the world with the Hebrew Tenach and Aramaic New Testament the language of our Master Yahshua. This is the **Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition** printed by **Your Arms to Israel** Messianic Christian believers and can be purchased from <a href="http://www.restorationscriptures.org">http://www.restorationscriptures.org</a>. I don't really mind what other Bibles you use for reference but this is one Bible that is a must have tool for ALL Israelites.

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# **Chapter 1**

### **Perspective of the Feasts**

The Feasts are divided into the following.

#### **Spring feasts**

- Passover (Pesach)
   Unleavened bread (Hag HaMatzot)
- 3. First fruits (Bikkurim)
- 4. Pentecost (Shavuot)

#### Fall feasts

- 5. Trumpets (Yom Terua)
- 6. Tabernacles (Sukkot)
- 7. Atonement (Yom Kippur)

#### The Hebrew Calendar based on the Lunar months;

Month	Civil Calendar	Religious Calendar	Feast days
1	Tishri	Nisan (Exodus 12:4 Aviv = "tender" in Hebrew)	Passover - Nisan 14 First Fruits - Nisan 16 Unleavened bread - Nisan 15
2	Cheshvan	Iyar	
3	Kislev	Sivan	Pentecost
4	Tevet	Tammuz	
5	Shevat	Av	
6	Adar	Elul	
7	Nisan (Aviv)	Tishri	Trumpets Atonement
			Tabernacles
8	Iyar	Cheshvan	
9	Sivan	Kislev	
10	Tammuz	Tevet	
11	Av	Shevat	
12	Elul	Adar	

Appointed times of Yahweh, for ALL feasts the Religious calendar should be used.

#### Important points to note;

- 1. 52 Sabbaths (A Hebrew year is made up of 360 days)
- 2. 7 days for Passover (This includes **Passover** (1 day), the Feast of **Unleavened Bread** (seven days) and Feast of First Fruits (falls on the 16<sup>th</sup> Nisan morrow after the Passover)
- 3. 1 day for Hag **Ha Shavuot** (Feast of Pentecost)
- 4. 1 day for **Yom Teruah** (Feast of Trumpets, which is concurrent with **Rosh Hashanah** though there is a difference between the civil and religious calendar.
- 5. 1 day for **Yom Kippur** (Day of Atonement)
- 6. 7 days for **Sukkot** (Feast of Booths/Tabernacle)
- 7. 1 day for **Shemini Atzeret** (Eighth Day of the Assembly)
  - > 52 yearly Sabbaths
  - > 7 days for Passover
  - > 1 day for Pentecost
  - > 1 day for Trumpets
  - > 1 day for Atonement
  - > 7 days for Tabernacles
  - > 1 day for the great day of Tabernacles
  - > Total appointed times = 70 days in the year.

This is an interesting addition considering that Yahweh considers seventy nations of the world as gentiles or goee and Israel the twelve tribes as one people under Him completely separate from the seventy nations of the world.

It is believed that Messiah Yahshua has fulfilled the first four feasts, **Passover**, **Unleavened bread**, **Bikkurim** and **Pentecost** and He will come to fulfil the other three feasts in the latter days i.e. those upon us now.

#### Should we as believers keep the feasts?

**Leviticus 23:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the **feasts of the Lord**, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

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**Leviticus 23:2** Speak to the **children of Yisrael**, and say to them, The **moadim of moadim**, which you shall proclaim to be migra kedoshim, even these are My moadim.

First of all it is important to recognise that Christendom has mostly associated the **feasts with Jews** but does the text justify their position that they took at the council of Nicea by people such as Constantine and others after him?

Does the text reading say "feasts of the Yahudim" (Jews)? No, the text reading says "speak to the children of Israel, these children were the **12 tribes that came out of Egypt with the mixed multitude (gentile converts also)** so in essence the Jews are but one tribe, it is true that Benjamin came and joined with them but what about the other ten tribes that were dispersed by the Assyrians?

One must clearly answer in the positive that the feasts are not for the Jews alone but of Yahweh and His people, ALL 12 tribes and if we take Yahweh to be our Elohim then we have to obey Him since He does not change. If your theology teaches you that He changes or mutated at some later point after MT Sinai then you are teaching the doctrine of a false god not the Elohim of Israel.

<u>Malachi 3:6</u> For I am the Lord,[Yahweh] I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

**Proverbs 30:6** Do not add to His words, lest He reprove you, and you be found a liar.

It could also be that you are adding to His words by introducing pagan feasts that have no connection or place with him. Be careful you are treading on thin ground since on the day of judgement no ecumenical council will be able to help you but you will have to answer for yourself.

Yahweh changes <u>not</u> so let us not force a change in our mind because that does not make Yahweh mutate simply because we wish that He did. Are you a son of Jacob i.e. from the twelve tribes or are you simply another goee gentile carrying heathen practices and claiming to be a follower?

<u>Malachi 4:4</u> Remember ye the law [Torah] of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for <u>ALL Israel</u>, with the statutes and judgments.

The Torah was given for ALL Israel that includes the twelve tribes and any other people that joined unto this nation thus becoming the **COMMONWEALTH** 

**OF ISRAEL** or more accurately Israeli citizens in the eyes of Yahweh thus it is incumbent for ALL of us to obey the Torah precepts and do what we can and leave what we cannot do. The feasts purpose was not only education and the foreshadowing of the coming Messiah but also it was to show others who you worshipped. Even though the Messiah has come that does not mean that is it so we should not celebrate because these **ARE** shadows of things to come (speaks in the future tense) i.e. the 2<sup>nd</sup> return of Messiah also.

<u>Colossians 2:16-17</u> Let <u>no</u> man (gentile or otherwise) therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: (17) Which **ARE** a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Although some Protestants may still hold animosity for the past for what the Roman Catholics did to them in terms of the persecution but reality is that Protestantism still carries many pagan Roman practices that have no legitimate Biblical mandate such as Christ-mass and Easter (Bunnies and eggs) that in the Biblical timeline are Sukkot (feast of Tabernacles) and Passover. Where possible we need to steer clear of man made commandments and stay focused on Yahweh's commandments.

### Chapter 2

#### Passover (Pesach)

Most of the people think that this feast was given to the Jews i.e. Yahudah, firstly the feast was given to Israel ALL **TWELVE TRIBES** including the gers or gerim (**converts**) who came and joined Biblical Judaism. Yashshua came to fulfil Biblical Judaism, He did not come to start a new religion even though many think Christianity is new yet it is actually the continuation and fulfilment of Biblical Judaism.

<u>Matthew 5:17</u> Think not that I am come to destroy the law [Torah], or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

More accurately saying this;

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<u>Matthew 5:17</u> Think not that I am come to weaken, or destroy the Torah, or the neviim: I have not come to weaken, or destroy, but to completely reveal it in its intended fullness.

Secondly most people do not realise that our father Abraham celebrated the first Passover, the first mention of the Passover is actually with him and it was with a heifer that he celebrates it (the Elohim of Israel present in flesh of a man). Let's us take a look at the first Passover.

<u>Genesis 18:1</u> Then the <u>Lord [Yahweh]</u> appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the **tent door in the heat of the day**.

Note Abraham was living in Hebron in Israel at this time and not Saudi Arabia.

The term "heat of the day" is an idiom for the hottest part of the day. We see here Yahweh appeared to Abraham. The Hebrew for appeared Ra'ah \( \textstyle{\textstyle{1}}\

<u>Genesis 18:4</u> "Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

In the Middle-East it was/is a custom to "wash the feet" after arriving in another house. At the Drash level (Allegorical) It also meant to throw away any idols or false gods if you are carrying them.

<u>Genesis 18:6</u> 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.

Remember Yahshua has to meet the requirement of the red heifer and here it is exactly where He meets this requirement symbolically since Yahshua is actually present in this Pesach style ceremony else He would be disqualified to be our atonement. Many Jews reject Him failing to understand this point.

This was likely 14<sup>th</sup> Nisan when Yahweh the Son made His appearance alongside two angels. Notice the bread is not unleavened but leavened. I am presuming since a proper ordinance may not have revealed fully as during Moses visit to Egypt this was what I can call a cut version of the Passover. Here the Red Heifer signifies Yahshua symbolically though I will go into the details of the Red Heifer later.

#### **Correct way to interpret scripture**

It is important that we read the Bible correctly to get its deeper message. The way to read the Bible is as follows with the acronym PRDS.

 [P]ashat
 "simple"

 [R]emez
 "hint"

 [D]rash
 "search"

 [S]od
 "hidden"

The first principle is **Pashat**, which means read it literally or called the literal principle. The second is **Remez** meaning implied or hint, which means that the text has a deeper meaning that may not be immediately apparent.

Let me explain, some use Paul's usage of Galatians 3:10 text to say Torah is bad but fail to see Paul's use of the word law between man's laws/customs and Yahweh's Laws torot. In fact Paul is saying by adopting men made laws you can never find truth and you remain under the curse of eternal judgement but by the Torah of Yahweh it leads to the solution of sin i.e. the goal of Messiah.

<u>Galatians 3:10</u> For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Paul actually quotes here verbatim Deuteronomy 27:26 referring to Minhagim (customs) and Ma'aseh Ha Torah (works of oral torah). These were works of the oral Torah devised by Rabbis that could not save as these were simply man made customs and oral traditions (Ma'aseh and Minhagim).

<u>Deuteronomy 27:26</u> Cursed be he that confirmeth not **ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LAW TO DO THEM**. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Now we can see that those are cursed who do NOT obey the Torah or those bent on obeying man made laws to attain salvation.

The third is **Drash** which means it is allegorical, typological or homiletical meaning of scripture almost like searching the scripture for application of the text like Paul did in **Galatians 3:10** where he used Drash to show the difference between a **curse because of man made traditions** to the REAL curse applied by God for not following the <u>written</u> words of Yahweh. Therefore, in order to draw a Drash we have to use scripture with scripture not to lose the Pashat in its simplest terms.

**Sod** is the reference to the hidden meaning of scripture e.g. like the words of mystery Babylon in scripture that have a hidden meaning to something in our time. Bearing this in mind we start to read the Bible with a fuller understanding not to dissect scripture incorrectly.

This is why Paul said to Timothy.

# **2** Tim **2:15** Be diligent to present yourself **approved to God**, a worker who **does not need to be ashamed**, rightly **dividing** the **word of truth**.

Having this knowledge we can start to read the Bible with a Hebraic understanding not to miss any important bits in the Bible, Yahshua our Lord designed the Bible in a way for us so that we could do interactive learning by asking questions to Yahshua and asking the Holy Spirit to give us understanding of difficult passages and using passage by passage study of scripture.

With this in mind let's look at Abraham's request to Yahweh for the countdown is significant from fifty to Ten, numbers in the Bible always have a Drash, Sod or Remez interpretation. At the Drash level (Allegorical) Abraham was acting as the mediator for the ten tribes of Israel who went into Idolatry later.

<u>Genesis 18:23-24</u> And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? (24) "Suppose there were **fifty** righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?

**Genesis 18:32** And he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose **ten should be found there?**" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten."

The number ten is interesting allegorically associated with the ten tribes of Israel who Yahweh Elohim would forgive even though they transgressed His law, since He would scatter them and re-gather them so they would all come in by FAITH in Messiah. The number ten is also significant of the ten commandments revealed at Mt Sinai.

What we find next is even more remarkable as the two angels enter Sodom.

<u>Genesis 18:3</u> But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a **FEAST**, and **BAKED UNLEAVENED BREAD**, and they ate.

Is it not uncanny that lot was celebrating the feast of unleavened bread so this in my opinion is 15<sup>th</sup> Nisan when he made bread without yeast. One might wonder what is Lot doing with a so called Jewish feast but like I said this is a feast for Israel not just the tribe of Judah, always think tribes and the full house of Jacob i.e. the twelve tribes. Now the question is this that was Abraham revealed the Passover alongside Lot or is this something they acted out without knowing about it? In my opinion they were acting out the Passover to whatever revelation they had received about it but when it was revealed to the departing Israelites in Egypt it was different because then it was a lamb opposed to a heifer and they were to apply the blood to the door posts plus eat bitter herbs. Remember Abraham was not in slavery so they did not prepare bitter herbs as these signified bitter service to Pharaoh. Also Abraham did not put the blood on the doorposts, it may just be since he obeyed the Torah laws yet the Torah was not fully revealed that Abraham did what was evidently the ceremony of a Passover with Lot acting out the feast of unleavened bread with what ever their understanding was at that time. Yahshua ate the Passover meal with the disciples and so here we see the Yahshua present with Abraham eating the meal.

We also notice that in Ezekiel there are some changes in the feast, in fact it is going backward with what Abraham did as this time it is a calf and not a lamb

just like in Abraham's time since there is no need here for a cross in the millennium as it has already happened in the past.

**Ezekiel 45:21-22** "In the first month, on the <u>fourteenth day</u> of the month, you shall observe the Passover, **a feast of seven days**; **unleavened bread** shall be eaten. (22) "And on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land <u>a bull for a sin offering</u>.

Note the change, it is a **CALF** rather than a lamb and also just like Abraham no blood goes on the doorposts and no bitter herbs since before the Millennium the Messiah had already come. We seem to be gravitating to what happened before the exodus in Egypt. Remember that just like the exodus there is **continuity** not a gap as dispensationalists believe because if we go for the dispensation view we end up making Yahweh's words of no value by forcing things He did not say. Just like in the Passover in exodus circumcision is as an absolute sign to eat the Seder therefore the same applies in the Millennium Temple where one cannot enter the Temple without being circumcised. Once again this proves **continuity** not dispensation.

**Ezekiel 44:9** `Thus says the Lord God: "No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart <u>or</u> uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter My sanctuary, including any foreigner who is among the children of Israel.

The word translated "or" makes it sound like you can be one or the other for instance circumcised in the heart or the flesh but the Hebrew word used here is V'et and here it only means "and" and thus both requirements apply to the ones who come into Israel. True sacred names scriptures Edition Bible gives it its fuller meaning.

**Ezekiel 44:9** This says the Master  $\overrightarrow{n}\overrightarrow{n}$ ; No ger (convert), uncircumcised in lev, (heart) **nor** uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into My Kadosh-Place, even any son of a foreigner that is among the children of Yisrael.

When gentile people entered the Temple during 1<sup>st</sup> century Judaism they had to be **circumcised** in order to go in. The Bottom line is this that for righteousness sake both <u>are</u> required though the circumcision of the flesh is not for salvation, circumcision of the heart first and circumcision of the flesh though the latter is not required immediately but people usually did this upon their understanding of covenant rights, like my Rabbi friend said this is non-negotiable even if you do it at age 51 it has to be done, remember Abraham did the circumcision at 99 yet he was credited righteousness before his circumcision but the act **still** had to be done. If you claim to be Abraham's children then what stops you from fulfilling this requirement? Yahweh declares you cannot enter His Temple without this bewares. The circumstances and allegory is of Joshua when he was entering the land he had to get Israel circumcised before they could set foot in the Promised Land. This is not an Islamic thing in fact the Qur'an does not mention circumcision even once. it is the rite that has been accepted because Yahweh Elohim commanded this to Abraham and his seed.

Joshua 5:2-5 At that time the Lord said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. (3) And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. (4) And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out

of Egypt. (5) Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

Like it or not Yahweh marks His people by these two signs, the Sabbaths and the circumcision. Circumcision is not a sign for salvation but simply the mark of the Abrahamic covenant and obedience.

The command to obey the Passover feast came in Exodus chapter 12 just prior to Israel's rushed exit from Egypt.

Exodus 12:1-14 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, (2) This month shall be unto you the **beginning of** months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. (3) Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: (4) And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. (5) Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: (6) And ye 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 of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. (8) And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. (9) Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. (10) And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. (11) And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover. (12) For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. (13) And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. (14) And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

There are several things in the passages that we need to look at but first of all let's look at what Yahweh wanted.

- This day is the beginning of the Biblical New Year
- ➤ This ordinance of the Passover is for all the 12 tribes of Israel not just the tribe of Judah and Benjamin today referred to as the Jews.
- > On the 10th day take a lamb one per household
- > Lamb had to be male and had to be at least of up to 1 year old.
- > Either from the sheep's or goats was fine.
- > You were to display this lamb up to the 14<sup>th</sup> day.
- > The whole assembly together will kill the lambs in the evening.
- > They shall apply the shed blood on the two side posts and upper doorpost of their house, this literally symbolises the cross.

- Notice it does not say if I see a Jew I won't kill your firstborn but it says wherever I see the blood on the door that firstborn shall live. Anyone on this night obeying His commandment would have his firstborn saved.
- > It is Yahweh who passes throughout the land even referred to in the second person of the triune Godhead i.e. Yahshua the Messiah as Malekh Yahweh.
- > They were to roast the meat and eat it quickly.
- > They were to eat it with raw herbs.
- > The bread to be eaten with the lamb as unleavened bread.
- > The blood to be put on the door posts and door top by a hyssop.
- > The blood was meant to be a sign.
- > Even today the Samaritans do this ritual in Israel cutting a lamb and putting the blood on their doorposts.

They were to roast the lamb and eat it quickly with their shoes on their feet and staff in their hand. Sounds like a Pakistani wedding to me, everyone grabbing the meat and standing and eating quickly before it runs out.

The modern Jews today do several things which are mainly by tradition. Later the sacrifice was commanded to be done in Jerusalem the place which Yahweh chose to put His name there. (Deuteronomy 16:6)

<u>Deuteronomy 16:6</u> "but at the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt.

These are the fifteen steps of the Passover that the Jews do today in a service that may last all night.

#### http://ad2004.com/prophecytruths/Articles/Yeshua/lastsupper2.html

- 1. **Kiddush and the first cup** (first of 4 cups of wine)--prayer of sanctification and a blessing is recited with the first cup of wine, to set apart the day to God.
- 2. **U-r'chatz** (the washing of hands)--no blessing is recited. One family member takes a pitcher of water, bowl, and towel to each person at the table to wash their hands.
- 3. **Karpas** (means parsley, celery, green herbs)--dip the green vegetable in a bowl of salt water and eat. The green vegetable reminds people Passover is in the spring, and the salt water symbolizes the tears and pain of slavery.
- 4. **Yachatz** (breaking of matzot)--middle of 3 pieces of matzah (unleavened bread) is broken in two with the larger portion wrapped in a napkin and set aside as afikomen (it is hidden & that matzah eaten at the end of the meal), the other piece is left with the other two unbroken matzot.
- 5. **Maggid** (telling of the story of the Exodus)--4 questions, concludes with 2nd cup of wine, the wine of wrath. The story of the Exodus is told and a tiny bit of wine is poured out for each plague. First half of the Hallel (Psalms 113-118) is recited responsively. Then the 2nd cup of wine is consumed.
- 6. **Rachtzak** (washing of hands with a blessing)--ceremonial cleansing.

- 7. **Motzi** (the blessing over the unleavened bread)--the upper matzah and remainder of the broken middle are broken into pieces and distributed.
- 8. **Matzah** (unleavened bread is blessed and eaten)--the upper matzah and remainder of the middle matazah are broken and eaten.
- 9. **Maror** (bitter herbs are blessed and eaten)--usually symbolized by romaine lettuce and horseradish.
- 10. **Korech** (matzah and bitter herbs eaten together)--dip the matzah in horseradish and charoset (apple & nut mixture) and eat it. In many seders, steps#8-10 are combined
- 11. **Shulchan Orech** (the meal is eaten)--roasted lamb served with bitter herbs and matzah (in Yahshua's day), today it can vary a lot and usually has much more variety as a sumptuous meal.
- 12. **Tzafun** (afikomen found, ransomed, and eaten)--children search for and find the afikomen and the finder gets a reward. Everyone gets a small piece of the afikomen to eat.
- 13. **Barech** (grace after the meal)--3rd cup of wine is the cup of redemption, and it is sipped. After the third cup, a child goes to the door looking for Elijah, to see if he is there to announce the coming of Messiah. Fourth cup of wine is the cup of acceptance or praise.
- 14. **Hallel** (Psalms, Tehillim 115-118)--every seder ends with the latter half of the Hallel.
- 15. Nirtzak (all is finished)--seder complete.

#### How should believers fulfil this requirement?

Just like Exodus tells us that these things <u>are</u> (present not past) a <u>sign</u> and a <u>memorial</u> to all generations to be done **forever**, they are <u>not</u> annulled.

There is no harm in us carrying out the remembrance and carrying out the signs and having the meal but it is important that we the males must be <u>circumcised</u> if we are to take part in the meal as that is a <u>requirement</u> absolutely set in scripture and cannot be annulled (Exodus 12:43-44) as is a sin if you do not adhere to it and many Pastors are breaking this commandment taking it lightly.

It means that some of us can do this e.g. just like Yahweh commanded we can have a lamb and have the sign on our doorposts literally like the Samaritans while for others it may not be possible so they simply have a shank bone for the Messiah as a remembrance and even some of us maybe able to get lambs to be roasted and do the liturgy and prayer and for what Yahshua did for us on this night, remember since we are not in the land (Israel) strictly speaking we cannot fulfil the requirement fully outside of the Temple but we can still carry out the symbols outside the land of Israel and praise Yahshua for delivering not only our forefathers but us also you may not realise but many of you have Ephramite

blood and you are biological Ephramites related to Judah physically. We should where possible do things literally as scripture mandates, nowhere does scripture say we who are joined unto Israel are not allowed to do this act or that we should do it spiritually. Yahweh has one Torah for both Houses of Israel and House of Judah. There is no 3<sup>rd</sup> congregation, if you are not a physical or Spiritual Ephramite joined unto the House of Israel then there is no 3<sup>rd</sup> group to join because the covenants are only with Israel not with an entity called a church.

Irrespective of what others say or do, my advice is to follow scripture where possible literally and do as much as possible and leave the rest to Yahshua. If I was in Pakistan then contrary to popular opinion I could quite easily do this in a Muslim country or if I was in Israel this would be easy to perform but it is more difficult to perform where we are not allowed to cut lambs in our houses such as Europe, thus we have to adhere to the outer signs. The Jews keep a shank bone in the Seder Plate as a sign of the lamb and many prefer to do this but the demand of scripture is to take a literal lamb and cut it and roast it to eat it in the meal.

No where does scripture say that we should do this only as an <u>outer</u> sign, that is simply a problem for us where we cannot do the physical but when the Messiah returns this sacrifice will be done literally once again remembering the past, many believe the purpose will be educational and we can agree since Yahshua is the Messiah and the Lamb of Elohim the purpose would be educational and to keep remembrance as scripture dictates. The only way we can remember or make mention of it Ha Zikkoron is to do the festival outwardly. This is one of the three feasts where Israel was commanded to go to Jerusalem so since there is no Temple yet we cannot offer the lamb, Yahweh in His mercy took the Temple so as not to nullify what Messiah did but we can do the signs and praise His salvation work and the freedom that He gave us from the bondage and sin by offering prayers and worship.

## Chapter 3

### Feast of the unleavened bread (Hag HaMatzot)

Exodus 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. (19) Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. (20) Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

- > Starting from the 14<sup>th</sup> Nisan to eat unleavened bread.
- > Seven days no leaven should enter our houses, we are to clean our houses of the leaven preceding the feast physically and spiritually.
- > Yahweh is clear that those that disobey will be cut off i.e. killed by Him.
- We must not defy His holy commandment for He will deal with us very harshly if we do since we have the Bible and should know better.

Just as scripture commands we are to remove leaven from our homes and not eat unleavened bread for seven days. This is a time of self examination of sin, pride or ego in one's life and time for repentence and remove all these things

from our households and from us. When we were in Pakistan in April 2006 we did celebrate our Passover there without any problems in a Muslim country where most people think it is impossible to do this.

#### Types and shadows in the Passover and unleavened bread

# Passover is called the FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM because Israel was set free on that day.

It was a sign of deliverance from sin, Egyptian bondage (Since Egypt is a type of the world it relates to worldly sins etc).

#### How do we come under bondage? Sin... What is sin?

Unfortunately many Christians do not like to answer this question with a straight face since it means they have to acknowledge **Torah still rules**. Very few Christians would state the obvious that the breaking of Torah commandments leads to sin.

**1 John 3:4** Whoever commits sin also commits <u>lawlessness</u>, and sin is <u>lawlessness</u>. (Disobeying His instructions)

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<u>First John 3:4</u> Anyone who commits sin violates <u>Torah</u>, for sin is the transgression of the <u>Torah</u>.

We never sin unless we **TRANSGRESS THE TORAH** but if we do not believe in the Torah then how will we ever know about our sin? This is the major error of Christendom today to reject Torah and its instructions. While the Pastors and priests shout from the rooftop Torah not for us, they would do well to see ALL **Renewed Covenant** scripture is rooted in Torah principles and allegories.

A lot of Christians will try and use Paul's writings to annul the Torah but Paul speaks highly in favourably of the Torah since he was a Pharisee and a Rabbi.

**Romans 7:7** What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have **known sin except through the law (Torah)**. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

Now what is the opposite of sinning or not to sin? We should Obey Torah. We simply cannot escape that conclusion. So what gets us into bondage? How about not obeying Torah, It's not hard to reach these conclusions if we are honest with ourselves.

**Exodus 2:23-24** Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned **because of the bondage**, **and they cried out**; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. (24) So God heard their groaning, and **God remembered** His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

The children of Israel cried because they came under bondage, a type of slavery, Yahweh never forgets the covenant that He has made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob so Yahweh Elohim **REMEMBERED** the covenant with the fathers.

**Exodus 6:5** "And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians **keep in bondage**, and **I have remembered My covenant.** 

Egypt is a type of the world; if we trust in the world then we do not really trust in Yahweh. We see this in Isaiah where a sharp rebuke is given to those that trust in **Egypt and its strength**, if in your life you trust your family, business and wealth you would do well to re-examine yourself because none of these things will help you in the resurrection and judgement to come.

<u>Isaiah 30:1-3</u> "Woe to the **rebellious children**," says the Lord, "Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may **add sin to sin**; (2) Who walk to **go down to Egypt**, and have not asked My advice, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the **shadow of Egypt**! (3) Therefore the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame, and trust in the **shadow of Egypt shall be your humiliation.** 

Those who trust in this world will be ashamed one day.

#### With this in mind let us look at the last plague of Egypt.

Yahweh Elohim told the Israelites He would kill the entire first born of ALL Israelites and Egyptians. Yahweh, however, told Israel that there was a way that they could escape punishment from this death to come, to do so, He instituted the **Feast of Passover**; meaning a Feast of **celebration and remembrance of the Day** that Yahweh Passed Over them, leaving them alive and showing that by trusting in Him alone they would survive whatever calamity was to befall the nations around them. He showed them that He was a covenant keeping Elohim and that we should learn to walk in faith rather than by sight as many are in to but they like to call it faith when it is not faith.

**Exodus 11:4-7** And Moses said, thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the **midst of Egypt** (5) And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn 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 children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference **BETWEEN THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAEL**.

Many people think that worshipping Yahweh Elohim is just like worshipping any other god and reason what difference does it make, everyone has their own brand of religion and that each person tries to make sense of the one true Elohim by simply addressing the faith in his own way such as Muslims worship Allah, Hindus worship Krishna, Sikhs worship an unseen god but the problem is that Yahweh is saying "No Israel – **you the twelve tribes are different**", you do not worship just any god and call his name Yahweh but you worship Yahweh the covenant **Elohim of Israel** and that Yahweh does differentiate between me a believer and a third person an unbeliever in the same way as when you go out of the country and you return there is a difference with those that hold a green card and to those who do not have a green card, those who do not have a green card usually have to queue longer and go through a stringent checks to verify their identity. Whenever I come back from visiting a country abroad I can whisk pass the EU Passport control in UK because of my British citizenship that is because I

am different from the none UK passport holders while there is a long queue for those who are non-British.

Like wise with Yahweh there is no stringent checking for those that are called by His name but there is for those that refuse to accept His name and thus they suffer through life with their false gods with such things as bringing a curse in their life of illness, non-prosperity and other bereavements. Just look around yourself, all the nations that have taken up false gods suffer in many different ways because the Torah says "Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.". (Deuteronomy 27:26) **Confirming** here does not simply mean to say Torah exists but it means to obey and to hold fast, to perform the commandments to be blessed.

When I was in Pakistan last time April 2006 I could sense one thing acutely that people who were going about their business worshipping Allah in the mosques had actually no blessings in their life, their life was simply a chance, i.e. they could invest in business and succeed or fail but there was zero protection from the one true Elohim while I could notice very clearly Yahweh's hand upon myself and those that called out by His name, I felt His presence so real that it was amazing. We celebrated the Passover in Pakistan and the unleavened bread and we were able to do this thus this showed how amazing His presence was in our lives, we had no persecution, we had full family co-operation and we were able to witness to many of our family members of the lamb of Elohim Yahshua who came to die for our sins.

**Exodus 12:29**... And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt,

Yahweh chose to take away the firstborn rather than the second born or third born, one question I had in my mind was why the Bekhor (first born)? This is a rather pertinent question. What had happened in Egypt was that the people worshipped kings i.e. Pharaohs and when a child used to be born they use to take the child to their false gods and have the baby blessed, at that time it was believed that the 1<sup>st</sup> born child acquired certain blessings and divine attributes of the local gods thus almost making the child a figure to be worshipped. They were worshipping animals such as bulls and sheep so Yahweh took the first born away thus destroying the gods of Egypt to demonstrate that He is the ONLY true Elohim.

**Exodus 12:12** ...and against all the **gods of Egypt** I will execute judgment: I am the Lord [Yahweh].

Remember that Moses would not take the Hebrews even though Pharaoh had said you can go and do your sacrifices and come back.

#### Parallel passages

<u>Matthew 25:6</u> And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

The symbol is given here that our Adon (Master) Yahshua returns at midnight and also in the Passover the Angel comes at midnight. The Drash (Allegory) of midnight is the time period of the exile of the ten tribes of Israel or the multitude of nations who now believe in the Elohim of Israel. In fact God says "I will pass through the land".

**Exodus 12:12-13** For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will **smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt**, both man and beast; and against **all the gods of Egypt** I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. (13) And the blood shall be to you for a **token** (OT a sign) upon the **houses where ye are**: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

The Drash (symbolically) is taken for ourselves that that blood of Yahshua is a sign for us that we are His and that death cannot have us.

The first month of the year is Aviv.

#### Beginning of the year or head of the months.

**Exodus 12:1-2** And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, (2) This **month shall be unto you the beginning of months**: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Do you know that our life really starts from the time we get saved and not from our birth, so symbolically speaking this is the first year and first month just like in Exodus because until the lamb is sacrificed and our sins are removed we cannot be called saved people! Remember children are not judged in the same way as men/women they go back to God.

<u>John 8:32</u> And ye shall **know the truth, and the truth shall make you free**.

What is truth? Yahshua said He is truth, the Hebrew word TON (Emet) has Alef the first character of Hebrew meaning the beginning and has the last letter of the Hebrew Tay and it has the Meem in the middle.

<u>Psalm 100:5</u> For the Lord is good; **his mercy is everlasting**; and his **TRUTH ENDURETH TO ALL GENERATIONS**.

Thus Yahshua is **the Alef** and **the Tav** and **His words/truth** endure forever i.e. He is trustworthy even in the middle during times of trouble.

<u>Isaiah 44:6</u> Thus saith the Lord the **King of Israel**, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; **I am the first**, and **I am the last**; and beside me there is no God.

The king of Israel is Yahshua and He is the FIRST and the LAST.

**Revelation 1:8** I am **Alpha and Omega**, the **beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

The same words echo here, not only this but He gives away that it was Him that visited Abraham, the word "ALMIGHTY" was revealed to our father Abraham.

**Genesis 17:1** And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am the ALMIGHTY God**; **walk** before me, and **be thou perfect**.

He was not asking Abraham to <u>literally</u> "walk" Halacha before Him or do some funny step dance but He was asking Abraham to OBEY the commandments. The Hebrew word "halacha" or "halachot" are the commandments the ways of Yahweh. The word for "perfect" here is the Hebrew Tamim which has the root word "Tam" that means to be "perfect" or "upright", spotless and blameless. This only happens when we walk in His commandments and avoid sin in our life.

It was Yahshua who was the ALMIGHTY who said to Abraham to walk before HIM i.e. keep MY halacha, Yahshua comamndments.

With this understanding we can see that the Passover is marked as our month of Redemption so in Passover Yahweh showed us **great redemption and rejoicing**.

**Exodus 12:19** Seven days shall there be **no leaven found in your houses**: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

The Drash (Symbolically) and literally remove the leaven i.e. sin from your house, examine yourselves.

<u>Matthew 21:12</u> And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves.

Yahshua cleared the leaven out of His House the Temple demonstrating the same thing. Sin becomes worse like leaven it expands.

<u>Matthew 21:13</u> And said unto them, It is written, **My house shall be called the house of prayer**; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Today many pastors and leaders have made Yahweh's house a market place using it to buy and sell doctrines, teaching people with wrong doctrines and operating their dirty politics in Churches slandering others and so on. Some of these will neither enter heaven themselves nor let others enter who are chasing after their tails.

<u>Hosea 8:11-12</u> "Because Ephraim has made many **altars for sin**, they have become for him **altars for sinning**. (12) I have written for him the great things of My law, But they were considered a strange thing.

Yahweh calls Ephraim to book for making **altars for sin**, the idolatry in churches continues with Ish-tar (Easter) and Christ-mass type celebrations which is pagan holidays attributed to the Bible yet Yahweh wants us to celebrate His true feasts designated in Leviticus 23/Deuteronomy 16 and there is no mention of Christ-mass there. Yet this same crowd counts Yahweh's glorious Torah instructions as a **strange** thing and teaching people the Satanic lie that Torah is abolished for us.

Amos 8:9 "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord God, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight;

This is a direct prophecy of Messiah and His death on the cross when the sun did go down during noon. It was after the events of His death and resurrection that many years later people starting their own made up false pagan feasts.

#### Yahweh announces judgment upon those who still do not believe

<u>Amos 8:10</u> I will turn <u>YOUR FEASTS</u> into mourning, and **all your songs** into lamentation; I will bring **sackcloth on every waist**, and **baldness on every head**; I will make it like mourning for an only son, and its end like a bitter day.

Yahweh's feasts are a delight yet the people's own false made up feasts are leading to judgment, there are even some silly songs in the hymn books such as Christmas tree O Christmas tree. This mo'edim (Feasts) are not what Yahweh commanded but what the people made up such as Christ-mass and Ish-tar (Easter) the false pagan gods they introduced into their lives will be made null and void.

<u>Jeremiah 16:19</u> O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

On the day of their understanding they will be saying as in Jeremiah 16:19 that they had simply **inherited lies** that they practiced as truth;

<u>Isaiah 56:7</u> Even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house SHALL BE CALLED AN HOUSE OF PRAYER for all people.

What did we do with Yahweh's house? My church, my house, my my my, what happened to it being called **YAHWEH'S HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE**. We use His house for our dirty politics. He will judge these people very severely.

This is the <u>leaven</u> still in the House of Yahweh e.g. one such error is that **God** hates the sin but loves the sinner, many pastors use this type of terminology which we do not find described in the Bible. How can Yahweh Elohim hate sin but love the very person committing that sin? I am afraid this is a big contradiction but let's analyze the text where it is drawn from.

**Romans 5:8** But God <u>demonstrates</u> His **own love** toward us, in that while we were still sinners, <u>Christ died for us</u>.

The word for "demonstrate" in the Greek is **soon-is-tah'-an'-o** that means he "**stood near**" or He "**introduced**" His love i.e. His mercy via His Son Yahshua while we were in sin but no where does it say that He loves sinners!!! This is the sort of teaching by saying God loves sinners we are encouraging sinners to walk in sin.

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**1 John 3:4** Anyone who commits sin violates Torah, for sin is the transgression of the Torah. <sup>i</sup>

The RSTNE is a good Bible translation; I call it the Bible that calls a spade a spade, by making the term "law" for what are we referring to? In the Bible many

times the term "law" refers to Torah of Moses, other times it refers to law of man, the Torah is not a do or don't but "a way of life" a "walk" what is termed Halacha or instructions.

<u>Matthew 9:13</u> "But go and learn what this means: `I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." Quoted from Hosea 6:6.

<u>Hosea 6:6</u> For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the **knowledge of God** more than **burnt offerings**.

Now we can see the central concern for the Elohim of Israel is that we have His knowledge and His knowledge is His Halacha (how to live, literally can be walking and acting in faith), this actually refers to **Torah obedience.** The text is saying **I** desire mercy and not sacrifice, it does not mean that He has annulled His sacrificial requirements for atonement but it indeed means that Yahweh Elohim did not intend us to follow some set method of reaching him via sacrifices but that He always longed for a loving relationship with us but because of the first sin in the garden these sacrifices were introduced as the only way to make a relationship possible with Yahweh Elohim to satisfy His righteous demands. It is our sins that separate us but the Mosaic covenant was given in love and mercy so that when we make mistakes we could still come near and receive forgiveness by faith to act out the sacrifice. So in accord with the text and what words Master Yahshua uttered mercy is a component of love and that through this we know that He is love who knew no sin became sin for us. This is why Yahshua placed the two royal commandments to love Elohim and love neighbour as the top most, it does not mean that he now lays a new set of commandments that the rest are not important but in the scheme of things everything hinges around "love" and "compassion".

<u>Matthew 7:23</u> "And then I will declare to them, `I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Here is it very clear that those people who continually remain in sin actually are transgressors of the Torah and those who transgress the Torah i.e. in continual disobedience are rightly called lawless even though they may use the master's name Yahshua or greekanised form as Jesus to heal people but they will not be allowed in heaven or the world to come. The healing happens not because of some power they possess but simply invoking the Holy names that Yahshua honors His name and responds to heal the sick even today.

#### In the parable Jesus tells us

Matthew 7:41-42 "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, (42) "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Once again the same admonition is repeated about the kingdom to come.

<u>Matthew 23:28</u> "Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are **full of hypocrisy and lawlessness**.

This was a crass criticism of those people who pretend to be holy and into religiosity in our society and believe me there are plenty of them around us yet they are lawless i.e. Torah breaking sinful people since Torah identifies what is

sin. If the Torah identifies sin then it also has identified and set the goal to the Messiah our Master Yahshua.

#### Paul says:

**<u>2 Corinthians 6:14</u>** Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

Is it not interesting that Paul connect the same thing of living together or being in close proximity with people to do with Torah-lessness and compares it to having light or darkness. You cannot be both, you can be one or the other. Let me explain, a Christian woman marrying or being married to a Muslim, we have a classic example of light and darkness assuming the lady is saved she should have never committed into that relationship as it is a sin secondly because of the strong presence of darkness and false worship her marriage experience can never be one of happiness since "light (eternal life)" and darkness (eternal damnation) cannot stand together and prosper.

**Exodus 12:3** Speak ye unto all the **congregation of Israel**, saying, **in the tenth day of this month** they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house.

This is redemption connected with Yom Kippur symbolically.

<u>Leviticus</u> 23:27 Also on the **tenth day of this seventh month** there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

In seven is completion and the ten signifies redemption connected to the feast of the Passover.

The lambs were brought and set aside on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan, Yahshua also entered Jerusalem the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan. Passover instituted 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan which is roughly the month of March/April. They kept the lambs in Bethlehem and not in the Temple the reason is that Bethlehem was close and it made convenient to bring the lambs from there and this also fulfilled the sign that Yahshua was from Bethlehem that in Hebrew it means House of bread.

**John 6:35** And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

#### If Yahshua is our Passover then He had to fulfill this which He did.

This is a significant point. The LAMB of the Passover must have been selected previously in order that the Jewish people knew they had a perfect lamb for this feast day, but it was this day,  $\underline{\text{the } 10^{\text{th}}}$ , that it was to be declared to be THE LAMB, the one they would sacrifice and eat.

<u>Exodus 12:6</u> And ye shall keep it <u>up until the fourteenth day of the same month</u>: and the whole <u>assembly of the congregation of Israel</u> shall <u>kill it in the evening</u>.

Yahshua was presented for 4 days and the whole assembly had to kill it.

For 4 days, this LAMB was examined until it was killed and eaten for the Passover. The Jewish day according to the Bible began at Sundown, **so it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the Day of Presentation that this LAMB was to be killed**, to **be eaten at the beginning of the Passover Day**, which began at roughly 6PM or when at least three stars are seen. This means that in order to have the LAMB killed and prepared for the meal at 6PM, the LAMB had to be killed beforehand. The twilight hours are considered to be when the LAMB was killed around 3PM on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month as it happened in Jerusalem, remember Yahshua on the cross at 3pm (Matthew 27:45).

**Exodus 12:14** And this day shall be unto **YOU FOR A MEMORIAL**; and ye shall **keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations**; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance **for ever**. L'olam V'ed.

Forever means **FOREVER** and not the wrong doctrines perpetuated by dispensationalist untruths that there is a gap. Ha Zikkoron means talk about it often, remember it and this is the day on record, baruch HaShem Yahweh (Blessed be the name of Yahweh) it is a MEMORIAL for not only the freedom and redemption of Israel the twelve tribes in Egypt but also for us today as well since we are the lost sheep of the House of Israel, how about Ephramites, then why are we not keeping the Passover memorial?

# Memorial of what? Redemption and thanks giving to Yahweh Elohim forever.

**John 12:1-2** Then Jesus **six days before the Passover** came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. (2) There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

We know Yahshua was in Bethany on the  $8^{th}$  of Nisan, six days before the Passover on the  $14^{th}$  of Nisan. The Supper was the evening meal, the largest meal of the day. Remember, the new day would begin at Sundown, which means while Yahshua arrived on the  $8^{th}$ , He had to have eaten this meal on the  $9^{th}$  [6pm new day begins and meal is in evening] five days before the Passover.

The Pharisees counted a day from sunset to sunset whereas the Sadducees counted a day from sunrise to sunrise, the argument still rages today about this so we go by sunset.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of Nisan would be the Sabbath previous to the Passover (Friday evening), He would have spent the Sabbath resting as prescribed (Saturday all day until 6pm), He would have traveled into Jerusalem after the Sabbath (Sunday), and since the **9**<sup>th</sup> is the Sabbath, Yahshua's entry into Jerusalem would have to be the **10**<sup>th</sup> of the month of Nisan [Sunday], see how closely He fulfills the sign, the Lamb was presented on that day just as per the requirement of Exodus 12:3.

The people's response would be considered work according to Jewish traditions, they would have been moving about traveling to see the Messiah, something inappropriate for the Sabbath Day. That means Yahshua would have entered Jerusalem on the **10**<sup>th</sup>, **4 days before the Passover as illustrated above.** Christians call this day **Palm Sunday** and since **Sunday would be the 10**<sup>th</sup>, Passover the 14<sup>th</sup> would be **Wednesday night**, and since as we read from the Tenach (Hebrew Bible) that the Passover Lamb was to be **presented 4 days** 

**before the Passover**, this again proves the connection of Yahshua to the Passover fits 100%.

In Reality Sunday is a day of travel Biblically while Saturday is the true day of worship but we have it the other way around where in old times it was sun-day when the people worshipped their false deities hence sunday.

10<sup>th</sup> evening Saturday then Sunday starts, 11<sup>th</sup> Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and **13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** evening it becomes 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm onwards. Not GOOD FRIDAY as commonly taught but GOOD WEDNESDAY. The sign of Jonah was given and the FRIDAY DEATH DOES NOT FIT THE SIGN of JONAH Luke 11:29.

When He was asked for a sign He said an adulterous generation and evil generation asks for a sign i.e. for miracles but only the sign of Jonah will be given. (Matthew 12:39)

Matthew 12:39-40 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. (40) "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

#### What is the sign of Jonah?

<u>Jonah 1:17</u> Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish **THREE DAYS** <u>AND</u> **THREE NIGHTS**.

Note the criteria must be DAYS plus NIGHTS as in Jonah, we cannot simply discard this prophecy so going by Friday crucifixion we have big problems.

Friday (0) 1 night Saturday day 1 plus 1 night

1 days and 2 nights only. The Roman catholic version of the feast does not fit since their calculations were wrong.

This at best is 36 hours or less.

**Exodus 12:7** And they SHALL TAKE OF THE BLOOD, and **strike it on the two side posts** and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

Salvation <u>only</u> through the cross that is the picture here the door post and sides forms the cross the T shaped one as is believed used by the Romans, in fact Messiah was hung on a tree as specified (Acts 5:30).

**Luke 19:44** And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

If the Passover Sacrifice is meant to be a **type of Messiah**, then this mention by Yahshua in verse 44, that Jerusalem did not know the time of their visitation, this must be a reference to the **Presentation of the Passover Lamb, the** 

sacrifice provided by God to be the sacrifice for sin and atonement. This again points to **Palm Sunday** as being the **10**<sup>th</sup> of **Nisan**. Yahshua presented to the people for 4 days just like in Exodus from Egypt (Egypt represents the world).

Now the lambs in Israel were killed around 3pm, Jesus also died on the 9th hour which is 3pm. Mark 15:33-37

**Mark 15:33-34** And when the **sixth hour was come**, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. (34) And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

#### In the Aramaic;

**My God, My God why <u>have you kept me</u>** i.e. finish the job as he was on the cross for those three hours?

Why did Yahshua die on the 9<sup>th</sup> hour?

**Acts 3:1** Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the **hour of prayer, being the ninth hour**.

This was an important hour for prayer and supplication in the Temple and here we find both disciples keen to observe these times, since this is the hour to offer supplications and prayers it is also the time known as the twilight.

**Exodus 12:11** And thus you shall eat it: with a <u>belt on your waist</u>, your <u>sandals on your feet</u>, and <u>your staff in your hand</u>. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

#### **Belt on the waist**

This is Drash (symbolic) for us to be always ready for any type of battle spiritual or otherwise, people in those days also put a weapon such as a sword on to their belt for protection so the belt would symbolize His protection and His divine call.

**2 Samuel 20**...Now Joab was dressed in battle armor; on it was a **belt with a sword fastened in its sheath at his hips**; and as he was going forward, it fell out.

The binding of the belt is also significant of giving authority that is from our Lord.

#### Sandals on your feet

These represent the freedom that one has in living a life in the Elohim of Israel, Yahweh revealed in Yahshua, the escape from bondage and slavery is typified in one who just got released from prison. The Messiah Yahshua puts the sandals on our feet so we are free in Him.

#### The Staff

The staff (cudgel) represents the divine protection that we have through access to the Father through Yahshua twenty four hours seven days a week, now try beating that with a call center manned by a robotic voice of a phone when trying to get through in our world to do our day to day business. Here is not a robotic voice but the King of the world who would listen to our needs. The "staff" that the Shepherds carried was one with sharp bones, glass or metal embedded

in them so to strike an animal that attacked to devour the sheep. Thus the symbol of the staff is He protects us with His personal protection from the attacks of Satan.

**Psalm 23:4** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; **Your rod and Your staff**, they comfort me.

Again the "rod" and the "staff" both typify symbols of protection.

<u>Micah 7:14</u> Shepherd Your people <u>with Your staff</u>, the flock of Your heritage, who dwell solitarily in a woodland, in the midst of Carmel; let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in days of old.

Here the use of the "staff" speaks about that protection.

<u>Exodus 12:8</u> And they shall **eat the flesh in that night**, **roast with fire**, and **unleavened bread**; and with **bitter herbs** they shall eat it.

Night or darkness is a **symbol of our Exile** because we did not obey His commandments and He has put us in Exile yet we are still commanded to eat the flesh i.e. to obey the commandments fully even if in exile. We are shown here to keep away from sin (unleavened bread) and we are shown that the symbol of bitter herbs is a type of affliction of the world like the Hebrews in slavery making bricks.

**Exodus 12:9-10** Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but **roast** with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. (10) And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

#### Corrupt priesthood and raw meat

1 Samuel 2:14-16 Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would take for himself all that the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. (15) Also, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who sacrificed, "Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw." (16) And if the man said to him, "They should really burn the fat first; then you may take as much as your heart desires," he would then answer him, "No, but you must give it to me now; and if not, I will take it by force."

EAT ALL OF IT. The significance was and even is today to keep ALL His commandments not half and half. NOT pick and choose. EAT ALL OF IT. Yet we found there was a corrupt priesthood in Israel who did not at times eat all the meat i.e. keep the commandments correctly, they took boiled or raw meat, we also find that in ancient cultures the pagan people would often sacrifice animals but eat them raw and here our Master wanted to show the importance of this precept.

**Deuteronomy 28:1** "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

How very important it is to obey <u>carefully</u> His commandments i.e. <u>roasted</u> fully working them so there is no doubt left, not half boiled meat e.g. incomplete commandments or raw means ignoring them altogether. The Churches refusal to obey the commandments fully is why they are still **boiling their meat** and not roasting it i.e. they are breaking many commandments that believers should obey and even refusing to teach making them out to be something for the Jews yet the one who created us and chose us says:

**Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition Exodus 12:49** One **Torah** shall be for him that is native, and for the ger (convert) that sojourns among you.

Even though Jews or others may think that only the Jews are allowed to obey the Torah but the Bible is clear there is only <u>one</u> law for both derived in the Torah that anyone joining unto the nation of Israel is fully part of that nation and its divine laws.

<u>John 6:51</u> I am the <u>living bread</u> which came down from heaven: if any man <u>eat of this bread</u>, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

**Beth-Lechem (House of bread)** this symbol is of **Yahshua** wholly. **Heavenly manna, He directly connects that with Himself.** Eat My flesh the Hebrew word is **BESAR**, eating means **OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENTS FULLY** and it is flesh as in meat not milk that many churches are still feeding on. We are not talking about Yahshua coming with a new set of rules and regulations, the same Yahshua that Moses saw is the same we saw and thus the whole Torah applies, the only thing is that without the Temple we cannot carry out the Temple ritual ordinances such as the sacrifices but we can carry out the rest. Remember until Yahshua returns and we get the 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple rebuilt He is our living Temple, He has replaced our sacrifices exclusive to atonement but many of these offerings will resume in the New Temple such as peace offerings, good will offerings, reconciliation offerings etc.

Yahweh would not tell us to do something and we simply have an excuse how can we because He tells us we can as long as our heart is in the right place. We don't have to do all the 613 commandments of the Torah but we simply have to do what is of our concern, the things that do not concern us we do not do such as Temple rituals that involved many commandments. Its like lawyers you have ones who specialize in Taxation law, property law or criminal law. The taxation lawyer does not have to concern with criminal law as that is not his area of practice.

John 6:54-56 Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will RAISE him up at the LAST DAY. (55) For My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. (56) He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Hebrew for meat is "besar" To so this idiom of eating My meat and drinking My blood is literally "keeping My commandments" and also He is affirming another truth that outside of His provision there is no other covenant to get salvation from, i.e. the covenants were with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob whose twelve sons became the twelve tribes of Israel split into two houses **Ephraim** and **Judah** so outside these **TWO HOUSES** there is no THIRD house for salvation and it means we are fully part of Israel in this group not some obscure church with a unrecognized covenant.

<u>Isaiah 52:7</u> How beautiful **upon the mountains** are the **feet of him who brings good news**, who proclaims peace, who brings **glad tidings** of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Symbolically here the **Mountains** represent nations He (Messiah) brings good news that we may obey Him, again "glad tidings" the word "**besar**" is used, the people bring "meat" of the kingdom not milk. We who are His disciples aught to likewise bring good news to the nations fulfilling what the Messiah commanded us to do and also told us to "to teach them", well if we do not know ourselves then how can we teach others?

<u>Exodus 12:15</u> Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Here this symbolized not only the 7 day feast but if we live in Yahweh and obey Him then practically we are to set these days apart for the feast, remember the number seven is for completeness and for the seven thousand year reign on earth so it says "seven days you shall <u>eat</u> unleavened bread", in other words on your sojourn on this earth you will stay away from sin that leads to death else Yahweh Himself said that if you keep living in sin then He will kill you i.e. this cheap gospel of grace that you can do anything and live is simply not scripture, those who live in sin are going to be removed from Israel (cut from Israel typifies the promised land the millennium kingdom, the eternal order to follow) because we are part of Israel thus making us Hebrews and Israelites. Although you may have heard everyday is a feast this terminology is non-scripture and not true, yes we praise Him for our salvation and worship Him daily but since He himself gave the mo'oedim (appointed days) and set them apart therefore we should not try to make every day equal to it because it is not.

This is how many Pastors trying to annul His words and become disobedient to the Sabbath commandment by raising everyday to equal status but Yahweh Elohim said Saturday (the 7<sup>th</sup> day) is set apart and has been sanctified thus it is higher then the other six days of the week, my suggestion is not to raise other days of the week to a higher status. Just because people decided to meet on Sundays because of church tradition it does not mean Sunday is higher than Saturday, the Shabbat is a special time for us to meet with our Lord and savior so let it be so.

<u>Deuteronomy 28:1</u> And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

The reason for USA becoming a superpower was that the fathers were Christians and very law abiding according to the Bible. It may not be apparent to many people today that many of these people were not 7<sup>th</sup> day Adventists but kept the Sabbath holy, even circumcision was law in many States until recently. Look how Yahweh Elohim blessed them so if you want to succeed in life and be successful then the secret is not some hodge podge psychic program or improve your life with say this thing six times a day you get what I mean but to dutifully obey Him. The other secret is the US was blessing Israel the nation in many ways thus they themselves are blessed as well. Many of the modern technologies we use are developed in Israel under the auspices of the United States companies who work hand in hand with the Jews. Most of the world famous scientists were

either Jews or Christians who have helped changed the world but never the less Israel beats all in high technology start up firms and patents in comparison to the rest of the world. They are in a league of their own, the secret is their desire to obey Yahweh and the covenant cut with Abraham.

The lambs bone were not broken – Exodus 12:46, Yahshua also had no bones broken – John 19:33, thus He fulfilled many prophesies in the Tenach and the rest He will fulfill upon His return.

**Exodus 12:14** And this day shall be unto you for a **MEMORIAL**; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

This is a "memorial" forever. L'olam V'ed means into the eternal order not that it stopped at the cross like many would like to believe. The Hebrew word Ha-Zikkoron entails that you sit and talk about these things and remember them. What is the purpose of remembering if we do not actively take part and teach our children as well? We have the lamb Yahshua so what is the problem for not obeying?

<u>Daniel 12:2</u> And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to **everlasting life**, and some to shame and **everlasting contempt.** 

L'Olam Chaim or L'Olam Churpaw, either those who are dead will wake up to eternal life or to eternal shame in the sense that their abode will be the either the eternal order (Heaven) or the lake of fire. Where do you want to be? You can decide today. Whenever the term l'olam V'ed is used it is a term denoting an endless age or beyond our time because Yahweh lives outside of "time" thus this does not attach to itself some kind of definite period, people have tried to do this but the argument cannot be sustained since by the same definition it would make our salvation for a period of time but then what do we do afterwards, re-work our salvation? The argument is flawed in its outset. Usually dispensationalists try and apply "ages" or "epochs" to the period of following Torah or not but the argument is build on a false premise. Since Yahweh is holy and eternal, His commandments are also Holy and Eternal and forever. A mutating god by the way is the sign of a false god not a true one.

**Exodus 12:19** Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

Those who do not obey His commandments and live life of <u>lawlessness</u> will be cut off. As easily as are people are grafted in, even more easily they are removed as Rabbi Paul warns of pride and arrogance.

Romans 11:18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. (19) Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in. (20) Well because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: (21) For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

Stern warning from Rabbi Paul to watch yourself that you do not become boastful that I am better than them kind of mentality.

**Exodus 12:24** And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy **sons for ever**.

Nothing in here says that Torah is abolished and can now safely be discarded. Indeed it says it is forever i.e. eternal and in force throughout ALL ages.

**Matthew 5:17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

In the Aramaic it is absolutely <u>crystal</u> clear;

<u>Matthew 5:17-18</u> Do not think that I came to loosen the **LAW** or the Prophets; I did **NOT** come to loosen, but to put it on a **FIRM FOUNDATION**.

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Matthew 5:17-19 Think not that I am come to weaken, or destroy the Torah, or the neviim: I have not come to weaken, or destroy, but to completely reveal it in its intended fullness. (18) For truly I say to you, Until the current shamayim and earth pass away, not one yud, or one nekudah shall by any means pass from the Torah, until all be fulfilled. (19) Whoever therefore shall break, or weaken one of the least Torah commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the malchut ha shamayim: but whoever shall do and teach the commands, the same shall be called great in the malchut ha shamayim.

Yahshua explained that He came to interpret it correctly and establish it so that we may obey ALL its words. Furthermore, He warns those who are teaching to disobey Torah or break the commandments shall be the least in the Kingdom but those that teach Torah teaches us Yahweh's dealings with mankind and the goal of the Torah is to point out to the Messiah and the covenants He made with His people therefore the people teaching Torah truths will be great in heaven. Today we have the whole Bible the sixty six books, we should learn to obey it all.

**Exodus 12:25** And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

When you come in the "promised land", figurative for new Jerusalem then you will be keeping this feast. This is one of the feast of the millennium when Yahshua returns to rule and reign for 1000 years.

**Exodus 12:32** Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

When Pharaoh saw that the first born were dead of all the people in Egypt and he lets go of Moses and the children of Israel but then he says "bless me also" e.g. we have the power to bless so when the heathen come to realise we serve a powerful and mighty God he would ask for a blessing.

#### Why were the first born (Bekhor) killed?

Minn, Hathor Isis and the Apis Bull were the gods of Egypt, Yahweh smote the first born because it was a custom to offer the first born children to the Egyptian gods and thus it was believed that these first born's acquired divine properties of

the gods so Yahweh killed these first born in affect killing Egypt's gods showing who is sovereign over all.

<u>Exodus 12:47-48</u> All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. (48) And when a **stranger shall sojourn with thee**, and **will keep the passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised**, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: **for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof**.

No uncircumcised person is allowed to eat the Passover Seder (meal), thus anyone coming into Israel and keeping the feast must be circumcised in the flesh, and this is not symbolic for circumcision of the heart and Yahweh points out that He requires both the circumcision of the heart and the flesh from His people in the Millennium when He returns.

**Ezekiel 44:9** Thus saith the Lord God; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

Rabbi Moshe of (YATI) makes interesting points in His sacred Names TNE Bible.

<sup>1</sup> Clearly all the redeemed in the millennium are Yisraelites, because YHWH states that no gentiles or strangers will be worshipping Him.<sup>1</sup> True Yisraelite worshippers must have both circumcisions. Let no man fool you into losing your crown.<sup>1</sup> Therefore most believers who consider themselves "saints" are still sinning sinners. It may be a great time for a personal reality check, based on Scripture's definition of sin and sinful behavior.

The statute is for all who enter the sanctuary in the Millennial Temple to be circumcised inclusive of the heart not one or the **other but both**.

The commandment to circumcise your child on the 8<sup>th</sup> day remains in force though believers really do not understand the nature of the Abrahamic-covenant misapplying that to circumcision of the heart only failing to realise that Abraham was already circumcised in the heart prior to his physical circumcision at the age of 99.

<u>1 Corinthians 5:7-8</u> Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: (8) Therefore <u>let us keep the feast</u>, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Many Christians are taught to use Paul's letters to attack Torah keeping when Rabbi Shaul of Tarsus was a Torah keeping Benjamite yet the Muslims attack us for following Pauline Christianity i.e. they say that Christians say the Torah is annulled and we are free to do as we please but unfortunately this is exactly the model most Christians want to adopt where as some of us who adopt the truth of Yahweh's eternal words to be eternal not linked to time since time was created then we are sometimes labelled by the professing church as legalists which is not true. The legalists are really those people by first century standards who ask you to overburden with extra commandments or fences to protect the true ones therefore this is the oral Torah and not the written Torah. When I first heard this accusation from the Muslims of Pauline Christianity I was shocked to find the accusation true in many Western churches who had decided that Yahweh's holy

laws had been abolished or replaced, this I realised was man made abrogation of scriptures when none exists as I have shown in this book the eternality of the commandments. They all like to quote Paul to tell you that the Torah is annulled by misapplying his words but they still have blinkers on when Rabbi Shaul himself says to keep the <u>Passover</u> which is a Torah commandment surprise surprise plus he points out correctly that he was a Torah keeper obeying ALL the instructions.

**Acts 24:14** But this I confess unto thee, that after **THE WAY** which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the **law** and in the **prophets**:

The TORAH + PROPHETS = Tenach - Paul was fully obeying these principles. In the  $1^{\rm st}$  century Christianity was really called **THE WAY** (Derekh in the Hebrew) and Sirat til Mustaquem in the Arabic. The other name for Christianity was Nazarenes or the followers of the BRANCH Ha-Netzeret.

**Exodus 12:27-28** "that you shall say, `It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the **houses of the children of Israel** in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped. (28) Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

There are clear symbols here are for these people being brought over from death to life.

**Numbers 8:17-18** "For all the firstborn among the children of Israel are Mine, both man and beast; on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them to Myself. (18) "I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

Yahweh Elohim had established who were to be the priests by selecting the first born children, this was important in light of the fact that the Egyptians made the first born children into gods to be worshipped.

**Exodus 1:15-16** Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; (16) and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

Israel's first born were killed by the Egyptians, so it is repayment time when Yahweh showed them who is in authority by killing their first born.

<u>Numbers 11:4</u> Now the **MIXED MULTITUDE** who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?

The "**mixed multitude**" were the trouble makers and I believe today those in the church who have come in of the mixed multitude are once again the trouble makers putting people in sin and we see a repeat of what happened to the children of Israel after they left Egypt. Homosexual Pastors and Bishops, the appointment of these type of people is sin and they will die a second death for living and remaining in sin, they better be prepared to go to hell for living these kind of lifestyles.

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

#### Enter the Red Heifer, how does Yahshua fit the Red Heifer?

#### Ezekiel 36:25 - Red Heifer

<u>Hebrews 13:10</u> We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. (11) For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned <u>without the camp</u>. (East Gate i.e. Mount of Olives) (12) Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, <u>suffered</u> without the gate. (Eastern Gate)

He must fit this or He cannot be the Messiah and this is a contention that many Jews have today who understand this difficult to understand requirement yet many Christians do not realise that the Jews are right that if Messiah did not fulfil this requirement He cannot be the Messiah but **praise Yahweh that He does indeed fit these requirements.** 

Outside the gate, and outside the camp are Hebrew Idioms in the Bible for the Mount of Olives therefore the Mount of Olives = Mount of Yahweh Elohim.

2 Samuel 24:20-25 And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. (21) And Araunah said, wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the people. (22) And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood. 23 All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The Lord thy God accept thee. (24) And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. (25) And David built there an altar unto the Lord. and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

The number fifty represents freedom that is related to the sign of the year of Jubilee, the silver allegorically also means redemption thus David insisted that he must pay the price thus the Drash (allegory) of Messiah who had to pay the price of sin, Yahweh cannot just look the other way when it comes to sin justice must be done and the punishment must be set, both of these are reconciled in the cross, the punishment for sin is death that actually means going to hell.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sin can only lead to the lake of fire, you can have the free gift but for that you have to repent and OBEY Yahshua's words and walk in obedience.

<u>1 chronicles</u> 21:24-25 And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings without cost. (25) So David gave to Ornan for the place <u>six hundred shekels of gold by weight</u>.

600 gold shekels here are related to divinity.

There were two altars one one the Temple Mount and one on the Mount of Olives.

Mount of Olives Altar = redemption Temple Mount Altar = for Shekinah

#### Let us look at the Red Heifer

We should not take the Jews to be people without intelligence or common sense considering such attitude prevails amongst Christians of "we know better". Unfortunately many Christians are what I call microwave Christians, cooked fast with very little understanding of scripture, not really a fault of their own as many important things are not taught laying the blame squarely on Pastors and Rabbis in Christian-dumb.

Some of the Jews simply reject Yahshua on technical grounds, the argument goes like this, since He did not fulfil the ordinance of the Red Heifer He cannot be the Messiah. Many of you probably never even heard of this difficult to understand requirement and you will be **absolutely** thrashed by the Jews if you are not aware of how Yahshua fulfils this requirement, not forgetting they are the ones Yahweh gave His oracles to maintain and reveal onto the people. This can become a real stumbling block for the Jews and many Christians are not even aware how to explain such a thing as this. Do not worry brethren Yahshua absolutely fulfilled this requirement completely, praise Yahweh, let me explain how.

Let's get into the nitty gritty. In order to start any type of sacrifices on the Temple Mount area and remember that now it is a defiled place so before anything holy can begin it requires a cleansing and thus we are at an impasse.

How can the Jews start any sacrifice in an altar on the Temple mount without the cleansing of the Temple Mount?

#### **Enter the Red Heifer**

The details of the Red Heifer sacrifice are given in **Numbers 19-1-10** in which we find this particular sacrifice provides purification of sin. Remember this is fulfilled in Messiah but we will look at the details in a minute of how and why, anytime scripture mentions the words L'olam V'ed in Hebrew it means "**FOREVER**", thus it means the **commandment** stands for ALL time.

**Numbers 19:1-10** And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, This [is] the ordinance of the law [Torah] which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the <u>children of Israel</u>, that they bring thee a <u>red heifer without spot</u>, wherein [is] no blemish, [and] upon which <u>never came yoke</u>: And ye shall give her unto <u>Eleazar the priest</u>, that he may bring her forth <u>without the camp</u>, and [one] shall slay her before his face: And Eleazar the priest shall take of <u>her blood with his finger</u>, and sprinkle of her blood <u>directly before the tabernacle</u> of the <u>congregation seven times</u>: And [one] shall **burn the heifer in his sight**; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: And the priest

shall take <u>cedar wood</u>, and <u>hyssop</u>, and <u>scarlet</u>, and cast [it] into the midst of the <u>burning of the heifer</u>. Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall <u>be unclean until the even</u>. And he that burneth her shall <u>wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even</u>. And a man [that is] clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay [them] up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it [is] a purification for sin. And he that gathereth the <u>ashes of the heifer</u> shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for <u>a statute for ever</u>.

After examining scripture we do find at least two witnesses in scripture for this ordinance that would be fulfilled or should say is fulfilled in King Messiah Yahshua.

**Proof one**. Our Messiah sprinkles nations for **forgiveness of sins** just like the Red Heifer sprinkling.

<u>Isaiah 52:15</u> So shall He [King Messiah] **sprinkle many nations**; the **kings shall shut their mouths at him**: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

**Proof two.** We also find this requirement illustrated by Ezekiel who gave the prophecy of the Messiahs sprinkling and cleansing from sin: Let me explain;

Ezekiel 36:24-27 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. (25) Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. (26) A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. (27) And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do

Hopefully most of the Bible is quite clear in its instructions of what to do and how to do it. However the Red Heifer sacrifice is a little different from the rest and some strange things happen which the Jewish sages cannot really explain why, remember in this difficult ordinance the one who is doing the sacrifice becomes unclean in the process.

<u>Numbers 19:7</u> Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall <u>be unclean until the even</u>

The Messiah Himself became unclean because He sat with all sorts of people who were sinners, remember the concept in Biblical Judaism of ritual purity is a real one during Tabernacles and Temple times that people had to be careful who they would meet or who they would not, even shaking hands or greeting people who were unclean would make you unclean also. Remember that the Messiah healed lepers and even then in the process He became unclean so we find the symbols in

the RED Heifer apply to our Messiah. Let's not forget that being unclean is <u>not</u> a sin and it only affects your ritual purity.

## Let us consider these points:

1) The ashes of the Red Heifer remove the most **severe** of all impurities; yet those involved in its preparation become ritually impure themselves. (Messiah became impure for us remember this but impurity does not imply sin the two are mutually exclusive).

<u>Luke 5:13</u> And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

Just like the sacrifice of the Red Heifer the priest became unclean but the Heifer cleansed the person, Yahshua being a High Priest in the order of Malekh Ha Zadek (Melchisedek) took on the uncleanness to cleanse the leper thus fulfilling an important Messianic prophecy.

- 2) The Red Heifer must be completely red a colour which is **symbolically** related to sin yet it must also be "perfect, without blemish." (Messiah took on ours sins for us, yet He was perfect, without blemish).
- 3) The Bible commanded for the Red Heifer to be sacrificed <u>outside the gate</u> in total contrast to the **altar in the Temple courtyard**, here we have our TWO ALTARS. The Heifer was to be sacrificed **outside the gate** (Mount of Olives) but in sight of the Holy of Holies, the term outside the gate refers to the Mount of Olives where there was indeed a second altar. Our saviour Yahshua hung on a tree OUTSIDE THE GATE (Mount of Olives) not as believed in the present site because that would not be visible to the Holy of Holies.

The Mount of Olives has been a special place of interest. It is a mountain east of Jerusalem across the Kidron Valley. I believe this is the proper site of the crucifixion where the Roman Centurion saw the Temple veil rent in two (Matthew 27:50-54), the site that most people believe for the crucifixion of Yahshua does not fit the pattern. To start with it is lower than the Temple Mount region thus you cannot see the Temple veil rent from either of the two traditional sites. I have been there and actually questioned one of the tour guides to explain this dilemma and she could not explain it. It is reasonable to assume this because a blasphemer had to be put to death facing the **Holy of Holies** and this was the charge that the Jews brought against Yahshua (Matthew 26:65-66).

Therefore, Yahshua was **hung on a tree** in the **garden of Gethsemane** facing the Temple Mount fulfilling the appropriate qualifications for the Lamb of Elohim and being the Red Heifer. On this Mountain summit in the village of Bethphage (In Hebrew it means the House of figs) just to the West is a very old altar, the **Miphkad altar**, where the Sanhedrin (Elders of the Temple) would have executed judgment on Yahshua for blasphemy, here the Red Heifer was burned so that its ashes could purify the Temple. Do you see the connection with the Messiah and the Red Heifer? The word "*Miphkad*" means "**numbering**" or "counting" (and in this case it meant counting the heads of persons who were Israelites, firstborn ones, Levites, or Priests) so this is known as the "numbering" altar, this place was also known as Golgolet Area, "Golgolet" means head. This is the place where people were numbered or counted so it is known as "Golgotha" because it is the proper place of the crucifixion site.

4) The two components of the purifying mixture, ashes and living spring water, represent two contradictory forces the remains of fire, one represents death, and the other being water represent life. (Yahshua our Messiah died that we may have life). Hallelu-Yah Praise Yahweh.

<u>Leviticus 4:21</u> And he shall carry the bull <u>OUTSIDE THE CAMP</u>, and burn him as he burned the first bull; it is a sin offering for the congregation.

We must remember Yahshua was without sin or blemish and anointed with the Spirit of Yahweh, He was never influenced by the teachings of men but only taught the words that the Father gave Him. He was tried and sacrificed **OUTSIDE THE CAMP** that is the Mount of Olives.

He was given the sour vinegar on a branch of hyssop to fulfil the Torah exactly.

<u>Matthew 5:17</u> Think not that **I am** come to destroy the law,[finish the Torah] or the prophets: **I am** not come to destroy, but to fulfil. [To make proper understanding and fortify it]

As important as this was in the time of Moses and Messiah, I believe that this sacrifice has a very important significance also in the future.

Eleazar oversaw the red Heifer sacrifice but remember he was not the high priest, unlike Aaron. Caiaphas oversaw the crucifixion of Yahshua but again he was not a **legitimate high priest** since he bought his position within the Roman political system. So I believe that the anti-Messiah will perhaps covenant to allow another red heifer sacrifice.

During my study on this I found that the Jewish sages have questioned the purpose of the true meaning of the red heifer sacrifice and the sprinkling of the waters of purification because you need to pause and think about this sacrifice and its purpose.

Without an understanding of the requirement of the Messiah to take on uncleanness to purify the sinner, the truth is veiled. I believe Isaiah the prophet somehow addressed this when he said: The best of theologians even today have a problem understanding this requirement.

<u>Isaiah 44:18</u> They have <u>not</u> known nor **understood** for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; [and] their hearts, that they cannot understand.

The Psalmist wrote of the Messiahs great suffering on the tree and the relationship of the <u>Red Heifer</u>.

**Psalms 69:29** But I [am] poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high. I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. [This] also shall please the LORD better than an **ox [or] bullock** that hath horns and hoofs. The humble shall see [this, and] be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

The following quote regarding the red heifer was taken from Judaism 101 an online encyclopaedias of Judaism www.jewfaq.org:

Parah Adumah: The Red Heifer - Some time in 1997, a red heifer was born in Israel . This birth received quite a bit of press coverage, and I received many questions asking about the significance of it. The ritual of the red heifer sacrifice (in Hebrew, parah adumah) is part of one of the most mysterious sacrifices described in the Torah. The purpose of this ritual is to purify people from the defilement caused by contact with the dead. The ritual is discussed in Numbers 19. If you find it difficult to understand, don't feel bad; the sages themselves described it as beyond human understanding. What is so interesting about this ritual is that it purifies the impure, but it also renders the pure impure (i.e., everybody who participates in the ritual becomes impure). It is believed by many that this ritual will be performed by the Messiah when he comes, because we have all suffered the defilement of contact with the dead. Thus, the existence of a red heifer is a possible, but not definite, sign of the Messiah. If the Messiah were coming, there would be a red heifer, but there could be a red heifer without the messiah coming. Copyright 5756-5760 (1995-1999), Tracey R Rich

It is believed and I might add not wrongly by many that this ritual will be performed by the Messiah when he returns; in the scenario perhaps the anti-Messiah comes to realization of this and in a way sees it as a challenge to Yahweh but time will tell as we are fast approaching the hour. For a full discourse on who is the Anti-Messiah and what he will do please see my book "World War III – Unmasking the End Times Beast" which can be purchased from www.amazon.com, search under my name Simon Altaf.

Now looking at Numbers again:

Numbers 19:17-22 And for an unclean [person] they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip [it] in the water, and sprinkle [it] upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave: And the clean [person] shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even. But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he [is] unclean. And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even. And whatsoever the unclean [person] toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth [it] shall be unclean until even.

There were **four main essentials** to completing the Red Heifer sacrifice.

- 1. The sacrifice
- 2. scarlet (wool)
- 3. wood
- 4. hyssop

These are the same four elements found in the Passover Lamb sacrifice of the **Passover in Egypt** and on the **Mount of Olives** thus this perfectly fulfils in the Messiah.

**Exodus 12:21-22** Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel , and said unto them, draw out and take you a **lamb** according to your families, and kill the Passover. And ye shall take a bunch of **hyssop**, and dip [it] in the **blood** that [is] in the basin, and strike the lintel and the **two side posts** with the blood that [is] in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

- 1. The sacrifice Lamb
- 2. Red scarlet Blood of the lamb
- **3.** The wood The door lintel posts
- **4.** The Hyssop Branch

**John 19:28-30** After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. (29) Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon **hyssop**, and put it to his mouth. (30) When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Note Yahshua said "it is finished", the requirement for sin sacrifices, there was no more need of any other person coming proclaiming his own way of salvation. The word that is used in Hebrew is "Kala" meaning He was calling out to His bride Israel to return. Rabbis Moshe Koniuchowsky correctly points out this Drash (allegory) in the **Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition Bible**.

In the Greek He is saying "it is finished." But in the Hebrew there is another significant utterance that many have missed. In the Hebrew the word for "finish," or "is finished" is kala, also meaning bride. These words uttered by Yahshua prior to His death was a cry for His kala to return and be cleansed and forgiven, showing that even while dying He had Yisrael on His mind and in His heart. In essence by crying for the kahal, or the congregation/bride of Yisrael, He is displaying the true reason He hanged Himself on the tree. An alternative word for finished is neshalem, whose root word is shalom. Combining these two variations in Hebrew, we get Shalom My bride; be made whole! YHWH has only one bride and the Son was sent to fetch that wandering bride, even as Eliezer was sent to fetch a bride for Isaac. That one word kala is the message of the kingdom in a nutshell

<u>Psalms 69:21</u> They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me **vinegar to drink**.

What does this indicate? This means that Messiah Yahshua fulfilled all these Scriptures of Numbers 19, Exodus 12 and Psalms 69 perfectly thus fulfilling the Red Heifer offering fully, He died therefore fulfilling a tie between both the Passover and instruction of the Red Heifer sacrifice cleansing.

Yahshua came not only voluntarily as the Lamb of Yahweh for a redemption offering but also as a sin atonement offering, the Red Heifer. This was clearly prophesized by the prophet Jeremiah.

<u>Jeremiah 11:19</u> But I [was] like a lamb [or] an ox [that] is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me,

[saying], let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.

We remember what Abraham told Isaac:

### More accurately

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Genesis 22:14 And Avraham called the name of that place יהוה. Yireh: as it is said to this day, on the Mountain ii יהוה is seen.

#### Yahweh is seen on the Mountain as Messiah.

**Genesis 22:8** And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

# It literally reads Yahweh Himself will become the LAMB at the end of days.

Abraham was shown something marvellous by Yahweh many millennia ago Isaac was revealed a future prophecy of the incredible sacrifice of Messiah to be seen uplifted on the tree at the Mount of Olives and seen from the Temple on Mt. Moriah, the Mountain of Yahweh. The Messiah, the Lamb of Elohim was hung on wood with a crown of thorns just as the rams head was in the thicket (thorns). Yahweh provided Himself as the Lamb and just as Isaac, the son of Abraham, we as believers (sons of God) are saved.

# Chapter 4

# First Fruit(s) (Bikkurim)

The feast of first fruits was commanded in **Leviticus 23:9-11**.

9 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, (10) Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the First Fruits of your harvest unto the priest: (11) And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

The priest was asked to bring a sheaf from the harvest of the Barley, the single sheaf was called the first fruit that is singular from the harvest and the priest was to wave this to Yahweh Elohim. The sheaf is described in Hebrew as the **Omer** which is a measure for dry goods such as wheat and Barley and it contains 10<sup>th</sup> part of an Ephah which is also a measure. Yahweh commanded Israel to come up to the Temple in Jerusalem **three times a year** to celebrate what I term the big three, such as the Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles (Sukkot).

In the Bible Passover (Pesach) is a Barley harvest, the feast of Pentecost is the wheat harvest and the great harvest (gathering the saints) is described as the **feast of Tabernacles**. When Yahshua died on that **Wednesday** the Passover feast was fulfilled in Him then one day later after the Passover on the 16<sup>th</sup> of

Nisan it is Bikkurim (First Fruit). The word for First Fruit is in the singular not plural in the passage of scripture. Remember there is no "S" Yahshua became the **First Fruit** unto resurrection of the dead and the single sheaf and we become the first fruit (s) i.e. many sheaf's who will also be raised to eternal life on the last day. Thus the **great feast of Tabernacles** is yet to be fulfilled for the great gathering. All Christians should go and experience celebrating these great feasts in Israel and what a rich experience you will get from this.

<u>1 Corinthians</u> 15:20-22 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits [singular] of them that slept. (21) For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Paul clearly links Yahshua's resurrection with the feast of First Fruit(s) as a TYPE, this does not mean that He had to rise on the day of First Fruit(s) since in Yahshua's case resurrection on Saturday night 17<sup>th</sup> of Nisan was not First Fruit(s) that year because First Fruit (s) had already passed a day earlier on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan Friday. Thus First Fruit (s) for Yahshua is simply that He is the first in the world's history to rise from the dead.

There is a lot of debate over First Fruit (s) feast whether it is after the weekly Sabbath or the Passover High Holy day Sabbath, in my opinion the Sabbath that is mentioned is Passover and not the weekly 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath, the context determines the text and here the context in Leviticus chapter 23:1 is clearly Passover.

Leviticus 23:9-12 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, (10) Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: (11) And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. (12) And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the Lord.

Notice that in the plain reading of the text the **morrow** after the Sabbath is quite clearly referring to the Passover mentioned earlier. So one day after the Passover would be the 16<sup>th</sup> Nisan, in case of the Messiah dying on a Wednesday and not good Friday but good Wednesday annulling Roman Catholic timeline as nothing but a long held error which even the traditional church has been practicing and thus time to offer the First Fruit (symbolic for resurrection) and not fruits. The Hebrew simply says "First Fruit" in singular.

<u>Leviticus 23:15</u> And ye shall **count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath**, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; **seven sabbaths shall be complete** (16) Even unto the morrow after the **seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days**; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.

And after the Passover Sabbath we start the count and seven Sabbaths later that is 49 days plus the day after we have the feast of Pentecost approximate 50 days time. This clearly shows that Passover, Pentecost or First Fruits cannot be fixed as they are based on the lunar calendar. Traditional Christianity has largely ignored most of these feasts and replaced them with what they do celebrate with their own Greek versions and set fixed dates on them such as calling the Passover Easter and you can thank the Roman Church for that replacement theology.

## The spiritual connection

There are many but I am going to list here only one.

Esther's story is an interesting type of the resurrection and salvation in this event. Wicked Haman (representing Satan enemy of Yahweh's peoples) tried to wipe the Jews from all the provinces in Persia remember this is Iran today and is Haman (Mahmoud Ahamadinejad also proclaiming to wipe Israel away – another type of Haman) he had a decree put in place to do this during Nisan 13 (Esther 3:12). Haman had ten sons (Esther 9:12) (Symbolically representing the 10 horns or ten leaders of Satan, Revelation 13:1). Esther held a fast for three days and three nights, remembering Yahshua was in the grave for **three days and three nights**. Remember three days later deliverance came on 16<sup>th</sup> Nisan on First Fruit (s) from Messiah to rise from the dead defeating death.

The king could not sleep one night and thus woke up asking (Esther 6-1-3) to see the record of Mordecai the Jew, upon finding out that Mordecai had saved his life once the king realised no honour had been given to Mordecai. Isn't this true today for Israel? Israel has made so many inventions to help the world but what honours have we bestowed on Israel to champion the cause in many different fields? The world has not thanked Israel like when she destroyed the nuclear reactor of Saddam Hussain that protected the world from a nuclear/biological strike but again we do not say thank you to our brethren the Jews.

Thus the Jews who would have been killed by wicked Haman (Satan's) plot actually survived by the miraculous arm of Yahweh and Haman (a type of Satan) was killed instead and ALL his ten sons were killed (picture of Satan's leaders who will also be killed) in the end of days.

# Chapter 5

# Shavuot (Pentecost)

Leviticus 23:15-21 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: (16) Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord. (17) Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the Lord. (18) And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the Lord, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the Lord (19) Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.(20) And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the Lord, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the Lord for the priest. (21) And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

#### What does that mean?

It is the Feast of weeks ingathering the harvest.

It was also the time of the **giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai** according to the Bible and the Jewish traditions. Exactly 50 days after the exodus from Egypt and freedom from slavery Pentecost arrived and the **nation of Israel** got the Torah. Moses spent 40 days on Mt Sinai receiving the Torah and Yahweh gave two tablets of stone twice once Moses broke them in anger for the Israelites sin.

<u>Matthew 10:25</u> "It is enough for a disciple that he be **like his teacher**, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!

We should be like our Master, He taught to repent are we doing that? He kept the Sabbath, He went and celebrated the feasts, are we doing that?

<u>Matthew 10:5-6</u> These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. (6) "But go rather to **the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** 

Who are the lost sheep of the House of Israel?

Matthew 10:22-28 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." (23) But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." (24) But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (25) Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" (26) But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." (27) And she said, "True, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." (28) Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

### Points to note;

- > Woman of Canaan i.e. Israel, she was probably not a lost Ephramite but more likely a goee pure gentile.
- The first thing she did is "worship him" then she questioned him. The pattern given is worship Him <u>first</u> and then she asked Him for help.
- > Gentiles were described as dogs in the application of the Bible because of their unclean filthy habits of following false gods and even sacrificing their children and being involved in bestiality and immorality.
- Gentiles were described like this because of their false practices and immorality and she even agrees to Him saying "Yes Lord", she does not throw up excuses of cultural surroundings and bad people influencing us etc.
- > Yahshua though knew but tested her and upon testing her for our benefit of what real faith is like that her faith is truly great and she deserves to have her prayer answered.
- > Then He heals her daughter.

Jeremiah 50:6-7 "My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have led them astray; they have turned them away on the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place. (7) All who found them have devoured them; and their adversaries said, `We have not offended, because they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice, the Lord, the hope of their fathers.'

# Here we have once again the lost sheep of the House of Israe.

- ✓ Lost sheep.
- ✓ Pastor and Rabbis included have led them astray.
- $\checkmark \;\;$  In Every country Mountain here refers to nations or kingdoms.
- ✓ Forgotten their **resting place** because the churches teach Torah is abolished and no longer in force yet this is where we find true rest for our souls since its goal is Messiah.
- ✓ Their adversaries said we have not offended, who are the adversaries who
  say this?

Pentecost by no means was the start of the church as many believe; in fact it is the **filling in of the church** so that the fullness of the gentiles could come in, what does that mean, let us look at it.

#### **Ever heard of the TWO HOUSE truth?**

Bear with me today is your day of enlightening for the truth of Yahweh and His plan and from now on you will never see the New Testament in the light of what you know but by the truth I will present to you.

<u>Exodus 24:7</u> And he took the **book of the covenant**, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, **ALL that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.** 

Shavuot is an agricultural holiday that honours the wheat harvest.

In modern Judaism the Jews stay awake all night to correct the error of their ways. According to <u>tradition</u>, the Israelites overslept on the morning that God gave the Torah and had to be awakened by Moses. To compensate for this negligence now Jews hold a study vigil on the evening of Shavuot called **Tikkun Leil Shavuot**, or the **Repair of Pentecost Evening**.

The Rabbis understand that the God of Israel was married to the **House of Jacob** (ALL twelve tribes) and the house of Jacob fell into idolatry and is allegorically referred to as the woman/Israel.

**Exodus 12:2-3** This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. (3) Speak ye unto all the **congregation of Israel**, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

The church was born at <u>Mount Sinai after the coming out of Egypt</u> and the <u>rebirth</u> happened at Mount Zion. This view is confirmed by the book of Acts.

<u>Acts 7:38</u> This is He, that was in the <u>church</u> in the wilderness with the angel which **spake to him in the Mount Sinai**, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

The word <u>ecclesia</u> means church or **called out assembly** in the Greek language. The Bible was written in Hebrew not Greek thus the appropriate word Qahal Assembly in the Hebrew language is used. This was the assembly mixed multitude called out of **Egypt**.

**Deuteronomy 10:4** And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the **day of the assembly**: (Qahal) and the Lord gave them unto me.

An assembly was to come out of Jacob's loins who was renamed to **Israel,** renaming someone in the Bible has a serious meaning and is Yahweh's way of showing conformity to the name i.e. it reflects a nature change. This name Israel

has the root word Yashar and it means "upright". The same word is used in **Job 1:1.** 

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was **perfect** (Tam) and upright (Yashar), and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Both these characters of **perfect** and **upright** are applied to Jacob. so Israel means "upright of Elohim" or in another words straight to Elohim e.g. those that walk straight with Elohim.

**Genesis 35:11** And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; **a nation and a <u>company</u>** (Qahal) of nations (goyee gentiles) shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

These company of nations that were to come out of Jacob were not only the Israelite nation but this prophecy gave prediction of the scattering of the House of Israel and how they will become a multitude of nations. Thus we saw how the House of Israel indeed got mixed with the goyim gentile nations after the Assyrian scattering and became like goyim nations.

<u>Deuteronomy 33:4</u> Moses commanded us a law, even the <u>inheritance</u> of the **congregation of Jacob**.

The word "inheritance" with a difference of one letter is betrothe in the Hebrew language. The Torah is the Ketubah or contract of the God of Israel for Israel His bride so the Rabbis know that it is actually a betrothal and a marriage of Israel with Yahweh.

For the word Betrothal Awrash is used and for the word "inheritance" morasha is used thus you can see the difference is one letter of the Alef or wav and remembering that the vav is a hook character in the Hebrew language to join things together.

<u>Leviticus</u> 20:26 And ye shall be **holy unto me**: for I **the Lord am holy**, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.

Yahweh expects us to be holy i.e. upright in our conduct and obeying His commandments. Holiness does not mean divinity.

What happened with Israel

## Numbers 5:11-25 (11) And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

12. Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, (13) And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner; (14) And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: (15) Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an Ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.(16) And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the Lord: (17) And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water. (18) And the priest shall set the woman before the Lord, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse: (19) And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, if no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness with another instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse: (20) But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband: (21) Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, the Lord make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the Lord doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell; (22) And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot: 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 causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter. (25) Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the Lord, and offer it upon the altar:

# The law of jealousies HERE is believed by rabbis to apply to Israel and her Elohim allegorically.

- 1. Man here refers to the Elohim of Israel
- 2. Adultery refers to the golden calf.
- 3. The woman here the wife refers to Israel.
- **4.** The seed refers to them giving their children to Molech the false god.

Israel committed harlotry and adultery and Yahweh was very upset with her. The passage is applied literally to adultery or suspected adultery situations but it has Drash (Allegorical) application to Israel for her adultery to the Elohim of Israel.

**Hosea 2:2** Plead with your mother, plead: for she is <u>not</u> my wife, neither am I her <u>husband</u>: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her <u>adulteries</u> from between her breasts;

She had gone after other **lovers** i.e. other false gods, her allegorical husband Yahweh had put her away out of his sight.

(5) For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.

Even though the Elohim of Israel was her provider but she did not acknowledge this and went whoring after other gods. Some Christians are like this today, they do not acknowledge their saviour but go whoring after other gods looking for peace.

Hosea 3:1-5 Then said the Lord unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine. (2) So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley: (3) And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee. (4) For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice [destruction of the Temple], and without an image [like a lost child no Elohim over her], and without an ephod [No visible High Priest to go to], and without teraphim: (5) Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days.

The house of Israel (Ephraim) was going to abide without her king for many days i.e. many centuries into the end of days.

Yahweh had said that she was going to be punished but then He would take her back but how could Yahweh break His own law (Torah) that He had set for a divorce and reconciliation? Biblically in a divorce a woman could only be remarried to her husband if she had not attached herself to a second husband but in Israel's case she had gone after other gods and in affect following other gods meant she had attached to other husbands (Baalim) as well.

We realise now seeing Yahshua's death on the cross this happened where the husband had to die for the wife to be set free of the <u>first oath</u> and then He could re-live and take up His wife again with a **new oath**. Thus Yahshua died and Israel was set free and upon His resurrection she could be legally taken back as wife, this shows how much love Master Yahshua had for Israel His bride.

Rabbi Shaul of Tarsus had very good understanding of this principle and said it like this;

Romans 7:1-3 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? (2) For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. (3) So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called

an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Therefore Yahshua's death on the cross was the **death of the penalty of an adulterous woman and not only that but for all her other sins.** See how important it is that either you are part of Israel.

<u>Hosea 4:6</u> My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge**: because thou hast <u>rejected knowledge</u>, I will <u>also reject thee</u>, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast <u>forgotten the law</u> [Torah] of thy God, I will also forget <u>thy children</u>.

Those believers that reject **knowledge in scripture**, this is directly related to **Torah being rejected** i.e. God's holy instructions for our living thus if you reject Torah's instructions for your living then Yahweh rejects you that is what He is trying to teach here. Thou shall not murder was as valid commandment for yesterday as it is for today. Thou shall not steal applies with the same force so does remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Are you keeping it holy or living unholy during it and teaching other people to do likewise?

<u>Proverbs 3:13</u> Happy is the man that findeth **WISDOM**, and the man that getteth **UNDERSTANDING**.

Why is the man happy upon finding "wisdom"? This is because through the **Torah one arrives at the goal of Messiah the saviour** because the Torah speaks about Him and it is a pleasure to Obey Yahweh and not a problem but real pleasure, thus real wisdom is revealed by knowing who Yahshua is.

<u>Deuteronomy 4:6</u> KEEP therefore and DO them; for this is YOUR WISDOM and your UNDERSTANDING in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these STATUTES, and say, surely this great nation is a WISE and UNDERSTANDING people.

These verses tell us that KEEPING and OBEYING the TORAH is done by a WISE and UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE. Those that lack wisdom lack keeping the Torah it is as simple as that.

Are you WISE and UNDERSTANDING or FOOLISH ask yourself and decide for yourself?

A pastor in Pakistan said to me that we do not keep the Sabbath because we have not entered His rest misquoting Hebrews 4:8-10, this is precisely Pakistan's problem, they have self ordained clergy who have no clue about the scriptures and make up their own doctrine as they go along.

**Hebrews 4:8-10** For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. (9) There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. (10) For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Little did this Pastor realise that this passage is not speaking about Yahshua (Jesus) but Joshua the son of Nun and this name is actually a scribal error in the Bible.

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Hebrews 4:8-9 For if Yahoshua son of Nun had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. (9) There remains therefore a Shabbat-keeping duty to the people of אלהא.

The passage is actually saying that if Joshua son of Nun had given Israel rest then he would not **speak of another day** as he was speaking of the rest in Messiah which was yet future and those who have accepted Yahshua Messiah are in fact in that rest today and do not have to wait for a tomorrow. We are in affect to honour all His days, Sabbaths as Bible believing Israelites.

<u>Proverbs 1:28-29</u> "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. (29) Because they hated <u>knowledge</u> (directly related to His instructions of the Torah) and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

Those that disobey the Torah and then call upon Yahweh He will not answer their prayers nor entertain their questions then they wonder why their prayers are not answered.

**Proverbs 28:9** He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law [Torah], even his prayer shall be abomination.

This is established in scripture that if you forsake the Torah then you can forget your prayers will ever be answered.

<u>Proverbs 1:33</u> but <u>whoever listens to me</u> will <u>dwell</u> safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil."

He issues an edict for those that do listen, the secret to being safe is to obey Yahweh.

<u>Proverbs 2:1-6</u> My son, if you <u>receive My words</u>, and treasure my commands within you, (2) so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;

Torah obedience is imperative for ALL believers.

**(6)** For the <u>Lord gives wisdom</u>; from **His mouth come knowledge** and <u>understanding</u>;

Torah is **out of His mouth** thus it is not void and as much valid today as it was yesterday the difference is that not all commandments apply to us, some apply to men, some to women, some to married people and others to the levitical priesthood.

The same pastor argued that the Father was seen by Abraham and I asked him who was in the garden with Adam walking and talking in the cool of the day. He again said it is the Father and yet here is testimony of scripture;

<u>John 1:18</u> No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

<u>John 5:37</u> "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form."

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<u>John 6:46</u> "Not that any man hath seen the Father, except he who is from God, he hath seen the Father."

Unfortunately scripture contradicts such pastors as in error and the truth is that it was the Son Yahshua who was in the garden and with Abraham.

**Hosea 4:17** Ephraim is **joined to idols**: let him alone.

Last week (June 2006) we were invited to a church where there was a huge idol in it depicting the Son Yahshua and even one for the Father and the people were sitting there like nothing is wrong looking for blessings, this is the condition of Ephraim who is still into idolatry. I could not stand the sight of those abominations; we left without eating the meal of course.

**Leviticus 23:15** And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

Seven Sabbaths are 49 days to Pentecost so from the time of the Passover it is approximately 50 days. There is no such thing an Ishtar, the word Easter is derived from the pagan goddess Ishtar and many practices are retained in Christianity even though this holiday is somewhat modified. Christians show lack of understanding to forsake the good days for worship (Sabbath on Saturday) and accept to worship on the day of a false pagan god such as Sun-day. It is understandable that we have gone through thousands of years of change but in Yahweh's timeline Saturday remains the Saturday and His appointed time to meet His people.

## So what exactly happened at Shavuot, Pentecost?

Yahweh was showing how through the harvest there will be an <u>ingathering of</u> <u>nations</u>. Gentile people were coming to faith. Pentecost is all about the change of our hearts from **stony hearts to heart of flesh** that will obey Yahweh.

Was the Holy Spirit not present in the Wilderness Era? Yes people were indwelt by the Holy Spirit but usually such people as kings, judges, leaders and prophets are pointed out in the Bible.

So what happened at Pentecost is according to prophecy that in the **latter days** the gentiles will come in i.e. it is the return of Ephraim who has become a multitude of gentile nations.

Amos 9:11 In that day [that was future from Amos's time] will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

The term **"in that day"** means it is future and related to the end time. So the **Tabernacle of David** had fallen down and it was going to be repaired. Does that sound like the start of something **new** or something **old**?

Acts 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

As prophesied the tabernacles is being raised and what is being raised has existed already and is not something new.

<u>Acts 2:1-5</u> And when the day of Pentecost was <u>fully</u> come, **they were all** with one accord in one place.

### What was that one place? The Temple in Jerusalem.

(2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (5) And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Acts chapter 2 is the <u>re-birth of the church</u>. What were all these men doing in Jerusalem? There were Jews from every nation who had come to celebrate Pentecost i.e. the wheat harvest and giving of the Torah so this was not the start of something new but it was something <u>very</u> old. The house they were in is not some rich man's house but it was the Temple that was holding many thousands of people.

You may jump at the fact that you have a word that means church was established by Yahshua so how can this be and that I did not mention Matthew 16:18?

<u>Matthew 16:18</u> And I say also unto thee, **that thou art Peter**, and upon **this rock I will <u>build</u> my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

First of all **THE ROCK** that Yahshua is rebuilding His church upon is Himself not some pope. The Greek word for "build" "oikodomeo" is more accurately translated "**re-build**". It was **something old** not **something new**.

This is All related to an ancient promise to our Father Abraham.

<u>Genesis 32:12</u> And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make **thy seed** as the **sand of the sea**, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

## These are lots of descendents but how? Will they be many nations?

<u>Genesis 12:3</u> And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

In Hebrew "V' Nivrechu Bekah Kol Mishpachot HA-Adamah."

# Literally translates in YOU (Abraham) <u>ALL THE FAMILIES</u> OF THE EARTH WILL BE <u>GRAFTED IN</u>.

**Genesis 15:5** And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and **tell the stars**, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Abraham first, then his son Isaac and then in turn Jacob were given these promises.

Because of King Solomon's disobedience Yahweh divided his kingdom into the **Northern Kingdom** (10 tribes of Israel) this is called Ephraim and is a spiritual picture of Christianity, the other **southern kingdom of Judah** which included Benjamin which is a spiritual picture of Judaism today. King Jeroboam did not help matters but was also a wicked king, he made his own feasts and his own altars to prevent people from going to Jerusalem and made two calfs and said these are your gods Israel 1 kings 2:28 do the celebration here and don't need to go to Jerusalem.

**1 Kings 12:28** Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Thus Yahweh was fulfilling His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, He scattered the **House of Israel** so they would become a multitude of nations i.e. literally goyim because they loved to play the harlot and adopt gentile culture. Then we see in Hosea there was a divorce of the marriage but once again signs of reconciliation were given and also how it would come about.

### Remember

**Genesis 35:11** And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be **fruitful** and **multiply**; a nation and a **COMPANY OF NATIONS** shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

The word for fruitful is Parats that literally means to **break forth** into many people.

## What did Rabbi Shaul of Tarsus understand by this?

**Romans 9:24-27** Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? (25) As he saith also in Osee, I will call them **my people**, which were **not my people**; and her beloved, which was not beloved. (26) And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. (27) Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, though the number of the children of Israel be as the **sand of the sea**, a remnant shall be saved:

Where was this said to and to whom? Paul was addressing people who he knew to be exiles the dispersal of Israel the ten tribes living in the nations.

Paul was literally quoting the prophet Hosea from <u>Hosea 1:6</u> to the Ephraimites i.e. Christians. What many people do not see today yet Paul saw long ago yet funny is it not that people claim to have knowledge today.

<u>Hosea 1:6</u> And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name <u>Loruhamah</u>: [no mercy] for I will **no more have mercy** upon the <u>HOUSE OF ISRAEL</u>; but I will utterly **take them away.** 

And in verse 9 the <u>hammer is struck</u> calling them **lo-ammi (not my people)** but we see signs of mercy with in the judgment.

<u>Hosea 2:20-23</u> I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord. (21) And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the

earth; (22) And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel. (23) And I will **sow her unto me in the earth**; and I will **have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy**; and I will say to them which were **not my people**, **Thou art my people**; and they shall say, **Thou art my God**.

Who is being betrothed back and how? The church or the 12 tribes are being betrothed back again as the bride?

Hosea 1:10-11 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, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God. (11) Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, [Messiah] and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

#### One commentator writes:

Verse 10. Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the **sand of the sea**, which cannot be measured nor numbered, though called Loammi, and rejected from being the people of God; yet there is a time when their number, according to the promise made to Abraham, shall be as the sand of the sea, and the stars of heaven; which, as the one cannot be measured, the other cannot be numbered; which was to be not at the return of the Jews from the Babylonish captivity, when some of the ten tribes of Israel returned with them, as Theodoret and others think; for they were but few that then returned: but rather at the first times of the Gospel, when multitudes that came from various parts of the world were converted at the day of Pentecost, and greater numbers; who were met with in the ministry of the word, in the various parts of the world, where they were dispersed, and the Gospel came, to whom Peter and James wrote their epistles;

<u>Hebrews 10:16</u> This is the **covenant** that I will make with **them** after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws [Torah] into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Yahweh was going to change the stony heart into hearts of flesh with a new covenant to receive the Torah of Yahweh and OBEY it. You do not receive something to abolish it.

<u>Hebrews 8:8</u> For finding <u>fault with them</u>, [people not Torah] he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the <u>house of Israel</u> and with <u>the house of Judah</u>.

Sorry to spoil your day but there is no covenant with an entity called a church but there is a covenant with the **TWO HOUSES OF ISRAEL** and or called the "House of Jacob" i.e. all 12 sons who thus became the twelve tribes of Israel. Whatever you are Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Messianic or other either you are part of the covenanted nation of Israel or you are part of nothing so take your choice since Yahweh calls you ALL Israel.

What was bad about the Mosaic covenant, people or the God of Israel? The "them" (Hebrews 8:8) is not the covenant but the people and here many pastors

misinterpret this as the **covenant being bad** yet can something bad come from Yahweh our Elohim?

Christians are taught that Torah was bad or inadequate, it is done away with but Yahweh teaches us this is not true and this lie is exactly what Satan wants us to believe. This kind of theology is itself foolish and satanic to say some how Yahweh's written words by His own finger, uttered by His mouth are bad yet we know this is a ie. The Ten Commandments were written by the finger of Yahweh and are wholesome and good. In them we see 4 laws directly relating to Himself, his relationship with man/woman and the other six to mankind's relationship with each other. The Elohim of Israel was not only interested in a good upright relationship with Himself but also His **character** to flow with in each other. By the way that does not mean we accept people who live in sin to be a given right and mix with like people. We are told to avoid the wicked people and not to sit in their council. Wicked people will lead to wickedness, like attracts like remember this.

The **law giver** is perfect so there is nothing wrong with the Torah but the problem is with **people**, this is why he said a **stony heart will He replace**. Do you still refuse to obey Torah and if you do then you still have a stony heart and not a heart of flesh to obey Him.

What is the Parable of Mark, it is not only very Hebraic but it spoke of what the prophets said;

**<u>Hosea 7:8</u>** Ephraim, he hath **<u>mixed</u>** himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

Ephraim the ten tribes had got mixed. They loved their idolatry so Yahweh allowed them to live like pagans.

**Hosea 8:12** I have written to him the great things of my law, [Torah] but they were **counted as a strange thing**.

These Ephramites counted the holy Torah as a **strange** thing. Do you do that?

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**Deuteronomy 33:17** His glory is like a firstborn bull, and his horns are like the horns of the wild ox; together with them He shall push the peoples to the ends of the earth; they are the **ten thousands of Ephraim**, and they are the **thousands of Manasseh**."

This is a prophecy by Moses that Ephraim will spread in many numbers amongst the people and they surely have just as prophesied.

**<u>Deuteronomy 1:11</u>** `May the Lord God of your fathers make you a **thousand times more numerous** than you are, and bless you as He has promised you!

Take the count of the Israelites adults that came out of Egypt 600,000 (Exodus 12:37), it is estimated that with children we are looking at perhaps 4 million people, if we multiply these with 1000 as per the prophecy then we would get four billion Ephramites in the world. That would mean there are a lot of Ephramites around who do not even know their identity.

**Hosea 11:9** I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to **destroy** Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

Yahweh was not going to destroy Ephraim as a punishment but only **scatter** them to gather Israel and other nations with them.

This is why Yahshua says that He only came for the "LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL". These lost sheep had mingled with other nations to become many different people so then Yahweh in His mercy was gathering those that would hear His voice.

<u>Matthew 15:24</u> But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the **lost sheep of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL**.

Even in Yahweh's punishment there is amazing grace.

Jeremiah 3:18 In those days the HOUSE OF JUDAH shall walk with the HOUSE OF ISRAEL, and they shall come together OUT OF THE LAND OF THE NORTH to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

Where is the church in all of this? Remember the church is not something new but something very old from Mount Sinai.

<u>Hosea 14:6-8</u> His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. (7) They that dwell under his shadow <u>shall return</u>; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. (8) **Ephraim shall say, what have I to do any more with idols?** I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.

No more idols, no more calling the Torah a strange thing, Ephraim will recognise his idolatry and will repent and return to Yahweh His Elohim.

Rabbi Shaul of Tarsus wrote it this way;

**Ephesians 2:13-14** But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were **far off** are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (14) For he is our peace, who hath made **both one**, and hath broken down the **middle wall of partition** between us;

- ➤ The term **FAR OFF** is used for the dispersed 10 tribes.
- Both one is used for the TWO HOUSES OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL the seed of lacob.
- ➤ What is the middle wall of partition? The Temple where gentiles were not allowed to cross this wall. The gentiles had to be circumcised to get to the wall even they had to show obedience to get that far.

# This term "far off" is not new and is used in Tenach.

<u>Daniel 9:7</u> O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and **unto all Israel, that <u>are near</u>, and that are <u>far off</u>, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.** 

# The term "Far off" can also be found in Jeremiah 46:27, Ezekiel 11:16, Zechariah 6:15

Thus we can prove from scripture that the terminology **FAR OFF** is for the dispersed Ephramites, the ten tribes.

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**Ephesians 2:12** That at that time you were without Moshiach, being excluded, aliens from the Commonwealth of Yisrael, as gerim from the covenants of promise, having no tikvah, and without Elohim in the olam hazeh.

Rabbi Shaul saw in this <u>not</u> gentile people but returning Ephramites. The word for gentiles in the Bible is Ger or Gerim in the Hebrew dialect.

### Let me give you proof

**Acts 7:51** "You **stiffnecked** and **uncircumcised** [Aperitmetos – Strongs G564] in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

Sp Paul is rebuking the people for what their fathers (House of Israel did). Peritmetos [Strongs 4059] means to be circumcised but like our English word we say known or we put "un" before it to make it un-known thus making the word negative. Like seen or **un**-seen so we put "un" before it, likewise the same way in Greek the words negating something can have an **A** before them such as this e.g. A-Peritmetos, there is no little dash but it is only to explain the concept.

**Galatians 5:6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision [Acrobustia Strongs 203] nor uncircumcision avails anything, but **faith** working through love.

What Paul is saying that there **are people who threw off their foreskins** so by being of a blood line say Judah it benefits nothing but only FAITH, he was referring to the northern ten tribes of Israel. Even they were blood line but they did not care about their covenant relationship thus making it of no use.

Acts 11:3 saying, "You went in to <u>uncircumcised</u> [Acrobustia 203] men and ate with them!"

So Peter went to those who had once thrown away their foreskins i.e. they were <u>circumcised</u> but no longer practicing in Judaism this is why we find the different Greek words one for pure gentiles and one for those who threw away their circumcision aka the Ephramites who did not care to obey Torah.

**Romans 2:26** Therefore, if an uncircumcised [acrobustia 203] man keeps the **righteous requirements of the law**,[Torah] will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

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Akrobustia is always a reference to Efrayim-Yisrael, who tossed away their rights and their benefits of belonging to the circumcision, or to the people of historic Yisrael.

The whole Bible was written for the house of Jacob and those that joined this house. Do you know who Jacob's epistle is for?

# James 1:1 To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad;

Both a near term and future prophecy because all 12 tribes would be scattered and Jacob knew his Tenach well, the reference to the twelve tribes is to make it plain and clear that the Bible is for those who join Israel not some man made denomination associated with a building called a church. Israel = the congregation of Yahweh i.e. the true church, the assembly of Yahweh.

In <u>James 1:1</u> Yaakov writes his epistle to the <u>12 tribes scattered abroad</u>. Obviously Jacob knew that the body of Yahshua that he was writing to was nothing more than the **re-gathered 12 tribes of Israel** that had been redeemed through Yahshua and he addressed them as such.

<u>1 Peter 1:1</u> an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the <u>strangers</u> scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

These <u>strangers</u> are no other but the ten tribes of Israel. Don't forget Judah had not been cast off until AD70, this letter was written long before 70AD the Ephramites counted Torah as a **strange** (Hosea 8:12) thing while Judah did not.

<u>Hosea 8:12</u> I have written to him the **great things of my law**,[Torah] but they were counted as <u>a strange thing</u>.

Yahweh called His Torah "great things" but Ephraim counted it a "strange thing" just like the church today who call it legalism, not for us, oh, it stifles me and the hundred other excuses they would come up with. Yet Yahweh's Torah is liberating and will set people free everywhere who will find the Messiah through it.

**Ezekiel 37:16-17** Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For **Judah, and for the children of Israel** his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For **Joseph, the stick of Ephraim** and for all the house of Israel his companions: (17) And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

(21) And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take **the children of Israel** from <u>among the heathen</u>, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and **bring them into their own land**:

Ezekiel is shown clearly that the Ephramites are gone among the Heathen and that they will be gathered, the two sticks i.e. the two Houses are joined into one. The in gathering harvest Pentecost is of these lost souls. Praise Yahweh Elohim.

(22) And I will make them <u>one nation</u> in the land <u>upon the mountains</u> <u>of Israel</u>; and <u>one king shall be king to them all</u>: and they <u>shall be no more two nations</u>,[north and south divide] neither shall they be divided into <u>two kingdoms</u> any more at all.

They will be gathered to Israel, one king is one Messiah Yahshua who will rule and reign over them in **one united Israel** in the Millennium kingdom.

**Romans 11:25** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is **happened to Israel**, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

This is the mystery of the kingdom that the ones coming into the kingdom are largely Ephramites, blindness happened to Israel that is both Judah and Ephraim? If we drink from the same stream or if we get our blessings from the same tree the olive tree then blindness has happened to both houses, both Judah and Ephraim because we consume the same sap. Judah does not recognise her Messiah Yahshua and her lost brothers the Ephramites while Ephraim does indeed recognise her king Messiah but does not recognise Judah and still calls the Torah a strange thing thus we see both spiritually and biologically the current church into many pagan practices. What has changed? Not much as we can see, does that remind you of king Jeroboam's days.

<u>Mattthew 10:5-6</u> These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go <u>not</u> into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: (6) But <u>go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.</u>

Yahshua commanded His disciples <u>not</u> to go to Samaria but to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL the lost sheep yet Christians gloss over these avoiding to understand the obvious.

Why did Yahshua preach to the Samaritan woman in John chapter 4, yet tell His disciples not to? He knew that His disciples would have a dislike of the Samaritans and old prejudices die hard so He conducted the job in the northern territory Himself, she was one from the ten tribes.

<u>Acts 8:14</u> Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that **Samaria** had received the word of God, they sent unto them **Peter and John:** 

Peter and John went to inspect the Samarian revival had taken place and these were definitely Israelites i.e. former Ephramites.

<u>Mark 4:4-5</u> And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. (5) And some fell on **stony ground**, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

(16) And these are they likewise which are sown on **stony ground**; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

The allegory of the stony ground refers to **HARD hearts!** 

**Ezekiel 11:19** And I will give them <u>one</u> heart, and I will put a **new spirit** within you; and I will take the <u>stony heart out of their flesh</u>, and will give them an <u>heart of flesh</u>:

Heart of flesh to obey Torah not to reject it.

This is what Pentecost is all about, the removal of stony hearts and planting of hearts of FLESH through the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) so that people may OBEY Yahweh.

<u>Matthew 15:24</u> But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

Yahshua came for the **lost sheep of the house of Israel** that means either you as a "lost sheep" or "goyim" gentile convert have joined Israel and her covenants.

Jeremiah 33:24-26 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The **two families** which the **Lord hath chosen**, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. (25) Thus saith the Lord; If My covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; (26) Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

The covenant and dealings of Yahweh are only with two families i.e. Judah and Ephraim the total twelve tribes or seed of Jacob, there is no covenant with an entity known as a "church". Yahweh is very clear in the most solemn declaration what the people say against the twelve tribes but lays the challenge that even there is no more day and night or talks about the heaven and the earth disappearing to do with his commandments that if no such thing has happened then the covenants remain with the total sum of Israel. Yahweh is clear that He will cause the captivity of both Houses to finish and that He does not consider a covenant with any other people. We must remember that Yahweh's covenants are not annulled but ALL continue merely overlapping each other. Yahweh's rebuke came for the surrounding nations who were saying that Israel's God has forsaken her but Yahweh says this is not possible.

**Zechariah 8:23** Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that **ten men shall take hold out of all languages** of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt [tzitzit] of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

They will grab the **tzitzits** the corner fringes of saved Jews (Yahudis) and ask to go to Israel to believe in the Elohim of Israel i.e. Yahshua to worship Him. These Ten figure is literal and symbolic of the **LOST TEN TRIBES**, **most of these people are Christians from ALL Nations who have suddenly realised that God has not cast off the Jews but is with them and thus they come to support them.** With my friends I sometimes joke around that since my background is Sunni Islamic I say we keep all the feasts, we keep kosher, wear the tzitzits, keep the sabbath thus we are Sunni Christians (those that keep the ways of Yahshua since He was a kosher, tizitzit wearing, feast keeping, Sabbath observing Jew). Sunna is an Arabic term that is often applied to the ways and deads of the Muslim prophet Muhammad but it can be equally applied to Yahshua, to keep the **ways and deeds of Yahshua**, in other words follow the Halacha (walk) of Yahshua, walk like He walked just as 1 John 2:6 says to apply it in our life.

**1 John 2:6** He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

In other words if you are walking like Yahshua of Nazareth you have nothing to fear and if you are walking like a pagan then you better repent and turn around to walk like Yahshua.

<u>Isaiah 11:12-14</u> And he shall set up an <u>ensign</u> for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of **Judah** from the four corners of the earth. (13) The envy also of **Ephraim** shall

depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. (14) But they shall fly upon the **shoulders of the Philistines toward the west**; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon **Edom and Moab**; and the **children of Ammon** shall obey them.

What is this ensign? Something lifted up, standard, signal, signal pole, ensign, banner, sign, sail...

Have you heard of the Roman pagan philosophical gospel that plagues many protestant Anglican churches that the Torah is done away with and replaced with the new covenant church. That some even go so far to say that the Elohim of the Tenach (Mosaic covenant) is not the Elohim of the (Renewed covenant). They proclaim the Ten Commandments yet break them, there are ministries out there called the <u>Ten Commandments</u> yet refusing to obey ALL the Ten Commandments. The contradict themselves.

They refuse to obey the 4th Commandment and that is KEEP YAHWEH's day HOLY. This is Saturday not Sunday as taught in churches; their replacement theology wil fall and fail, alongside this they are mixed into idolatry and mix worship with idolatrous practices. Idolatrous Christianity will be judged with a rod of iron, Yahweh will let loose the beast the Antichrist upon them to deal with them who will kill many of these. Who are the likely targets? Many of these so called Christians are Pastors and priests who are into both adultery and idolatry and many others who called themselves by the name of Christ but are into worldly lifestyles and don't fulfil the halacha (walk) of their faith, who do not have their faith as their lifestyle, many of these will be Sunday only Christians who monotonously go to churches on Sunday but don't care about being obedient to Yahweh's words because there lifestyle is a reflection of the world, let me give you some example.

A friend was telling me that a Christian woman got married recently with a Hindu and she went to marry in a church and then afterwards she was going around the fire as in a Hindu custom. Another example, a Christian woman got married to a Muslim and then she was reciting the Islamic Shahada and other Islamic Ayahs (Qua'ranic formlas) in the marriage (creed that Muslims recite to confirm prophethood status on Mohammed and Allah being the only god).

**Ephesians 5:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

A third will do as I have seen all three in my short walk.

A pastor in a major Asian Methodist church was deceiving his congregation by standing and praying on the pulpit for one particular person whose mother was a widow and she did not receive any sympathy or help from this pastor at any time yet Yahweh commands special help to the widows, the pastor was praying for the widows son's new started church but in actual fact he had written to the authorities of that church to ban him from there. The pastor even hated her son for starting a radio ministry to serve Yahshua. This pastor continued to lie and rail false accusations against the same person to discredit him, this so called pastor was breaking the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment and the tenth "thou shall not make false witness and thou shall not covet". On the one hand he was trying to show how much love he has for the individual that he hated for no cause while deceiving the people in the church and on the other he was showing his real dark nature and the sin evident in his life, on top of that he was involved in many

other dark things such as exposing deep personal matters of people in his congregation who would come to him for prayer by going to different congruent homes and discrediting the individuals. One person in another radio ministry while living in adultery with another woman was trying to teach morality and just using the radio platform to make money. Such is the condition of these so called Christians who bring disrepute to our Master Yahshua. There are many such Pastors/Christians in South East Asian churches today who make a laugh and a joke of Yahweh's commandments, the corruption of the South East Asian churches are actually well known. While the Western churches make a laugh and a joke about His holy laws regarding homosexuality and ordaining clergy who are clearly living in this sin. When a Muslim stands up and says these churches are corrupt then praise Yahshua because even he who has never read the Bible has better moral sense then these so called Christians reading their Bibles. Such people are headed for eternal judgment and condemnation unless they repent of their sins and they make the blood of Yahshua to come to naught as a result of their behaviour.

Do the above examples I gave look like the bride with out "spot" or "blemish"? Clearly such people are in Idolatry baptised or not. These types of Christians will suffer the great tribulation and will not be raised in the **rapture** (Revelation 2:22) but will be revived in the great white thrown judgement and many of these people will end up eternity in hell.

Since Yahweh's words are final and true we take the admonition that Paul declared;

<u>1 Corinthians 6:9-10</u> Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, (10) Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

For such people the "kingdom of God" is a closed place.

**2** Peter **2:13** And shall <u>receive the reward of unrighteousness</u>, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves **with their own deceivings** while they **feast with you**; (15)... Which have forsaken the **RIGHT WAY**, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor,

Make no mistake this is set in scripture as stone that these are idolatrous Christians who have forsaken the RIGHT WAY (true Biblical commandments) and have gone astray, they teach one thing while doing another they teach we are saved and will get our reward but the only reward that awaits them is the great tribulation on this earth and judgement and condemnation in the next.

# Yahweh will put these through the great tribulation.

**Revelationation 2:21-23** I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. (22) Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with **her into great tribulation**, except they repent of their deeds. (23) And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

**Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition** Bible is more correct and accurate with its terminology from the Hebrew and Aramaic source because the word for "bed" is more accurately translated "**coffin**".

**Revelation 2:22-23** See, I will cast her into a coffin, and them that commit adultery with her into Great Tribulation, unless they make teshuvah [repentance] from their deeds. (23) And I will kill her children with death; and all the Yisraelite congregations shall know that I am He who searches the minds and levim [hearts]: and I will give to every one of you according to your wicked deeds.

As correctly stated in the RSTNE Bible "An unclean and unrighteous lifestyle will lead to being overcome by the <u>Great Tribulation</u>, as opposed to overcoming through it".

Sadly many Jews are treated with contempt even by many mainstream Christians today and in the time of Luther his vile and hateful writings were used by Hitler to orchestrate the holocaust calling Jews Christ killers yet Yahshua laid His life by Himself.

**John 10:18** No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

# **Luther Said: Persecute The Jewish People**

"Jews are young devils damned to hell." ('Luther's Works,' Pelikan, Vol. XX, pp. 2230.)

"Burn their synagogues. Forbid them all that I have mentioned above. Force them to work and treat them with every kind of severity, as Moses did in the desert and slew three thousand... If that is no use, we must drive them away like mad dogs, in order that we may not be partakers of their abominable blasphemy and of all their vices, and in order that we may not deserve the anger of God and be damned with them. I have done my duty. Let everyone see how he does his. I am excused." ('About the Jews and Their Lies,' quoted by O'Hare, in 'The Facts About Luther, TAN Books, 1987, p. 290.)

While many in the Christian world paint Luther as a hero but what authority did he have to paint such an evil picture of the tribe of Judah yet the same person believed that Yahshua is the Messiah who by the way is also a JEW?

Yahweh had this to say to those these type of churches who either were hating the Jews or still are, those individuals (The Jews) were committed the oracles of Elohim because they were <u>not</u> hated but are loved by Yahweh?

**Genesis 12:3** And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Although the term equally applies to all the **ten tribes inclusive of the Jews** because of Israel's composition, the so called Christian hating Jews will come

under the curse since hate simply means they do not know Messiah. Repent and return to your first love the Elohim of Israel or face the consequences.

A person I knew in Denmark said we should hate the Jews and I have lost many friendships trying to be obedient to the words of Yahweh in the Bible with the world over these issues with their version of Paganised and Pigganised Christianity because I will not stand with these people and their version of the Bible that is out of sync with Yahweh the Elohim of Israel.

# <u>Romans 3:2</u> Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

Unto Whom were committed the oracles of Yahweh? Israel the twelve tribes not <u>just</u> Yahudah i.e. both houses. Messianics need pay attention and open their eyes to the two house truth.

<u>Isaiah 11:10-11</u> And in that day there shall be a **root** of **Jesse**, which shall stand for an **ensign of the people**; to it shall the **Gentiles seek**: and his rest shall be glorious. (11) And 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**, which shall be left, from **Assyria**, and from **Egypt**, and from **Pathros**, and from **Cush**, and from **Elam**, and from **Shinar**, and from **Hamath**, and from the **islands of the sea**.

Yahweh gathers His people a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, first time it was Judah and the 2<sup>nd</sup> time another gathering of both Judah and Ephraim, a remnant will return.

This ensign is no other but **Yahshua of Nazareth** and it will be **His banner that will be lifted up,** whether it is the sign of the cross or some other sign that will draw people back to Him. These are the lost tribes that became many gentiles.

In <u>JOHN 10:16</u> Yahshua said "other sheep I have which are not of this fold. I have to bring them in as well. And they shall hear My voice and there shall be ONE FLOCK and ONE SHEPHERD".

Notice **ONE** flock and **ONE** Shepherd, that means there is only **ONE** bride not two and that bride is Hebrew not Greek sorry to disappoint many looking at the wrong bride and it is composed of the 12 tribes not two or just 10.

**Ephesians 1:14** Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of **the purchased possession**, unto the praise of his glory.

The **purchased possession** is no other but the 12 tribes the body of true Israelites.

<u>Hosea 5:9</u> Ephraim shall be <u>desolate in the day of rebuke</u>: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

## Ephraim was desolate because of his sins.

<u>Isaiah 49:5-6</u> And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring **Jacob again to him** [ALL twelve tribes], though Israel be <u>not</u> gathered,[Ten tribes in Exile] yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength. (6) And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the **tribes of Jacob [just like Acts the tent of David**, and to restore the preserved

[Netzer to Notzarim – Christians] of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

# Yahshua was going to revive the desolate possession.

<u>Hebrews 12:23</u> To the **general assembly** and <u>church of the firstborn</u>, which <u>are</u> written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

This church that adopted pagan practices is no other but the ten tribes, referred to here in words "general assembly", Church of the firstborn as Ephraim is called by this name and notice it is in the present tense which ARE written in HEAVEN. The remnant will leave the idolatry and find the narrow gate.

<u>Psalm 60:7</u> Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the **strength of mine head**; Judah is my **lawgiver**;

Ephraim is strength of my hand and Judah is the Torah giver. Well Ephramites nations are such as US, UK and other parts of Europe, they certainly form out of strong nations.

**Zechariah 7:11** But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. (12) Yea, they made their **hearts as an adamant stone**, lest they should hear the law [Torah], and the words which the Lord of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the **former prophets**: therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts.

Just **like in Exodus <u>Exodus 19:8</u>** the twelve tribes received it with gladness but then later reject it. Today many Christians are like this that they refuse to accept Torah for their lives and also reject many prophets. One Christian was telling me how one Christian man said to him that he did not believe in Isaiah the prophet or Zechariah for that matter since by the sayings of these prophets he could not hold to the doctrine of Torah being abolished. Another Christian lady said to him that she thought that the book of Revelations is of no use thus she could not see the point of its being given in scripture.

**Numbers 14:2** And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the **whole congregation** said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

This is talking about stony heart not stony ground, it is allegorical speech. When the <u>persecution</u> comes many people run away but the ones with the heart of flesh that want to obey do not run but stay firm. Why? This is because these follow and obey Yahweh's Torah would stay firm to the end. Thus Yahshua taught "**those who endure to the end**" will be saved as many will fall on their way.

<u>Ezekiel 36:26</u> A **new heart** also will I give you, and a **new spirit** will I put within you: and I will take away the <u>stony heart</u> out of your flesh, and I will give you an **heart of flesh**.

A **stony heart** is one of sin and a **heart of flesh** is one that wants to obey Yahweh and is a **Torah obedient heart**.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, <u>he will</u> <u>guide you into all truth</u>: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

### So what is TRUTH?

**Psalm 119:142** Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy **law [Torah]** is **the truth**.

### Psalm 119:142 tells us that TORAH IS TRUTH.

<u>Acts 2:41</u> Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls

Acts 2:41 says 3000 people were saved on the ingathering feast of Pentecost. Also notice they were immediately baptised, they did not had to wait to do an alpha course.

Remember that counter to were the 3000 people who had died near Mount Sinai when they rebelled.

**Exodus 32:28** And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

**Exodus 32:4** And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Sadly they built a molten calf and claimed it as the God of Israel and worse even happened.

**Exodus 32:5** And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, **tomorrow is a feast to the Lord**.

Aaron worse still proclaimed the **next day as a feast** when there was <u>no</u> feast. Do you think that Yahweh is happy when a man made feast is proclaimed? Do you think Yahweh approves of man made feast days and gods fashioned by hands? Has not Christianity done the same with days like Christmas, making man made days and adopting pagan customs? Yahweh does not approve of such abominations even if we call it a birthday of Yahshua since He did not order no such day to be celebrated. He does indeed have a day of Birth and it is not December 25<sup>th</sup> but it is Tishri 15, the feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) and its celebrations will be in accordance with the Bible set out in Leviticus 23.

<u>Deuteronomy 31:9-12</u> And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto all the elders of Israel. (10) And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, (11) When all Israel is come to appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. (12) Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and

that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

Moses commanded the words of the our Master that we are to read the whole Torah every **seven years** as **an assembly** especially on the **feast of Tabernacles** but is it not shameful that we as Christians call it not for us and abolished and many of us do not **even keep the feasts** then how can we tell the strangers who are not saved when we are not even willing to obey ourselves? Our leaders and our people have a lot of answering to do on the day of resurrection to our Master Yahshua and their excuses will not be sufficient that day.

**Exodus 32:9-10** And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: (10) Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

**Yahweh Elohim** was very displeased by these man made antics and feasting that had nothing to do with Him, He goes as far as saying that the Hebrews are stiffnecked i.e. stubborn people lusting after their own hearts. He wanted to punish them had it not been for Moses to intercede on behalf of whoring Israel.

The same way Yahweh would equally punish us for our sins had it not been for the Son of Elohim Yahshua to intercede on our behalf and die on the cross for our sins and idolatries. However it does not mean we stay in these sins but it does mean we come to our senses, repent and turn away from such filthy behaviour.

**Exodus 32:14** And the Lord <u>repented</u> [Nahum] of the evil [Ra,ah] which he thought to do unto his people.

Muslims bring an objection to the Bible regarding this verse by saying did Elohim repent thus how can He be God?

The words used here translated repent is Nachum i.e. it actually means "mercy" and "pity", the words for "evil" here is Ra,ah that can also mean calamity, affliction so the correct translation is:

The Hebrew word for **repent** is not Nachum but **shuv** which means to return.

**Exodus 32:14** And Yahweh **had mercy and pity** for the <u>affliction</u> which He thought to do unto his people.

See how a bad translation can have an adverse affect in our thinking and misleading us unto to the wrong ways and rebellion.

**Exodus 19:8** And all the people answered together, and said, **All that the Lord hath spoken we will do**. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord.

People agreed to the covenant for ALL the words of Yahweh we will do, this was the marriage vow.

Although they had accepted the terms and even said "I do" to the allegorical marriage contract but they rebelled still. Today marriages are also a covenant sealed by blood never to be broken but many people dishonour their marriages by sleeping around with others committing adultery and divorcing their wives because the marriage has no meaning for these people. The marriage covenant is

established when the hymen is broken and blood is shed and this is a covenant bond between a husband and wife and seals the marriage bond in the blood with the oath to honour your wife in sickness and in health and vice versa yet we have countless men and women throwing this commandment in the bin divorcing each other like some game. Such behaviour not to love each other is shameful.

**Exodus 32:33** And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will **I blot out of my book**.

Yahweh can blot out people's names from His book and make no mistake about this, for those that rebel this is bad news thus eternal security is only as far as we obey and walk with Him. There is no security for those people who disobey Him.

I hear you groan how can that be since Yahshua said in John 10:28 that He gives them eternal life and no one can pluck them out of His hand?

# <u>John 10:28</u> And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Usually the ones who quote you this verse forget to quote the rest. Yes indeed He gives them eternal life and they cannot perish but **there is a condition** that the walking Halacha is present and active in the believers' life and not just in the past. Since Yahshua gives eternal life right now to those that repent not six months later same way Yahshua expects us to walk with Him and be in Him always to have this promise. Thus we read in **John 10:27**.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they **follow** Me:

Here is the crunch that most preachers do not tell you about, the walking is "**ACTIVE**" today and not in the past. In the Greek text the word FOLLOW is in the Greek <u>present</u> tense not past so if you continue to FOLLOW Yahshua then you are guaranteed eternal life else better be careful to repent of your sins. No wonder Yahshua said in Matthew 10:33;

<u>Matthew 10:33</u> But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

This unfortunately takes the cake away from eternal security adherents to lull people to sleep. Why would Yahshua deny people before His Father if one minute ago they are eternally secure? This is because these people used their free will to walk away and renounce Him thus throwing away their free gift of eternal life. Eternal security is only guaranteed as long as you hold faithful to **His words, commandments and statutes.** 

<u>Acts 2:36</u> Therefore let ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL [The ten tribes] know assuredly, that God hath **made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.** 

Scripture is clear that it is Elohim the Father who made Yahshua both adonai Lord and Messiah thus this is not a man's invention yet we have many so called Christian groups who are called Jesus only or oneness Pentecostals, essentially these people all deny the Triune nature of God.

#### **Finally on Pentecost**

<u>Leviticus 23:17</u> Ye shall bring out of your habitations <u>two wave loaves</u> <u>of two tenth deals</u>; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the Lord.

Two wave loaves of bread with leaven represent the house of Jacob, i.e. the HOUSE OF JUDAH and the HOUSE OF ISRAEL also known as the twelve tribes of Israel all in all not just Yahudah as some think erroneously.

You are to bring two loaves of bread and wave them to the Lord as the priest of your house thus in Israel it was the High priest who did this function and thus praise and worship Adon (Master) Yahweh and give thanks for His salvation through His Son Yahshua.

**Amos 9:11** In that day [that was future from Amos's time] will I raise up the <u>tabernacle of David that is fallen</u>, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will **build it as in the days of old:** 

Remembering this is REBUILDING of the church the sheep of Yahshua, the two houses of Israel and Judah coming together, the Hebrew word Banah can be used for building or repairing the fallen tabernacle that already existed.

Acts 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

Since the covenants were with Israel so is the bride Hebrew or gentile?

So Pentecost is the great gathering of the goy nations that includes many many Ephramites in them.

# **Chapter 6**

# Yom Terua – Feast of Trumpets

This is traditionally known as **Rosh Hashanna** and Yom Terua means the day of the awakening blasts or the day of trumpets, obviously blasts of the Ram's horns. During this time Psalm 27 is read daily by the Jews. Jews say that Yahweh taught them through this the <u>resurrection</u> of the dead, the wedding and coronation of King Messiah besides other pertinent points. This is observed on the 7<sup>th</sup> Month (Tishri) 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month. The dates Tishri 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Tishri 10<sup>th</sup> are known by the Jews as the "days of awe". The Jews also believe that these seven days count to the seven years of tribulation and the heartache to come which they call Jacob's trouble. The Jews also have it in their traditions that Adam was created on this day and that this day 1<sup>st</sup> of Tishri is creation of the world. It is also believed as per the Bible Isaiah 26:2 that the gates of heaven are opened on that day for the righteous to enter in.

<u>Isaiah 26:2</u> Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

A righteous nation that **keepeth the truth**, since Messiah is TRUTH and His words the Torah foundation of all truth.

Also do keep in mind that the idea of the Muezzin call in Islam has come from the Bible where it was the shofar that called the faithful to prayer and worship of Yahweh. A lot of the principles in the Qur'an of Biblical Judaism have come from the Bible.

<u>Leviticus 23:23-24</u> And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, (24) Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

This is a forty day period beginning in the religious month of Elul (May/June) of Teshuvah (repent and return to the original state) of self assessment and self examination for repentance followed by the Day of Atonement on the 40<sup>th</sup> day i.e. ten days later after the day of Trumpets.

Spiritually it is believed this is the time of the coming back of the Messiah at the blast of the great shofar.

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First Thessalonica 4:16 For the Master Himself shall descend from the shamayim with a shout, with the voice of the chief heavenly malach, and with His shofar and with the tekiyah-ge-dolah of The and the dead in Moshiach shall rise first.

We can quite clearly see that the shout is the loud continuous blast known as tekiyah ha gadol or the GREAT TRUMP and this is related to the rapture. This the first resurrection of the dead upon the return of our Messiah Yahshua and the rest of the people who are not in Messiah or not believers per the Bible or idolatrous unfaithful Christians are not woken up at this time for the Millennium reign. The other shofar blast is known as the first blast and that is related with Pentecost and the giving of the Torah at **Mount Sinai Exodus 19:19 when Elohim descended with a shout of the shofar.** Even today in a Jewish synagogue on Rosh Hashanna they would read Genesis chapter 22 the binding of Isaac that is known as the Akeeda. Thus in messianic circles it is believed that Abraham was revealed the day of Messiah i.e. the binding of Isaac Genesis 22:2 was a type of the offering of the Messiah though he was replaced by a ram and this is what is believed to have been uttered by Yahshua in John 8:56 that Abraham rejoiced to see His day and was glad basically what Abraham our father was revealed he rejoiced to see the salvation to come.

Here symbolically Abraham is seen as the Father figure offering up his son just like Elohim our Father offered up His Son freely without any problems as the Lamb of Elohim. The types and shadows of the future crucifixion to come were all present in Genesis 22. The Hebrew word Aakhar in Genesis 22:13 can represent a picture of the last days i.e. this is what was shown to Abraham, in urdu we have a very similar word Aakhar or Aakharat that also means the end of days and this thought is caught in this phrase. Remember the Urdu language is a dialect of the Aramaic language thus some words are identical to the Hebrew/Aramaic tongue.

There are a lot of other signs and symbols but for us it is more relevant to be practical about these things and to remember the greater symbols of the return of Yahshua, the gathering of the believers, the gathering also of the outcasts of Israel (10 Northern tribes) back to Jerusalem **Isaiah 27:13** and the crushing of the Antichrist exactly why Yahshua will return, to get a fuller flavour of who the Antichrist is and how these events will unfold I recommend my book "**World War** 

**III, Unmasking the End Time Beast**" which you may find at <a href="http://www.abrahamic-faith.com">http://www.abrahamic-faith.com</a>.

## Practical application

For us we can also blow the shofar and celebrate this with praise and worship for the great coming of our Master Yahshua, we should gather together and tell others about this wonderful truth to understand the real meaning of Yom Terua and to have joy in our Master. The Jews call this the start of their civil year remembering that the Bible's religious year starts in Nisan that is March/April time frame what Yahweh called Rosh Kodesh (Beginning of months).

# Chapter 7

# Yom Kippur – The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 23:26-28 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, (27) Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord. (28) And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God.

This is celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month of Tishri. The 7<sup>th</sup> month is an interesting month in the Biblical calendar and it has three tremendous feasts. **Trumpets**, the **Day of Atonement** and **Tabernacles**. Have you heard of any nation that spends a whole 24 hour period fasting and repenting for their sins, the only nation that does this is indeed Israel yet they still have not recognised their Messiah who will return soon.

Yom Kippur is about remembering the fall of Adam and Chava (Eve) and the covering that Yahweh provided; it is a remembrance for us of sin and the consequences of it. Note remembrance means contemplating about this, remembering our sinful past and present state in Messiah. There is absolutely no harm and in fact we as Christian should fast during this period to show true repentance in our life and we must remember this statute was commanded forever. Where ever the words L'Olam V'ed are used in scripture they refer all the way into eternity i.e. the concept of time does not apply although people try and apply phrases such as end of age. The same words apply to our salvation and if we can take the phrase "end of age" then that would mean our salvation would end at the "end of age" so be careful of its usage. This is called a Sabbath of Sabbaths so it is a major integral of our faith but little are we taught about it and shown how we can respect this day for Yahweh. First we fast then we rejoice in the presence of Yahshua our Master who saved us from hell. One day not too distant in the future the church will have to answer for a lot of errors so it would be better that we start today at least to obey Yahweh and avoid the wrath to come. Yahshua died for us and it is all the more we thank Him and praise His holy name on this day.

<u>Leviticus 16:5-11</u> And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. (6) And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. (7)

And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. (8) And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scapegoat. (9) And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for 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 an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness. (11) And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself:

The High Priest was commanded to perform a special ceremony to remove the defilement of the Temple and sins of the people to bring a bull offering and a Ram offering on this day. During the Temple times in Israel the High Priest would take two goats one lot would be drawn for lo Adonai (goat for Yahweh) and the second lot for lo Azazel (goat representing for Satan being cast into the lake of fire Revelation 20:10).

Four interesting things happened in Israel during the sacrifice of the two goats, the offering of the goats is essentially seen as one offering, the High Priest would cast two golden lots upon the goats sealing their destiny and if the lot for lo Adonai (goat for Elohim) came in the right hand it was considered a good sign, and the lot in the left hand for lo Azazel (goat for Satan) also took to be a good sign. However for forty years after the death and resurrection of Yahshua the lot for lo Adonai never fell in the right hand of the High priest neither did the lot of the lo Azazel fell in the left hand, this was considered to be a very bad sign.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> sign is also recorded in the Jewish Mishnah where the priest would tie a red crimson sash on the Azazel goat before it was dragged, kicked, spat upon and thrown down a cliff. Another crimson sash was attached on the horns of the altar in the Temple and after the goat was thrown down the cliff that sash would turn white based on **Isaiah 1:18** but this again never turned white after the crucifixion of Yahshua forty years before the destruction of the Temple. The sash turning white would be taken to mean that Yahweh approved of that sacrifice and it not turning white was a sign of the displeasure of Yahweh.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> sign that happened for forty years before the destruction of the Temple was the sign of the doors of the Temple which were huge and took many men to open and close, these doors would automatically open themselves at night. The 4<sup>th</sup> sign was the great golden Menorah in the Temple which would remain burning all night all throughout the week regularly filled with special holy olive oil again before the destruction of the Temple the light of the menorah which had never gone out would go out itself. These signs clearly indicated Yahweh's displeasure at the nation of Israel for rejecting her Messiah. Note also that Yahshua prefigured the Azazel goat that was kicked, spat upon, dragged through the streets before being thrown off the cliff same as Yahshua was spat upon, dragged, kicked, laughed at before dying on the tree on the Mount of olives where He would have fulfilled the Red Heifer sacrifice perfectly.

When the Messiah returns He will judge the nations against those He calls His brothers i.e. the Jews, on account of them He judges the nations and nation of Israel is not counted amongst the heathens. This is why in Matthew chapter 25:31-46 we see the two lots same way as the High Priest did, here the nations on the left and the nations on the right with His brethren who were persecuted and killed by gentiles to be judged and thrown in the lake of fire. What do you think will happen to anti-Semitic Christians who hate the Jews? The answer lies

in this passage. In Yahweh's economy there are only seventy nations of the world, we will look at those in the feast of Tabernacles.

# **Chapter 8**

# **Sukkot – The Feast of Tabernacles**

Leviticus 23:33-37 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, (34) Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord. (35) On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. (36) Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein. (37) These are the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

This is the great feast of rejoicing for ALL the world that is celebrated on Tishri  $15^{th}$  to the  $21^{st}$ , from fasting and a heart towards repentance on the  $10^{th}$  of the month on Yom Kippur and later on the  $15^{th}$  to rejoicing. This time period is a reminder when the Israelites were in the wilderness building booths and even today they build booths during this time to live out that experience as commanded in the Torah (Leviticus 23:42). This was one of the major three big feasts where Israel was commanded that wherever they lived they were to go up to Jerusalem to celebrate it. Contrary to popular belief that Yahshua is born of the pagan festival of Christ-mass inaugurated by the Roman Catholic church, Yahshua was actually born on Tishri  $15^{th}$  on this great day of deliverance known as Sukkot. Yahshua was born showing the sign of tabernacle with us on earth and also when He returns He will once again tabernacle with us.

#### How can we celebrate this?

Many Christians actually go to Jerusalem to celebrate it but to be honest you cannot celebrate it the same way as Yahweh ordained it because on this feast it was ordered that Israel would sacrifice seventy bulls that represented the seventy nations of the world that we find in **Numbers 29:12-40**. This feast was commanded to be celebrated for seven days and to build booths as temporary dwelling places. We as believers should build booths in our backyards and live out the experience if we are able so that we can obey the commandment and experience the joy, don't forget Yahshua has become our Tabernacle and we dwell in Him under the shadow of His wings and this is how the feast is fulfilled in Him. He is our provider and our covering and without Him we have nothing, no provision, no covering. How does it feel like to be naked? This is why allegorically we are without clothes if we do not have Yahshua in our lives and vulnerable to all the spiritual forces out there and to the attack of the arterial enemy.

It is quite clear that an allegoric marriage took place with Israel the covenant bride in Exodus 19:19 under the chupah (Mount Sinai covering canopy) followed through with the ketubah (Torah commandments). We find the same picture of "dwelling" in Revelation 7:15 where the Greek verb **skenoo** used by John means "to pitch tent, encamp, tabernacle, dwell in a tent." The allusion is clearly to the Feast of Tabernacles when the people dwelt in temporary booths. In Israel even

today the custom still exists of marrying under the chupah and even in Pakistan where many Israelites are exiled they have a custom of bringing the bride and bridegroom under a sheet of cloth a sort of chupah. This festival concludes on the 8<sup>th</sup> day with Shmini Atzeret/Simcha Torah (The rejoicing in the Torah). This was a festival of harvest and it signifies the final ingathering harvest.

**Deuteronomy 16:14** And thou shalt **rejoice in thy feast**, **thou**, and thy **son**, **and** thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

All the people who lived with you are to rejoice including the unbelievers around you and your household. This is a time of great celebration, season of our joy and feast of nations. Remember that Yahshua became flesh and "**Tabernacled**" amongst us John 1:14, He will return the 2<sup>nd</sup> time to once again Tabernacle amongst us.

### According to the Companion Bible, Appendix 179:

The word tabernacled here receives beautiful significance from the knowledge that "the Lord of Glory" was "found in fashion as a man", and thus tabernacling in human flesh. And in turn it shows in equally beautiful significance that our Lord was born on the first day of the great Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, viz. the 15th of Tishri, corresponding to September 29 (modern reckoning).

The Circumcision of our Lord took place therefore on the eighth day, the last day of the Feast, the "Great Day of the Feast" of John 7.37 ("Tabernacles" had eight days. The Feast of Unleavened Bread had seven days, and Pentecost one. See Leviticus. 23).

Numbers 29:12-40 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days: (13) And ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish: (14) And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams, (15) and a several tenth deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs: (16) And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering. (17) And on the second day ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot: (18) And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner: (19) And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering thereof, and their drink offerings. (20) And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish; (21) And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner: (22) And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering. (23) And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish: (24) Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner: (25) And one kid of the

goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering. (26) And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without spot: (27) And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner: (28) And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering. (29) And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish (30) And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner: (31) And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering. (32) And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish (33) And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner: (34) And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering. (35) On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work therein: (36) But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish: (37) Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner: (38) And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering. (39) These things ye shall do unto the Lord in your set feasts, beside your vows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meat offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings. (40) And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the Lord commanded Moses.

Days	Bulls offered	Lambs offered	Rams offered	Goats offered
1	13	14	2	1
2	12	14	2	1
3	11	14	2	1
4	10	14	2	1
5	09	14	2	1
6	08	14	2	1
7	07	14	2	1
Total	70	98	14	7

The main thing that we see behind these numbers is that they are all divisible by seven that reflects Yahweh's completeness. There are other patterns in the numbers but for this exercise we will not go into those. Behind this great mystery lies the truth that Israel was fulfilling the sacrificial requirements that the nations would one day come and fulfil themselves in Jerusalem in the Millennium and their failure would cause Yahweh to withhold precious rain water from these nations. Alternatively He will destroy nations with heavy rain as seen in **Ezekiel 38:22** but this is more to do with Armageddon and the Islamic nations (Muslims know this according to their eschatological literature). The traditional reading for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sukkot in Judaism is Zechariah 14 and Ezekiel 38. Not only was

the Torah in affect before Messiah but it remains in affect today and is used to judge those that are no in Messiah and those who remain without His knowledge.

Zechariah 14:16-17 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts (Armies of heaven), and to keep the feast of tabernacles. (17) And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts (Armies of heaven), even upon them shall be no rain.

Sukkot is related to the season of our joy. The four plants mentioned in Leviticus 23:40 boughs of GOODLY TREES, branches of PALM TREES, the boughs of THICK TREES, and WILLOWS OF THE BROOK. Some of these are interpreted to be lulav and Etrog fruit by the Rabbis of Israel. These carry varying allegorical symbols such as being of gentiles joining unto Israel etc. There was also a water drawing ceremony related to the great Hoshanna (The great salvation) that Yahshua related to Himself in John 7:38-39 to being the well of living water. The Talmud goes into great detail about the water drawing ceremony but suffice is to know that the Jews circled the altar seven times during this time and we as believers relate this to Master Yahshua and the one who gives us true living water and out of Him flows wells of living water to satisfy the thirst of nations not just individuals.

There was also a **ceremony of lights** during this time in the Temple and the priests would use their own clothes as wicks to light the four giant golden Menorahs and the whole place will be lit up. Even the Drash (allegorical) is related to Yahshua who stated "**I am the light of the world**" (John 8:12).

### What day was Yahshua born?

In the Western Hemisphere a lot of people celebrate Yahshua's birth on 25<sup>th</sup> of December and in the East many celebrate it during January but can we historically and with Biblically references verify these days to be correct?

<u>Luke 1:5-8</u> There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named **Zacharias**, of the **course of Abia**: and his wife was of the **daughters of Aaron**, and her name was Elisabeth. (6) And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. (7) And they **had no child**, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. (8) And it came to pass, that while he **executed the priest's office** before God in the order of his course.

A few things to note, Zacharias the husband of Elizabeth who was the cousin of Mary was a priest, his wife Elizabeth is from the lineage of Aaron i.e. Levites the priestly line. In this line each person had to serve in the Temple and during David's time (1 Chronicles 24:3-4) he had established a rota system that divided Priests into twenty four groups who would be chosen by lot to serve in the Temple. This would enable the Temple to be functional throughout the year with the different priests serving duty who came to serve their time thus called "course of Abia". So we see with in Mary's family there is lineage of Levites.

Let's look at this in Chronicles 1 Chronicles 28:11-13 and 1 Chronicles 24:7-19.

1 Chronciles 24:7

1. Jehoiarib 2. Jedaiah

1 Chronciles 24:8	3. Harim	4. Seorim
1 Chronciles 24:9	5. Malchijah	6. Mijamin
1 Chronciles 24:10	7. Hakkoz	8. Abijah
1 Chronciles 24:11	9. Jeshuah	10. Shecaniah
1 Chronciles 24:12	11. Eliashib	12. Jakim
1 Chronciles 24:13	13. Huppah	14. Jeshebeab
1 Chronciles 24:14	15. Bilgah	16. Immer
1 Chronciles 24:15	17. Hezir	18. Aphses
1 Chronciles 24:16	19. Pethahiah	20. Jehezekel
1 Chronciles 24:17	21. Jachim	22. Gamul
1 Chronicles 24:18	23. Delaiah	24. Maaziah

The Priests were serving their time from the start of one Sabbath to the next Sabbath i.e. one week in total (2 Chronicles 23:8).

<u>2 Chronicles 23:8</u> So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and **took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath**, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.

The God of Israel commanded Israel to attend Jerusalem on three feasts (Deuteronomy 16:16).

<u>Deuteronomy 16-16</u> Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which He shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty.

These three feasts are:

- Unleavened Bread also popularly known as the Passover though it is a separate feast.
- 2. Pentecost (Feast of weeks) Shavuot
- 3. Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)

The Biblical calendar begins in the month of Aviv (Spring time) also known as the month of Nisan. Here is a brief description of the courses.

1 Chronicles 24:7 1<sup>st</sup> lot came to Jehoiarib would serve 7 days 1 Chronicles 24:7 2<sup>nd</sup> to Jedaiah would serve 7 days also

The third week would be the feast of Passover/unleavened bread and all priests would be present this is Nisan 14 to  $21^{\rm st}$  Nisan.

The schedule would resume with the third group of priests.

1 Chronicles 24:8 3<sup>rd</sup> to Harim and so on...

With the Biblical calendar in mind the courses would repeat with the 24 groups, this schedule would cover slightly over 354 days thus covering the Biblically year fully which corresponds roughly 30 days to the month.

According to this schedule each priest would serve roughly about two weeks on their schedule that is in addition to all the priests being present on the big three festivals mentioned above.

# Conception and birth of John the Immerser

<u>Luke 1:23-24</u> And it came to pass, that, as soon as the **days of his ministration were accomplished**, he departed to his own house. (24) And after those days his <u>wife Elisabeth conceived</u>, and hid herself five months, saying,

We can see here from the scriptures that John was conceived after Zechariah's duty.

With the above mentioned schedule Nisan (March/April) being the first month of the year Zacharias would have served during the  $10^{th}$  week of the year, this was because we are told in scriptures that he is the member of the "course of Abijah" the  $8^{th}$  course listed in the table below.

	1st Month	2nd Month	3rd Month	
	Abib – Nisan (March - April)	Iyyar (April - May)	Sivan (May - June)	
First Week	Jehoiarib (1)	Seorim (4)	All Priests (Pentecost)	
Second Week	Jedaiah (2)	Malchijah (5)	Abijah (8)	
Third Week	All Priests (Feast of Unleavened Bread)	Mijamin (6)	Jeshuah (9)	
Fourth Week	Harim (3)	Hakkoz (7)	Shecaniah (10)	

We can see that both **Unleavened bread 15-21 Nisan** and Pentecost 6 Sivan would have occurred before Zecharia's scheduled duty. This would mean that his duty would have occurred in 3<sup>rd</sup> Biblical month of Sivan (May/June) period. After this service was complete Zacharia's would return home and conceive his son John (Yohanna) that means shortly after the third sabbath of the month of Sivan that is May/June time.

## **Conception of Yahshua of Nazareth**

The reason why the conception of John is important because this gives us evidence for Yahshua's conception and birth. According to the gospel of Luke Yahshua was **conceived sixth month** of Elizabeth's pregnancy.

Luke 1:24-27 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying. (25) Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men. (26) And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, (27) To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Note Elizabeth was barren thus mention is made of Yahweh taking away her reproach from men meaning people in those days would laugh at or put women down who were without child thus she says the Lord has taken my reproach away since now she will get an heir. The month of pregnancy is mentioned is Elul on the religious calendar which is May/June.

**Luke 1:34-41** Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

<u>Luke 1:36</u> And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the **sixth month with her**, who was called barren.

The angel makes mention that is the **sixth month** Elul (May/June) of Elizabeth Mary's cousin.

<u>Luke 1:56-57</u> And Mary abode with her **about three months**, and returned to her own house. (57) Now Elisabeth's full time came that she **should be delivered**; and **she brought forth a son**.

Mary was with Elizabeth her cousin for a period of three months. Now working the conception of Elizabeth late in the  $3^{\rm rd}$  Biblical month we arrive six months mentioned in scripture to the  $9^{\rm th}$  Month around about Kislev (November/December) for the conception of Yahshua. Note that the  $1^{\rm st}$  day of Kislev is the festival of Hanukah according to the Jewish time and it is mentioned in the scriptures in John 10:22.

**John 10:22-23** And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. (23) And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Yahshua was there at the Feast of Dedication (Hanukah means to dedicate). Since Yahshua called Himself the **light of the world** (John 8:12) could he be conceived at Hanukah called the festival of lights? Hanukah is a remembrance of the throwing out and clearing Greeks from the Temple and rededicating the Temple to Yahweh, this festival is celebrated for 8 days which according to tradition the Menorah was lit up and stay lit for 8 days on only one days supply of holy oil however the book of maccabees mention that the brother lit the Menorah.

**2 Maccabees 1:7-9** When Demetrius was king, in the year 169, we Jews wrote to you as follows, 'In the desperate affliction that has come on us in these years since Jason and his associates betrayed the Holy Land and the kingdom, they burned the Temple gateway and shed innocent blood. Then we prayed to the Lord and were heard; we offered a sacrifice with wheat flour, kindled the lamps and set out the loaves. And we now recommend you to keep the feast of Tabernacles of the month of Chislev. In the year one hundred and eighty-eight'.

In the above account in the book of Maccabees we can see that it mentions "The feast of Tabernacles".

The Hanukah incident with the Maccabees brothers happened on 25<sup>th</sup> Kislev that is 25<sup>th</sup> December.

If we calculate John's conception during sivan (May/June) moving forward to forty weeks we would arrive at the month of Nisan thus it would appear that John

Ha Matvil (the Immerser) was born right at Passover or during the feast of unleavened bread.

#### The birth of Yahshua

We can see that from the evidence presented that Yahshua was conceived six months after John the Immerser and now that we have a date for John the Immerser during the Unleavened bread Feast time period that is  $15^{\text{th}}$  Nisan then this leaves us with an easy calculation of Yahshua's birth to be six months after John. So if we add six months to the birth of John to Yahshua then from  $15^{\text{th}}$  of Nisan we arrive at  $15^{\text{th}}$  of Tishri. Now you may ask what is special about  $15^{\text{th}}$  Tishri. This makes for interesting reading that Yahshua was born on and no later than the Feast of Tabernacles.

**John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The word in the Hebrew for dwelt is **succah** and the name of the Feast of Tabernacles in Hebrew is **Sukkot**, a festival of **rejoicing and celebration** that was announced for the whole world. It is the season of our joy and the Feast of the nations.

**Luke 2:7** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn

There was no room at any of the Inns even for one night and so they had to find and live in whatever space they could hire on the day remembering that this was one of the big three feasts where all the Israelites were invited to attend and celebrated the Festival.

Since the Festival is an 8<sup>th</sup> day affair thus it could be an allegory of the circumcision and naming of the child.

So in conclusion we can see the chart that Yahshua of Nazareth was born on Tishri 15<sup>th</sup> thus becoming our Tabernacle the one dwelling with us or coming back to dwell with us in the Millennial reign though we do not have to second guess His birth to the error of December 25<sup>th</sup> being a Roman Pagan holiday.

Month	Religious Calendar	Our Month	Important Births	Feast days
1	Nisan (Exodus 12:4 Aviv = "tender" in Hebrew)	March/April	Birth of John the Immerser	Passover (14 <sup>th</sup> Nisan) Unleavened bread (15 <sup>th</sup> Nisan) First Fruits 16 <sup>th</sup> Nisan
2	Iyar	April/May		
3	Sivan	May/June	Conception of John after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sabbath	Pentecost
4	Tammuz	June/July		

5	Av	July/August		
6	Elul	August/Sept ember		
7	Tishri	September/ October	Birth of Yahshua	Trumpets Atonement Tabernacles
8	Cheshvan	October/Nov ember		
9	Kislev	November/D ecember	Conception of Yahshua a possibility?	
10	Tevet	December/J anuary		
11	Shevat	January/Feb ruary		
12	Adar	February/March		

# **Shemini Atzeret**

**Leviticus 23:36** Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

Numbers 29:35-38 On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work therein: (36) But ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish: (37) Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner: (38) And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day the great day it was 1 bull, 1 ram, 7 lambs and 1 goat.

Here Yahweh teaches the great redemption for mankind in the feast of Sukkot and then the  $8^{th}$  day is our beginning with Messiah Yahshua to live with Him or to remain (Atzeret) with Him and to walk with Him.

## **Practical application**

As scripture states it is the day to be celebrated, resting, contemplating the redemption in Messiah Yahshua and to give praise and thanks to Him to save us from sin. Scripture dictates that we should take a day off and do exactly this, meet in our assemblies and give thanks to the Fateher for His great provision for us the salvation by Yahshua His Son.

### Simcha Torah

Rejoicing in the Torah, in the middle ages it would take three years to complete the Torah just before Passover but now a days it is done annually to complete the Torah during this time reminding us that the study of Torah is for ALL time and that the Torah is valid and in force even today (Matthew 5:17). Simcha Torah represents reading the Torah with joy, continually and not be burdened by it as it is the eternal written words of the King. We see the application of this in the Bible where Yahshua in John 8:1-2 came to the Mount of Olives and then returned to the Temple to teach Torah. This is Simcha Torah where He was questioned about the Torah. This day was the next day after Hoshanna Rabba i.e. it was Shemini Atzeret/Simcha Torah. In the days of Yahshua the reading cycle of the Torah was a seven year cycle with a three year of the reading of the Torah and then going over it in the next three years followed by the last year going over it all.

# **Chapter 9**

# The Sabbath, the holy day that Yahweh created

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Notes: Different Christians are at different stages of their development, some have accepted positions that are entirely unbiblical due to wrong teaching in the churches or simply the dispensational error that was introduced in the church by a Jesuit priest later adopted by John Darby. We need to go back to the Bible and rectify our understanding. Yahweh's Sabbath is not something to be frowned upon but this is what many believers do today instead of arguing and crying like little babies **legalism**, they should learn to be humble and obey Yahweh, however whether you keep the Sabbath or not that does not have a detrimental affect on your salvation as that is only by the blood of Yahshua but by not keeping the most central mo'oed (appointed time) of Yahweh this will have a detrimental affect on your walk with Yahshua in the longer term.

The 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath is also a feast.

**Leviticus 23:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

### The Holy Sabbath of Yahweh

The very first mention of the word Sabbath leads Christians to think ah, this is for the Jews we do not have to keep the Sabbath but no where do we find a commandment in the Bible specifically telling us that only Jews are to keep the Sabbath. The premise itself is built on a false argument because when we say Jews we are only addressing one tribe of Israel, what happened to the other eleven tribes, did we forget about them? The problem with Christians is that some look for easy way out to avoid God's holy law by calling it Jewish; they do not realise the need of holiness as dictated by Yahweh Himself since for him grace means that he can do whatever he wants and when ever he wants and believes grace abound and that includes those so called Christians who practice the homosexual lifestyle and call it love.

# **Exodus 20:10a** But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God

Yahweh calls this His Sabbath so this is Yahshua' Sabbath not man's, when we do not believe God we reject Him and His commandment.

The first mention of the word Sabbath Hebrew (tbc) is in the book of Genesis soon after the creation of man/woman; later there was Abraham followed by Isaac and Jacob and it was Moses who led the twelve tribes with the **mixed multitude** so the Sabbath was not given to the Hebrews alone, in fact the application of the Sabbath applies to ALL mankind whether Jews or gentiles. We forget that the **mixed multitude** included Egyptians plus other nationals who had joined onto the God of Israel so in God's one kingdom/nation Israel ALL people are to observe His commandments and statutes.

<u>Genesis 2:2-3</u> And on the **seventh day** God ended His work which He had done, and **He rested on the seventh day** from all His work which He had done. (3) Then God blessed the **seventh** day and **sanctified vdq** it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

### What day is it?

Something profound happened; God created Adam and then found that Adam was inadequate on his own so He put Adam to sleep on the 6<sup>th</sup> day and formed a woman to be his personal helper and companion. Notice that God blessed THE 7<sup>th</sup> day and the Bible calls it in the Hebrew language of God "The Shabbat", it was not just any Sabbath but THE Sabbath that God blessed and He sanctified it meaning He set this day apart from all other days of the week, He ceased from All His work and was happy that everything that was created was good. We can see that the Sabbath was called the 7<sup>th</sup> day not the 6<sup>th</sup> day or the 1<sup>st</sup> day. The 7<sup>th</sup> day according to the Bible is Saturday and it starts sundown Friday night to Sundown Saturday night. Sunday cannot be the Sabbath because Biblically it is the 1st day of the week so no matter whether you decide to go to church on Sunday or not it remains the 1st day of the week, it cannot replace the seventh day Sabbath. Some Christians wants to argue that everyday is the Sabbath. This is simply ignorance we cannot say everyday is the Sabbath since God does not say so. What gives any Christian a right to decide to override His maker? God sanctified THE 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week not everyday of the week the argument fails for Christians who think they can dictate when is or is not the Sabbath.

The Bible is not only a historical manual but also a guide for our daily living, what was good yesterday is still good today, what was evil yesterday is still evil today. Let me give you an example, if it was evil yesterday to be involved in an adulterous relationship then it is also evil today. If God forbid homosexual relations yesterday then the same holds true today. Now do you think it is safe to be in an adulterous relation today?

We are often told that oh we live in a different time now, I say really so what has changed?

Yesterday, when Israel was in the wilderness there were foreign people around about Israel who were into worship of false gods, immorality, bestiality and homosexuality.

Today around us we have Immorality, bestiality and homosexuality so what has changed? The world continues to live in Immorality as it did back then; nothing is new under the sun.

### Who is Israel?

In order to recognise the requirements that we have to fulfil we have to recognise who we are first. God formed <u>one</u> nation not a <u>multitude of nations</u> for His prize possession, He wanted everyone to fit into this one nation that He chose to call Israel, therefore when the Torah was given it was given for ALL not just for the Jews.

**Exodus 12:49** "One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you."

Since most Christians do not recognise who Israel is therefore they get their theology skewed up and end up translating the Bible incorrectly. Many Christians are taught to believe that somehow Yahweh has cast off Israel and is now no longer interested in this nation of people and that by some magic the Church/Christian is new Israel. However, the Bible teaches we owe our salvation to the disobedience of the Jews and that we are **joined into the commonwealth of Israel**, the Bible does not say Israel joined unto us.

**Ephesians 2:12** That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the **commonwealth of Israel** and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Did God cast off His people? Paul affirms in the negative.

**Roman 1:1** I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

Paul warns the gentile converts not to boast of their salvation because salvation is really of the Jews or from the Jews since Yahshua was a Jew and of the tribe of Yahuda.

**Romans 11:18** Do not boast against the branches. But if you boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

Paul's letter smacks in the face of gentile ignorance and is a death knell to the replacement theologians and most Christians who are not knowledgable with the Bible, their Bible mainly sits in their home shelves and eats dust while they live in worldly ways.

All the covenants were signed and sealed with the Hebrews though one may argue Abraham was not a Jew but the Bible even calls Abraham a Hebrew so by definition anyone who becomes a believer in Yahshua is a Hebrew by definition and an Israelite in God's eyes and that goes especially for converts.

**Exodus 12:49** "One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you."

Even Yahweh dictates that there is only one Torah both for the stranger and the fellow Israelite.

### Who hijacked the Sabbath?

Well this is easy, how about theologians, Pastors, teachers, the whole lot of them are to blame and deliberate ignorance by many. Many often blame the Roman Catholics for bringing in Sun-day worship and calling this the Sabbath, there is truth to this but never the less it is also many people's own ignorance that has caused people to stray from this truth. Can we blame an institution when it is up to us to obey that institution or not? Many Jews even though were killed and persecuted alongside true Christians but they <u>never</u> abandoned their commandments including the Sabbath. The early believers were Sabbath observant and they were not just Jews but these were gentiles who converted into Christianity who were seen my later theologians as Jews yet were not ethnically Jews.

### **Epiphanius; Panarion 29; 4th Century**

"They [the Nazarenes] have no different ideas, but confess everything exactly as the Law proclaims it and in the Jewish fashion-- except for their belief in Messiah... but since they are still fettered by the Law -- circumcision, the Sabbath, and the rest-- they are not in accord with Christians."

**Isaiah 1:13** Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting.

Does Yahweh hate His own feast days?

This is what the average Christian is taught to believe. These are not Yahweh's true new moons or His Sabbaths but the new moons and Sabbaths that the people had <u>defined</u> for themselves and Yahweh is quite to the point that He calls these sin yet He delights in His own days as He has set them apart (Kadosh) but the day man sets apart He is not happy about these at all.

God used the words very strongly and in the negative for those that break the Sabbath or change the day, so we can see that the recipe for ignorance is disaster yet why should the Christian be forgiven anymore then the Jew?

## Is there any point in Christians to keep the Sabbath?

There is <u>every</u> point in obeying Yahweh and His eternal holy laws. Since this law was the first one made and declared to be kadosh (Holy) we need to keep it.

Christians have no more authority then Jews to change Yahweh's holy set apart kadosh days. God tore the kingdom out of the hand of King Solomon and gave the ten northern tribes to King Jeroboam (1 Kings 11:31), Jeroboam in his foolishness wanted to change God's Temple location and His feasts days (1 Kings 12:32) but he was committing a grave error, today Christendom does likewise yet think somehow Yahweh will be forgiving to them, if God was angry with Jeroboam then why should any Christian expect any less? Do you want to be a Christian living in ignorance or do you want to be a Bible following and obeying Christian? It may be that you cannot fully obey His law but the very fact that you tried is going to show Him your heart and desire.

Yahshua predicted Sabbath keeping believers and never annulled the Sabbath!

<u>Matthew 24:20</u> "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

Yahshua knew His disciples will be keeping the Sabbath.

<u>Malachi 3:6</u> For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

<u>Hebrews 13:8</u> Yahshua Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Christians say Yahshua is same today as yesterday yet they break His holy laws. Next time a Christian says this then ask him does he obey Yahshua' commandments?

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.

A lot of Christians use Paul to break the holy laws of Yahweh including Kosheret laws but they forget that Paul was a Rabbi a Pharisee in favour of the Torah after he came to the Lord He still faithfully obeyed the Holy Torah but dropped the oral Torah for which he was in ever argument with his fellow countrymen.

<u>Acts 24:13-14</u> Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me. (14) But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

Sabbath breaking and Torah breaking Paul or Sabbath keeping and Torah keeping Paul? The text says he was obedient and never broke the Torah.

Paul an Israelite from the tribe of Benjamin (Roman 11:1) was keeping the Sabbath and kept the Sabbath 84 times in the book of Acts alone, now the ignorant person wants us to believe that Paul only visited the synagogue to see the Jews worshipping Yahweh but did not keep the Sabbath holy, at this point we can see the room breaks into laughter at this dogmatic stance that cannot be supported. What was Paul doing in the synagogue on Sabbath day if he did not obey the requirement? This is the same error that was made by the 4<sup>th</sup> century councils that changed the Holy Sabbath day from Saturday to Sunday and decided to call Sunday Sabbath. It is like me driving a BMW but calling it a ford, how absurd?

### Paul obeyed ALL the laws put forth in the Torah and prophets

**Acts 24:14** "But this I confess to you, that according to **the Way** which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, **believing** ALL things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.

### The gentile converts were Sabbath keeping

<u>Acts 13:42</u> And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.

### Does it matter whether I keep Saturday or Sunday as a Sabbath?

Yes it absolutely does matter because Yahweh ordained His Sabbath on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Hebrew is Shabbat) so trying to force Sunday is futile though we do not argue and say Sunday worship is wrong anymore than Monday worship. You either walk in the strength of Yahweh or you walk in your own strength. The ten virgins mentioned in Matthew chapter 25 were like the Christians who wanted to walk in their own strength. They did not want to obey Yahweh's word (Torah obedience) but they wanted to proclaim freedom in Christ and make Yahshua out to be a gentile piganised and paganised Messiah! This is the problem with most Western Christians, they are paganised by the Church. They do not realise that the oil in the lamp is the very words of Yahweh that we must obey yet they ALL fell asleep at the realm and only woke up when the ship is sinking in the storm.

Do not be like those Christians who walk in their own strength but be like one who walks in the Spirit of Yahweh obeying Him?

Sabbath is a covenant by its own right and Yahweh's people will obey <u>this</u> covenant forever, it is not a matter of our preference whether it is Saturday or Sunday, if you are His child then obey your Father in Heaven if you are not then keep disobeying and face the music when Yahshua returns!

<u>Isaiah 66:23-24</u> And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the Lord. "And they shall go forth and <u>look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me</u>. For their worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched. they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

Someone forgot to tell the dispensationalists that Yahweh has not done away with His holy Torah (Instructions) yet this error is taught and believed by millions of Christians.

Yahweh removes those that He sees as transgressors i.e. breakers of the Torah.

<u>Isaiah 66:5</u> Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at His word: "your brethren who hated you, who cast you out for My name's sake, said, let the Lord be glorified, that we may see your joy. But they shall be ashamed."

There are Jews who hate believing Jews in Yahshua as we see in Beersheva and Arad today and there are so called Christians who hate those Christians who want to obey Yahshua by obeying His holy laws such as the Sabbath, kosheret and others, well Yahweh has news for these type of people in **Isaiah 66:5**. These people who call themselves Jews or Christians in the millennium will be ashamed

because they cast out their brothers in Yahweh's name calling them heretics, in Israel the orthodox Jews call believing Jews Mumzair that means bastard. The blood of Yahshua on the cross is not a licence to sin and will not save you from your transgression or for your life living in sin for he who comes to faith does not continue in sin (1 John 3:9) because sin is breaking Yahweh's holy ordinance and punishable by death. Do you want to take this chance to keep on sinning and casting the true believers out in Yahweh's name then be ready for the retribution that Yahshua the Messiah has for you on the day of judgment.

**Isaiah 66:19** "I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to **Tarshish** and **Pul** and **Lud**, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.

What an amazing prophecy above. Yahweh will set His sign the very people who hated the Jews and Christians, yes that is the Muslims who escape the battle of Armageddon will go to Turkey, Lebanon, Libya and the furthest parts of the world, these will be ex-Muslims like myself who will proclaim Yahweh's mighty name and glory to the gentile nations, what a wonderful testimony for Muslims who will come to Yahshua after the big battle.

Isaiah 56:1-7 Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. (2) Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it; who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." (3) Do not let the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord speak, saying, "The Lord has utterly separated me from His people"; nor let the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree." (4) For thus says the Lord: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant, (5) even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. (6) "Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant (7) even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

What a wonderful testimony for those that keep His holy Sabbath, those that choose to please Yahweh rather then waste time in arguments Yahweh will give them a wonderful place in His house with an everlasting name.

**Exodus 31:16-18** `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.' " (18) And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, **written with the finger of God**.

### The eight covenants

1. The Edenic Covenant - Genesis 1:26

- 2. The Adamic Covenant Genesis 3:14-17
- 3. The Noahic Covenant Genesis 9:11
- 4. The Abrahamic Covenant Genesis 12:3,7; 17:7
- 5. The Mosaic Covenant Exodus 24:8
- 6. The covenant for the Sabbath Exodus 31:16-17
- 7. The Davidic Covenant II Samuel 7:10-16
- 8. The New Covenant Jeremiah 31:31

The typical person always wants to leave out the most important ordinance that Yahweh has set and only list seven covenants or five or even four. I make no apologies to the non-Sabbath keeping people for their error just make sure you are not in his camp when Messiah returns else you will be like the five foolish virgins who did not have oil in their lamps and did not obey God by writing of His book as old covenant not for me error. I may not be perfect or am not claiming to be holier than thou but I can claim to be trying to obey Yahweh and that in my book is a good start for anyone following Yahshua. Walk as He walked.

### Was Yahshua a Sabbath breaker or Sabbath maker?

Yahshua of Nazareth was the one who gave the Torah on Mount Sinai and He was the one who gave the revelations to the prophets, He was also the one who left His teachings with His disciples who later penned it into gospels and epistles. He is the one who met Abraham, met Moses and several other prophets.

The Sabbath was **created** for ALL mankind (Genesis 2:3) and it was given as a lawful commandment as the fourth commandment in the ten words or the Decalogue.

**Exodus 20:8** Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (9) Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: (10) But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: (11) For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

The Messiah was to take on the sin of the world and had to be sinless to qualify as the Lamb of God and Yahshua kept the very Torah that He gave. If Yahshua did not keep the Sabbath then He is a Sabbath breaker thus a sinner and therefore could not fulfil the office of Messiah, however we know that He did keep the Sabbath and even advocated for His followers to keep it.

<u>Matthew 24:20</u> But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day.

Yahshua expected His followers to keep the Sabbath thus He said that the time of the coming of the Anti-Messiah those that are keeping the Sabbath do not return or else you will be killed and to escape into the mountains. He is referring to a time in future when the Sabbath day is holy to many and this is not to His Jewish disciples only but it applies to ALL His disciples.

<u>Mark 1:21</u> And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day He entered into the synagogue, and taught.

Yahshua entered a synagogue on **the Sabbath** day and was teaching the Hebrew Bible on that very day! This clearly shows that Yahshua observed the Sabbath. It is apparent that the late Christian Church fathers and today pastors included have perverted Yahweh's holy laws and He will judge them for this no doubt. They make out that the Sabbath is not for us and that somehow since Yahshua fulfilled the law we do not have to do any more of the commandments but no where in the Bible do we have a clear teaching telling us not to obey the clearly laid out holy laws.

**Luke 6:6** And it came to pass also on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

Note Yahshua again enters a synagogue a place of worship and teaches Torah and the prophets i.e the Hebrew Bible called the Tenach. There are three principles here;

- 1. Sabbath is for believers of Yahshua.
- 2. Worship on the Sabbath day or gathering is the proper order to meet since Yahweh has blessed the  $7^{th}$  day.
- 3. It is good to fellowship on the Sabbath together nourishing on the words of Yahweh.
- 4. It is good to do good to other people on the Sabbath such as Yahshua healed this man showing that it honours Yahweh and shows who we belong to.
- 5. He lays no rules for Sabbath observance since they are already in place in the Tenach.
- 6. In the Sabbath it is always the message of redemption for the afflicted people.

<u>Deuteronomy 15:5</u> Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

The order is to be very careful to obey Yahweh not to be haphazard.

Matthew 19:16-21 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. (18) He saith unto him, Which? Yahshua said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, (19) Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (20) The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? (21). Yahshua said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Apparently Christendom would like to believe that Yahshua forgot to tell the man who came that the commandments have been annulled but no he reminds Him what is good for Him and quotes verbatim the commandments given to Moses for the Israelites and also telling him the first step towards eternal life is to **"keep**"

**the commandments"** and that lastly in order to attain the 100% requirement of Yahweh that the rich man must follow Yahshua of Nazareth for it is the blood that atones our soul for eternal life.

Yahshua expected His followers to be Sabbath keeping.

**Matthew 24:20** But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the <u>Sabbath</u> day.

Here Christendom would like us to believe that Yahshua meant Sunday when He said the Sabbath day, that is the 7th day of the week Saturday not sunday.

It is apparent, contrary to foolish and popular opinions that the Sabbath and the rest of Yahweh's holy commandments are annulled or abrogated because the reality is that they are not, however if you want to be the <u>least</u> in the kingdom of Yahweh then you may still teach that people may break these commandments and that they are not for us but you will be responsible since Yahshua of Nazareth will not give you any position of authority and you will be placed at best if you are actually saved to the lowest ranks in the eternal order.

<u>Matthew 5:17-18</u> Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Yahweh's holy law stands as a witness either for us or against us and it is not done away with, Yahshua came to obey and show clearly how to keep the commandments not to add man made traditions to pollute His holy law.

**Revelation 2:26** And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Yahshua the Messiah refers clearly to he (all the people) who **keep my works**, i.e. keep the commandments that Yahshua kept such as keeping kosher avoiding unclean things like swine flesh and the other such animals to avoid in Leviticus 11, it is to him that Yahshua will give the authority over nations while the rest who did not "**keep his works**", He said they would be the "least in the kingdom of Yahweh" that is if they at least have the blood of Yahshua but lack of understanding to follow Yahshua.

### Sabbath refuters refuted

I have heard many an argument but the typical one that comes from many a Christian is this verse they try and use to do away with the Sabbath.

**Colossians 2:16** Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days:

The letter to the Colossian church were written somewhere around 62AD because of prevalent false doctrines in the Church after the epistles of Ephesians and Romans. The Acts of the apostles were written somewhere around 60-62 AD also. Now two important things come to point, one that Paul has been shown to be Sabbath keeping at least **eighty four times** in the book of Acts by Luke alone, secondly Paul was an observant Pharisee of the tribe of Benjamin so for him to be an obedient to the Torah why would he be advocating that to break the  $4^{th}$  commandment. Let us look at this a little. Paul said in one of his epistles  $\underline{\textbf{1}}$  **Corinthians 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Let us look at this statement; If Paul was an imitator or follower of the Lord Yahshua then he would have kept the feasts and the Sabbaths because if Yahshua did not keep the Sabbath then Yahshua could not be the sinless lamb of God because He would be a commandment breaker but I have shown above that He was a commandment maker not breaker and the sinless lamb of God to be a perfect offering for our sins.

### Paul's own testimony dictates he was an obedient Israelite.

Acts 24:14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

There you have it, he believed in Yahweh the God of his fathers and kept ALL things. Now with this information we can move forward to interpret what he is teaching in Colossians 2:16. The "man" that is not to judge you on your meats or Sabbaths is not talking about another believer but a "heathen", yes that is correct in Jewish/Christian scholarly circles it is well established that this verse is about a man who is not a Christian who tries to question the believers for how they live i.e. he thinks he lives a better moral life and we have often seen this with the atheists who think they are more moral than Christians, how about self bloated righteousness.

Note that Paul believed ALL THINGS!

Did that include ALL things but the Sabbath?

Did that include ALL things but the circumcision? Scripture itself testifies according to Acts and many other scriptures of Paul ALL things here really meant Torah OBEDIENCE.

# What about the Acts 15 council not giving the Sabbath as a commandment to the gentile believers?

Why is it that we have to pick passages that are obscure to prove our point rather than those that are clear, just because the Sabbath was not mentioned does not mean it was annulled?

Allow me to explain...

When I was a Muslim I got saved by my confession to accept Yahshua into my life and asking forgiveness for my sins, I had no understanding about the Bible, if at that time someone had said to me to go dip in the Jordan for my baptism I would have done so gladly not knowing any better that I can dip elsewhere as well to obtain the same result.

Since my understanding was not good at that time then I would need time to come to an understanding to do the rest of the commandments that I may not have been doing from the start and this same situation applied to Acts 15 council that the new converts should do the minimum to start with waiting to do the rest as they gain the understanding.

Most people never bother to read the next verse that came after the four point rule of abstaining from **pollution of idols**, **fornication**, **strangled animals and blood** (Acts 15:20).

# **Acts 15:21** For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.

What were the gentiles doing in synagogue on the Sabbath? Could it be that they were <u>keeping</u> the Sabbath and learning the Torah? This in itself is evidence to reject western Christianities stance of non-Sabbath observance as founded by men rather than the Bible. However we do not reject Western Christianity for truth of Messiah and salvation <u>only</u> through Him.

# Acts 15:22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church...

What was being preached that **excited** and **encouraged** the Acts 15 council so much? Could it be the commandments of the Torah that the new believer like me would have come to understand and in his own time obey? Of course we agree that he the "gerim" convert got completely saved before doing anything else like the Sabbath keeping and other things. We also agree that Yahweh is the author and finisher of our faith so should we take His lead or mans?

If you had said to me Simon you can start eating pork however this is where I would have rejected Christians but not the Bible because I would have searched for why should I eat unclean meat when Yahshua did not and the disciples did not and even I in my past as a Muslim did not, if you don't believe me ask any other ex-Muslim and he or she will tell you likewise. This is a big stumbling block for many Muslims and Jews alike. I have even seen that when Jews are invited to Christian fellowship meetings that the Christians at times are very insensitive to put pork in front of kosher eating Jews. What a tremendous stumbling block and a bad witness. However there are those Christians with understanding who make the appropriate arrangements in such meetings. The whole point of Acts 15 is to do with table fellowship and this is common in Middle-East, when you meet friends you sit and eat with them, it is not like in the West just one cup of tea and bye bye. In the Middle-East you must eat with friends so how do you eat with friends who are eating pork or crabs or snakes worse still? You cannot do that as that stops you fellowshipping. In strict Muslim homes they keep separate dishes for those people who enter their home who are not Muslims because they do not want to pollute their own dishes, the same principle works in Judaism with the Jews. This is why Acts 15 was to get rid of the first biggest stumbling block to allow the gentile converts to sit and eat with the Jews was table fellowship so they are not seen as idolaters.

Where did Yahshua ever give a clear edict that this is finished? You do know that we find none. This is where Christendom does not appeal to any Muslim and Jew and they would reject the ideas founded by Western Christianity not not Biblical Christianity as that would appeal to Muslims.. I know it may not be a problem for the Western people but to us and Jews alike we cannot accept these ideas as scriptural and neither I find evidence in the Bible for such things to be acceptable. However I never say to people that these are requirements to be saved since these are external works.

It is hard to explain all this because it is hard enough through the spirit to know that Yahshua is God but harder still to accept that the commandments He issued very clearly are no longer valid because that to us is a mutating god and that god with the lower case "g" who mutates we refuse to accept is true sorry to say from an ex-Muslim point of view.

<u>Hebrew 13:8</u> Yahshua Christ the <u>same</u> **yesterday**, and **today**, and **forever**.

Now you tell me does Yahshua change? If your answer is no then where do we get the idea that some commandments are annulled while others are valid?

We have not even discussed the fact that Sabbath is a covenant and an everlasting one at that and you do know what everlasting means?

**Exodus 31:16** Wherefore the children of Israel shall <u>keep the Sabbath</u>, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a **perpetual covenant** (Permanent covenant).

The early Christians were called Nazarenes, they were not cultic or Judaizers but were very Biblical oriented concerning the idolatry around them.

You have heard it said, "Sabbath and the Biblical festivals are for the Jews, followers of Yahshua no longer have to observe Yahweh's appointed times. (Moedim)

The Tanakh says concerning the future:

**Ezekiel 44:24** "In any dispute, the priests are to serve as judges and decide it according to my ordinances. They are to keep My laws and My decrees for all My appointed feasts, and they are to keep My Sabbaths holy."

These Torah ordinances are not just for the future priests but also for the believers who would be raised and those living at the time will have to obey them.

Zechariah 14:16-19 "Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, Yahweh Almighty, and to celebrate Sukkot. If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh Almighty, they will have no rain. If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. Yahweh will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate Sukkot. This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate Sukkot."

Sukkot is also a high holyday a Sabbath of Yahweh and this feast is for all mankind to attend and present themselves to Yahweh.

**Isaiah 66:22-24** "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares Yahweh, "so will your name and descendants endure. From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says Yahweh . "And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind."

Again note no bogus time gap between commandments as such claimed by dispensationalists who essentially deny Yahweh's commandments.

<u>Daniel 7:25</u> "And he [The Anti-messiah] shall speak proud words against the Most High, and intends to <u>change the</u> <u>appointed times</u> and <u>Torah</u>; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time."

Yahweh has made it clear that the Torah is still around and so are <u>His</u> appointed times. And Yahweh clearly expects ALL MANKIND to observe His appointed times; these are <u>not</u> optional and not only for the Jews as Christianity has been teaching erroneously! It is also clear that even after the New Heavens and New Earth will come that we will be observing Yahweh's appointed times. Obviously then, the commandments of Yahweh's appointed times are still for today, contrary to what institutionalized Christianity teaches. It is also interesting to note that one of the characteristics of the anti-Messiah is that he "intends to change the **appointed** times [Sabbath, New moon, Passover, etc.] and Torah"! The ones who have done this already are clearly the Muslims and as Christians we should be aware not to follow after them. Constantine Christianity is also guilty of changing His appointed times so beware not to follow after the idolatries of Roman Christianity and protestant Christianity is simply the daughter of Rome following many similar errors.

<u>Isaiah 56:2</u> Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the <u>son of man</u> that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

Note the very beginning of the word it does not say "blessed is the Jew" who keeps the Sabbath but it says "BLESSED IS THE MAN AND THE SON OF MAN" that in Hebrew is "Eshere Enosh asa ben Ha Adam" meaning any man who does this is blessed i.e. <u>not</u> restricted to Jews.

# The Mark of Yahweh

There is a mark of the Anti-Messiah and there is a mark of a true believer, the mark that Yahweh has chosen for His people is the Sabbath the day that He especially set apart for His people who are also set-apart.

**Exodus 13:9** And it (the Feast of Unleavened Bread) shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law (Torah) may be in thy mouth.

**Exodus 31:13** Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily **My Sabbaths ye shall keep**: for it is a **SIGN** between **Me** and **you** throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

<u>Ezekiel 20:12</u> Moreover also I gave them **My Sabbaths**, to be a **SIGN** between **Me** and **them**, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

<u>Ezekiel 20:20</u> And **hallow my Sabbaths**; and they shall be a **SIGN** between <u>Me</u> and <u>you</u>, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God. According to these Scriptures, Yahweh's SEAL is His Torah and His Signature is defined as being the Sabbath days in His Torah. These are inscribed in the believer's <u>forehead</u>, his <u>mind</u>. Yes, believe it or not, Yahweh's Sabbath days constitute <u>His signature</u>, <u>His sign</u> and like Himself **they cannot be changed or done away with**.

After reading this article many of you may dislike me as I have received some hate mail already from Christians or even hate me for teaching that the Sabbath is holy, many of you will call me a legalist, you are putting us in bondage type of arguments, I have come out of a very harsh background so this kind of talking makes no difference to me, I lost my seventeen years old marriage and two children for Yahweh, you are welcome to join the line of Muslims who hate me for leaving Islam and I simply choose to obey Yahweh.

Remember there are even those Christians in Israel and the Palestinian regions for whom Yahshua is a freedom fighter who also hates the Jews, this is the sort of misguided theology that has taken hold in some parts of the Middle-East for the sake of appeasing the Palestinian people, on the day of judgement many of these so called Christians will find that they <u>were</u> never His people.

### Some further question

Q) What if the believers cannot keep Saturday?

There may well be instances where a believer is living in a land where he is not allowed to take Saturday off and thus is forced to work, maybe he is allowed to take Friday off as in some Islamic countries, here Yahweh fully understands and knows the heart of the believer, my suggestion is to select another day of rest in such circumstances.

Q) What occupations are exempt?

As you know the priests were working on the Sabbath preparing the services and offerings thus even today likewise the priests are exempt because they may have to prepare church services and conduct services by travelling out to places.

Q) What about my occupation?

We are to break for rest and as Yahshua showed some occupations may be exempt e.g. if you are a doctor or a nurse and have to work on Saturday then since the Lord showed that healing is allowed on the Sabbath (Mark 3:2-4) the higher principle applies, thus it can be exempt but again if you are unable to take the Saturday off then you should compensate by taking another day off. The example is already in scriptures where when someone was unable to keep the Passover because of ritual defilement then they were allowed to observe it the following month (Numbers 9:10-11).

Q) Can I buy or sell on the Sabbath?

No, according to scripture we should refrain.

**Nehemiah 10:28-31** And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding; (29) They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes; (30) And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons: (31) And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would

not buy it of them on the Sabbath, or on the holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

### Q) What about my personal business?

If you understand that you are taking this stand for Yahweh and to please Him would also mean not conducting your business unless you are a Pastor or Messianic Rabbi who is taking a service which falls outside business.

**Isaiah 58:13-14** If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: (14) Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Yahweh will bless you if you are obedient.

### Q) What about if you are in captivity?

It is obvious in such a circumstance you will not be given time off to keep the Sabbath and also when Israel was in captivity they could not keep the Sabbaths but Yahweh did not judge them for these missed Sabbaths since this was out of their control.

**Exodus 5:1-5** And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. (2) And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go. (3) And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the Lord our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword. (4) And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.(5) And **Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.** 

Pharaoh was not about to give time to the Israelites to keep the Sabbath.

### Q) What if I am forced to work on the Sabbath?

Yahweh knows your predicament and there may not be a perfect answer for every situation but at times you have to do what is best as led by the Holy Spirit. In this scenario scripture teaches the greater law that is if you are providing an income for your family and it means that either you can pray for another job that gives you the Sabbath off or you work to support your family and provide the food on the table. The higher principle applies of feeding your family since we do not live in a theocracy yet, however given the choice of having the day and not obeying is another matter that meant death in the Tenach. So carefully be prayerful about any such decisions.

**1 Timothy 5:8** But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. There are other Sabbaths like land rest, forgiving of debt and in essence if we are obeying these laws then our world would be a different place but this will happen in Yahweh's kingdom so we have to wait for this to come

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# **Chapter 10**

# Good Wednesday or Good Friday the true day of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Yahshua of Nazareth

A lot of people are taught that Yahshua died on Friday thus they call the day Friday "Good Friday" and celebrate it blindly without every questioning its origin and truth, this teaching emanated from the Roman Catholic church and has permuted even into Anglican churches. People accept this without any evidence and as such this error gets propagated further robbing people of the truth of scripture.

Most people are taught that it is <u>not</u> important what day Yahshua is born yet the irony is that they celebrate Christ-mass but still from the same mouth say its NOT IMPORTANT, do you see my point. If its not important then why are you celebrating Christ-mass? The doctrine of the death and resurrection of our Messiah is the pillar of the Christian faith and if we need to straighten anything out then we must start here. So many wrongs have been done in the name of Yahshua of Nazareth yet Yahshua never commanded such actions. The organised church of Roman Catholicism at one time shed the blood of many true believers and both the Roman Catholic church and protestant church have blood on their hands and Jewish blood if I might say openly, they persecuted and killed the Jews calling them Christ killers and defaming them as the scum of the earth but judgement is set for these people as per Matthew chapter 25 they won't see the light of day.

**Revelation 21:8** But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

The Master has said murderers and idolaters will not inherit the kingdom. Let's examine ourselves and make sure we do not fall into sin like this.

**Exodus 11:4** And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: (5) And **all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die**, from the **firstborn of Pharaoh** that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the **firstborn of the maidservant** that is behind the mill; and all the **firstborn 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 children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue**, **against man or beast**: that ye may know

how that the Lord doth **put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel**.

In order for us to be completely accurate we need to understand the feast of Passover in order to arrive at the correct understanding of the death and resurrection of Yahshua because it foreshadows this feast entirely. Yahweh Elohim had told the Israelites that He would kill the first born of ALL the people in Egypt but in order to protect Israelites He gave them the feast of Passover or Pesach. This feast as we have seen is of freedom from slavery to sin and remembrance through the great deliverance.

Yahweh killed the first born of the Egyptians but left Israel intact to show them His special relationship with them.

**Exodus 12:1-2** And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, (2) This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Yahweh declared this month as the beginning of the new year for Israel to remember this festival forever.

**Exodus 12:3** Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the **tenth day of this month** they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

The LAMB of the Passover would have been selected on the 10<sup>th</sup> day in order to be sure that they had a perfect LAMB without blemish.

**Exodus 12:6** And ye shall keep it <u>up until the fourteenth day of the same month</u>: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall **kill it in the evening**.

Rabbi Moshe Koniuchowsky puts an interesting comment in the Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition (YATI) for Exodus 12:6.

A fascinating mystery is unveiled here in the Hebrew with the usage of the term <u>kahal adat Yisrael</u>, or literally the "congregation of the witness," or "witnesses of Yisrael." This literal meaning shows that the nation was called to be YHWH's true and eternal witness in the earth, for all His marvels, and wonders among men. No other nation as a whole has been assigned with that task. The gospel itself must therefore be both a call to personal salvation and national restoration, so the witness of YHWH through individuals and the nation as a whole can go forth.

For 4 days the LAMB was to be kept and inspected by the people to make sure this was the <u>one</u> to be sacrificed. The Biblical day begins at sunset to sunset also reckoned by the Pharisees the same way. So according to this it was the  $3^{rd}$  day after the Day of the Presentation that the LAMB would be killed to be eaten at the beginning of the Passover at around 6pm sunset. According to the Hebrew tradition the LAMB would be killed around 3pm our time on the  $13^{th}$  Nisan ready to be consumed beginning Passover  $14^{th}$  Nisan as the new day starts around 6pm.

<u>Leviticus 23:5</u> In the fourteenth day of the first month <u>at even</u> is the Lord's passover.

Note here the Passover begins in the Evening.

John 12:1-2 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. (2) There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

We know Yahshua was in Bethany on the  $8^{th}$  of Nisan 6 days before the Passover on the  $14^{th}$  Nisan. The Supper was the main evening meal, the largest meal of the day. Remember, the day for the Jews began at Sundown, which means while Yahshua arrived on the  $8^{th}$ , He had to have eaten this meal on the  $9^{th}$ , [6pm new date] the  $5^{th}$  day before the Passover.

Pharisees counted a day from sunset to sunset, while the Sadducees counted it from sunrise to sunrise. So we take it from Sunset according to Biblical Jewish tradition.

Crucifixion would have been on the 13<sup>th,</sup> the Day of Preparation before the PASSOVER eve, then the 9<sup>th</sup> would be the Sabbath previous to the Passover [Friday evening]: He would have spent the Sabbath resting [Saturday all day until 6pm], His travel into Jerusalem would have been the day after the Sabbath [Sunday], and since the 9<sup>th</sup> is the Sabbath, Yahshua's entry into Jerusalem would have to be the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month [Sunday].

The people's response would be considered a work in a way, they would have been moving about, exercising and travelling to see the Messiah, something inappropriate for the Sabbath Day. That means Yahshua would have entered Jerusalem on the **10**<sup>th</sup>, **4 days before the Passover**. Christians call this day **Palm Sunday**. And, since **Sunday would be the 10**<sup>th</sup>, Passover the 14<sup>th</sup> would be **Wednesday**, and as we read from the Old Testament that the Passover Lamb was to be **presented 4 days before the Passover**, this again proves the connection of Yahshua to the Passover.

- > 9<sup>th</sup> Nisan Saturday Weekly Sabbath,
- > 10<sup>th</sup> Nisan Sunday to travel about, usually people travelled on Sunday.
- > 11<sup>th</sup> Nisan Monday
- > 12<sup>th</sup> Nisan Tuesday
- > 13<sup>th</sup> Nisan Wednesday evening it becomes 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm onwards.

Thus we get the perfect fulfilment of the crucifixion Wednesday night and resurrection Saturday after the Sabbath.

<u>Mark 11:11</u> And Jesus <u>entered into Jerusalem</u>, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

Yahshua entered the Temple!

<u>Luke 19:44</u> And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

If the Passover Sacrifice is meant to be a **type of Moshiach**, then this mention by Yahshua in verse 44 that Jerusalem did not know the TIME OF THEIR VISITATION, this <u>must</u> be a reference to the **Presentation of the Passover** 

Lamb, the Jews failed to recognise their Moshiach, the sacrifice provided by Elohim to be the sacrifice for sin and atonement. This again points to Palm Sunday as being the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan.

### Selection of the lambs!

**Exodus 12:3** Speak ye unto all the **congregation of Israel**, saying, in the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

The next references to Yahshua in the Bible, concern Moshiach's teaching in the Temple. Yahshua did return to Bethany after His first entry into Jerusalem, **but He returned each day and taught in the Temple.** 

Yahshua's presentation to the people would have lasted 4 days, from Sunday to Wednesday.

This would account for the 4 days of the Passover Lamb being presented to the people: the 10<sup>th</sup> as the day of preparation, the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> followed by the 13<sup>th</sup>, the day the Lamb is slain for the Passover

Is this what the Bible teaches?

**Luke 22:1-2** Now the feast of <u>unleavened bread drew nigh</u>, which is called the **Passover**. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

The Pharisees made it clear: Yahshua was NOT to be killed on the feast day, the Passover, the 14<sup>th</sup>. That means Yahshua had to be killed before the 14<sup>th</sup> but why would they want to kill Him earlier.

We have to understand the Biblical cleanliness laws. The Pharisees knew to kill Yahshua on the Passover night would be impossible since by doing this they were in direct violation of Torah principles leaving a corpse outside on the high-day which is a Sabbath. Secondly they would get defiled by touching the corpse so they would not be able to take part in the Passover after because they would become unclean. Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus did get levitically defiled and could not take part in the Passover meal, these were honourable men and could have quite easily got their servants to do this task at hand but look how they took it upon themselves to do the task forfeiting the right to eat the Passover Seder and shown such love for the Master.

Numbers 9:10-11 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the Passover unto the Lord. (11) The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

In the Bible there is a way out of such situations mentioned in Numbers 9:10-11, in Biblical Judaism principle you are allowed to celebrate the missed Passover the following month and this is exactly how these two men would have fulfilled this criteria when they would have met the following month to eat the Passover meal.

**John 19:14** And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! (15) But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, we have no king but Caesar. (16) Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

From this scripture it is clear that Yahshua was crucified on the DAY OF PREPARATION that would be the 13<sup>th</sup> Nisan but remembering that the 14<sup>th</sup> would begin that save **evening** per Biblical day 6pm or after the sunset.

We also can read in Luke 22:1-2 that the next day was another Sabbath i.e. the Feast of Unleavened Bread would have begun on the  $15^{th}$  of Nisan as per Leviticus 23:6 therefore Yahshua would spend His  $2^{nd}$  day in the tomb during another Sabbath.

If we take the hypothesis that Yahshua was crucified on Thursday 3pm and buried 6pm or sunset, and the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** would have begun on Thursday 6pm and ending Friday at 6pm, with this in mind let us calculate the days in the Tomb.

- > Thursday Yahshua in the Tomb Thursday night [1 night and zero day]
- Friday [1 day and 2 nights]
- Saturday [2 days and 3 nights] Remembering Yahshua was not in the Tomb early morning Sunday because He had risen sometime during Saturday evening.

This however gives us a big problem, we cannot account for the missing third day and this has to be accounted for since Yahshua said that the sign He gave was the **sign of Jonah** which is absolutely <u>literal</u> 3 days **and** 3 nights not part days and part nights.

It is believed that Yahshua's "three days and three nights" statement does not require a literal **span of 72 hours**, there reasoning is that a part of a day can be reckoned as a whole day in the Jewish world. With this in mind since Yahshua died in the afternoon e.g. 3pm, then they would say that the **remainder of Friday constituted as the first day**, The second day would be Saturday and part of Sunday to be the third. However, there is a big flaw here that they do not take into consideration that only two nights e.g. Friday night and Saturday night are accounted for in this explanation. Something is obviously wrong with the traditional view regarding when Christ was in the tomb.

<u>Matthew 12:39-40</u> 39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: (40) For as **Jonas was three days and three nights** in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Why would **Yahshua mention three days and three nights** if He was only going to spend 2 days in the Tomb? The reason is simple; He was in the Tomb for exactly 3 days and 3 nights in order to fulfil this prophecy.

### Jonah in the Belly of fish

**Jonah 1:17** Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Did Jonah mean half a day when He said FULL DAYS AND FULL NIGHTS?

Was Yahshua being symbolic or using a Hebrew Idiom?

We find no example in the Tenach (Hebrew bible) but let's take a look.

1 Kings 12:5-12 (5) And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed. (6) And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? (7) And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. (8) But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him: (9) And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? (10) And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. (11) And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. (12) So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

Many people point to 1 Kings chapter 12 as evidence that Rehoboam said depart for three days and come on the third day so a part of day is full day but the statement itself is flawed, let's see why?

**Esther 4:16** Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink **three days**, **night or day**: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

### What is so significant about these passages?

Fundamentally only <u>three days are ever mentioned</u>, complete 3 nights are **NEVER** mentioned alongside days **not** even once.

If we cannot be consistent here then how can we be consistent with the rest of scripture e.g. in Genesis Chapter 1 can we deny that the creation was in 6 literal days or was it part days, the evolutionist clutch at straws trying to make this into a gap between each day of millions of years, now we begin to see why the Church has been failing to provide adequate answers for 1976 years.

# Jonah is the only sign that fits with the whole of scripture

But how can we fit "three days and three nights" between a Friday-afternoon crucifixion and a Sunday-morning resurrection? This traditional view allows for Yahshua to have been entombed for only a day and a half.

Let me show you.

Friday afternoon Crucifixion at 3pm

Friday (0) days and 1 night Saturday 1 day plus 1 night Total = 1 days and 2 nights only.

This at best is 36 hours or less, does it meet three days and three nights?

- Friday night burial in the evening after or around 6pm 1 night and zero day
- > Saturday 1 day plus 2 nights We can add the partial night for the Saturday but it can only give us 1 day and 2 nights in total leaving us woefully short on the required 3 days and 3 nights. We are still missing 2 days so the prophecy would break but historically we know it was three days and three nights thus the Roman church has its theory completely flawed from the outset trying to fit a Friday crucifixion. The Friday view is just cruci-fiction but the TRUE view is Wednesday crucifixion which tallies 100% with our historical evidence that I have presented here.

### The correct view

- ✓ Wednesday after 6pm burial 1 night and zero day
- ✓ Thursday [1 day and 2 nights]
- ✓ Friday [2 days and 3 nights]
- ✓ Saturday [3 days and 3 nights as resurrection happened after the Sabbath finished]

Remember that with our thesis that Yahshua was in the Tomb **exactly 3 days and 3 nights**. Yahshua actually rose after the Sabbath on Saturday and when the women got to the Tomb in the morning the Tomb was empty and it was early in the morning possibly our 4 to 5am time span. The women would not travel out late at night alone because it would be dangerous, with this in mind we note that if He rose on the Saturday soon after the Sabbath then it leaves a whole gap of 12 hours before the women discover and identify Yahshua and might this be **another sign that fulfils Jonah the prophet**? I believe it does.

In Jonah's case after he was spewed out by the big fish he travelled a full day's journey into the city of Nineveh which was described as 3 days journey. This would be very interesting correlation in that he would have to travel almost 12 hours to get to the city to announce judgement!

# **Evidence in scripture**

Mark 15:42-45 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is the day <u>BEFORE THE SABBATH</u>, Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

<u>Mark 15:42</u> And now when **the even** [evening] was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the **day before the Sabbath** [Thursday]

What Sabbath?

Matt 28:1 **End of the Sabbaths (***opse de sabbaton in the Greek*)

#### Two Sabbaths are mentioned

The word in Greek is **Sabbaton** {sab'-bat-on} i.e. Sabbaths in Plural so we get 2 Sabbaths had passed and not one.

<u>Mark 16:1-2</u> And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun

Let us take the sequence of events outlined in **Luke 23-46-53**. Yahshua's moment of death, as well as His hasty burial because of the **oncoming Sabbath that began at sundown**, is narrated in verses 46-53. Verse 54 then states, "**That day was the Preparation**, and the Sabbath drew near." Bingo here we have our evidence.

<u>Luke 23:46-54</u> (46) And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. (47) Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. (48) And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned. (49) And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

(50) And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) **he was of Arimathaea**, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

### 54. And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

Today many people assume this is the weekly Sabbath without realizing that it is the High Holy day Sabbath mentioned here, and they think that naturally Yahshua was therefore crucified on a Friday **But John 19:31** shows this is not the case. John states that this approaching Sabbath "was a **HIGH DAY**." This does not refer to the weekly Sabbath (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset) but to the Passover day itself.

**Exodus 12:16** And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

This high-day Sabbath was <u>Wednesday night</u> and Thursday not Friday since Luke 23:56 shows that the women, after seeing Yahshua's body being laid in the tomb just before sunset, "And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and <u>rested the sabbath</u> day <u>according to the commandment</u>."

for the final preparation of the body as it was custom to do in the Jews, they learned these customs from the Egyptians of entombing the body.

It is forbidden to do work on a High-day or on a weekly Sabbath, since such work would have been considered a Sabbath violation punishable by death according to the Bible. This is verified by Mark's account, which states, "Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices.

**Mark 16:1** And when **the sabbath was past**, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

They could not purchase these things on the high-day Sabbath Wesdnesday night or Thursday during the daylight, as no shopping was allowed. The Sabbath that was past was the High-day because if it was Saturday Sabbath then what time would they go for the shopping? This is a major error of the adherents of a Thursday crucifixion as you would get 2 Sabbaths back to back taking you to the end of Saturday night the time of the resurrection.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> eve 6pm to Friday Eve 6pm was a Sabbath back to back, so that leaves no time to buy spices. Remember that Saturday was also a Sabbath.

Then, after <u>purchasing and preparing</u> the spices and oils **on Friday the only time they could legally**, "they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment" (Luke 23:56). This second Sabbath mentioned in the Gospel accounts is the regular weekly Saturday Sabbath that commences Friday night sunset or around 6pm to Saturday sunset.

We must compare these details to arrive at a correct conclusion in the gospels where Mark tells us the women bought spices after the Sabbath and Luke relates that they prepared the spices before resting on the Sabbath—we can clearly see that two different Sabbaths are mentioned with which John correlates as well.

The first, one John 19:31 indicated to us, was a "**HIGH DAY**" the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

**John 20:1** The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was **yet dark**, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

The "yet dark" words are especially pointed out to show THIS WAS A SATURDAY NIGHT RESURRECTION.

**John 19:32** The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

When we consider the details in all four Gospel accounts, we find harmony and consistency that Yahshua was crucified and entombed late on Wednesday afternoon, just before a Sabbath began at sunset. However, that was a high-day Sabbath, lasting from Wednesday sunset to Thursday sunset

# that week, rather than the regular weekly Sabbath from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset.

He would have remained in the Tomb from Wednesday sunset until Saturday Sabbath end and then He rose from the dead. We do not have any eye witness accounts of when He came out of the Tomb but the likely scenario with the testimony of the women is that it was sometime Saturday evening after the weekly Sabbath ended. This gives us approximately 3 days and 3 nights as per the prophecy of **Jonah the prophet** fully fulfilled in Yahshua the Messiah including the 12 hours journey into the town announcing judgement.

It is impossible to assume considering the weight of the gospel evidence that this could have happened on Sunday morning, because when Mary Magdalene came to the tomb on Sunday morning **before sunrise**, "**while it was yet dark**," she found the stone rolled away and the tomb completely empty.

In other words Yahshua rose precisely three days and three nights after He was placed in the tomb.

So the summary is here again;

- ✓ Wednesday 6pm to Thursday 6 pm 1 night + 1 day
- ✓ Thursday 6pm to Friday 6pm 2 nights + 2 days
- ✓ Friday 6pm to Saturday 6pm -3 nights +3 days =72 hours.

Unfortunately in modern Christianity many pastors teach Christianity devoid of its Hebrew heritage and its original roots i.e. Biblical Judaism and these guys have really adopted Roman Christianity that teaches against all the Biblical norms such as Torah obedience, how could then such people have understanding of the Biblical high days? Most of them don't even want to know. This is what Yahweh has said for people like this;

**Ezekiel 34:10** Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

Yahshua and His followers kept the Sabbath and were fully Torah OBEDIENT; many Pastors fail to understand that the chronological details are so accurately preserved for a reason so that we may recognise the **continuity** of the different feasts and Sabbaths as a testimony to the faithfulness of the God of Israel.

## Note the disciples kept high holy days and Sabbaths!!! Surprised?

Are you keeping them or have you been taught to reject Yahweh's eternal commandments that can bring a tremendous amount of blessings in your life? This book was prompted to be written for such a time as this when people have turned away from Yahshua and are into their own versions of microwave Christianity.

### **Extra Biblical evidence**

A Rabbinic view of Jesus' Execution according to the Talmudic evidence

It is taught: They **hanged Jesus** [*Yeshu*] on the **eve of Passover**.

Now a crier went forth for **forty days** before this (saying): --"He goes forth to be **stoned** because he **practiced magic** and stirred up Israel to **apostasy**. Let anyone who knows anything in his favor come forward and speak up for him!" But they found nothing in his favour and they hanged him on the eve of Passover. Ulla said: --"Do you suppose a **revolutionary** had anything in his favor!" He was an instigator [mesith] (to apostasy) and the Merciful has said: --'You shall not spare or conceal him!' (Deut 13:8)" But it was different with (Jesus), for he was **near to the kingdom**!

### 5 April AD 30 is from [Julian calendar]

Nisan 14 on the Biblical calendar was April 3<sup>rd</sup> in <u>30 AD</u>, this is from the Gregorian calendar which is a much later date format and rendition, the calendar in use during Yahshua's time was the Julian calendar and the date during that time period for the Passover was 3<sup>rd</sup> April in 30 AD which was a Wednesday.

### If you wish to check then here is a link to a Julian Calendar converter;

### http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/JulianDate.html

Here is what is amazing. Pontius Pilate wrote to the Roman Emperor, in an attempt to explain the reason for having Yahshua, Jesus the Messiah, crucified. Pontius Pilate wrote the letter, and at the end of the letter, he dates the writing: "THE 5TH OF THE CALENDS OF APRIL." The word "calends" has reference to the first of a month, thus it appears to mean the 5th day of the beginning of April.

Since this letter is in the British Museum in London, it appears authentic. This means that whenever Nisan 14, the day of the crucifixion, was it had to be BEFORE APRIL 5TH!

This authenticates the year of 30 AD, when according to the above calendar, Nisan 14 was on APRIL 3 [Gregorian] but April 5<sup>th</sup> Julian (in existence at that time. That is the calendar shown above. It makes perfect sense that Pontius Pilate would, almost immediately, write the Emperor, explaining what he did, and try to explain why he had Yahshua crucified.

Another interesting thing that happened was that the plaque that Pontius Pilate had put up had this to say on it.

<u>John 19:19-20</u> And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was **JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS**. (20) This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in **Hebrew**, and **Greek**, and **Latin**.

Remember the Bible was not written in English but in Aramaic/Hebrew so we see an interesting thing here that is not visible in the English translation of the KJV Bible but let me show you near equivalent Hebrew terminology from the Sacred Names True Name Edition Bible and then you will understand.

### **Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition Bible**

John 19:19 And Pilate wrote on a stone sign, and put it on the stake. And the writing was, Yahshua Ha Notsri WeMelech HaYahudim. - YHWH.

Literally as you can see it says Yahshua the King of the Jews and has the acronym Y H W H of the Sacred Name and the Jews did object who understood this but Pilate did not care to remove this.

Yahshua's dying words on the cross were for His redeemed Bride.

#### **King James version Bible**

**John 19:30** When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

#### **Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition Bible**

**John 19:30** When יהושע (Yahushua) therefore had received the vinegar, He said, *KALA*: and He bowed His head, and dismissed His ruach.

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Rabbi Moshe Koniuchowsky has this to say for this;

In the Greek He is saying "it is finished." But in the Hebrew there is another significant utterance that many have missed. In the Hebrew the word for "finish," or "is finished" is kala, also meaning bride. These words uttered by Yahshua prior to His death was a cry for His kala to return and be cleansed and forgiven, showing that even while dying He had Yisrael on His mind and in His heart. In essence by crying for the kahal, or the congregation/bride of Yisrael, He is displaying the true reason He hanged Himself on the tree. An alternative word for finished is neshalem, whose root word is shalom. Combining these two variations in Hebrew, we get Shalom My bride; be made whole! YHWH has only one bride and the Son was sent to fetch that wandering bride, even as Eliezer was sent to fetch a bride for Isaac. That one word kala is the message of the kingdom in a nutshell. [Bold and underline emphasis mine]

You may ask what about the contradictory account of Mark and John regarding the timing of the crucifixion of Yahshua?

**Problem) Mark** points out the crucifixion is at the  $3^{rd}$  hour while John says it is the  $6^{th}$  hour thus it seems to be a contradiction of the text, who should we believe?

Mark 15:25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

**John 19:14-16** And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the **sixth hour**: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! (15) But they cried out, away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, we have no king but Caesar. (16) Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

**Answer)** We can believe <u>both</u> because Mark is writing for a Jewish audience and the third hour means anytime period between 9am to 12pm since the twelve hours of the day are divided into four segments of three hours each thus when I say e.g. something happened in the fourth hour, am I saying 1pm, 2pm or 3pm?

By me saying  $4^{th}$  hour I could fit all three times into this category e.g. 1pm to 3pm.

John however on the other hand is using the Roman reckoning of time that is 12am to 12pm thus John's sixth hour starts from 12am to morning that would be 6am. Thus the trial would have begun at around 6am and would have concluded with the crucifixion.

Let us look at the evidence if John wrote in the Roman time.

**John 1:39** He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the **tenth hour**.

Here the 10<sup>th</sup> hour that is mentioned when the two disciples found Yahshua was when these people were coming back from their fishing trip that would be at around 4pm our time.

#### To nail the argument here is conclusive proof

#### Yahshua said:

**John 11:9** Jesus answered, **Are there not twelve hours in the day**? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

Daylight hours were not divided as we have it today in sixty minute to the hour but they were divided 12 hours to the daylight so if daylight began at 7am and night fell at 5pm then our hours would be divided between this time.

#### John was reckoning time with the Roman time and here is proof.

John 4:5-19 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. (6) Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. (7) There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (8) (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) (9) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. (18) For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. (19) The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

Let's look at this story which gives us ample information. Yahshua had been travelling a while because He was tired and many scholars translate this passage as noon midday but there is a huge problem with this. Why would a woman be at the well during midday when it is extremely hot? In the Middle-East culture women travel very early in the morning to fetch water not at midday. On top of that people arrive with all sorts of esoteric translations like the woman was immoral or she did not know what she is doing which is totally erroneous account of the woman. They presume that since she said she had five husbands therefore she must have had divorces and also must be living with a sixth man not married

to him but this is mere presumptuous reasoning without fully understanding what had happened to Ephraim the ten tribes who got mingled in the gentile nations and became goyim (many gentiles).

They assume from here since Yahshua did not say anything offensive to the woman for having lived with five husbands and now probably living with the 6<sup>th</sup> therefore Master Yahshua was ordaining relationships outside marriage or common partnerships and this is what the West practices today and many Christians in the West point to this verse for their immoral behaviour of living together without getting married. The commentators have not understood what the woman was talking about neither why Yahshua was present at the well so early.

The Samaritans had mixed pagan worship with the Torah related worship and the Jews hated the Samaritans because they saw them as unsaved and unclean, the Drash (Allegory) of this is not so far off today for many Christians we have the same parallel where the Christians are into idolatry with Christ-mass and Easter pagan feasts, ordaining homosexual and lesbian clergy, standing and praying to foreign gods yet the proper festivals such as Tabernacles and Passover are ignored and are erroneously seen as for the Jews yet these belong to ALL Israel the twelve tribes and Christians are fully part of Israel which is the mystery of Yahweh to bring Ephraim back. The Church has many biological Ephramites and also is itself **spiritual Ephraim** the son who went to a far land (dispersal of the ten tribes) and ended up in paganism and idolatry becoming many gentile nations. Those who hear the voice of their shepherd Yahshua will come back and have the opportunity to be born of the Spirit of Yahweh and those that don't will perish.

So in order to understand the Samaritan woman first of all Yahshua was not ascribing physical husbands to the woman but the Drash (Allegory) is that the woman was not talking about physical husbands at all but gods that the Samaritans had imported from Babylon into Samaria, these were the five husbands/gods the woman have already been worshipping and was once married to (in the Drash sense) but now she had no other husband/God marriage/covenant because the relationship with the God of Israel was a marriage/covenant contract at Mount Sinai that was no longer in force thus she had no present husband i.e. Husband/wife relationship with the God of Israel. Yahshua had come to restore that relationship thus offered her the living water pointing her to His identity of the expected Messiah.

Yahshua was at the well around 6am daylight and the woman had come to fill water, if we take the account that most people give of Yahshua being there at noon then we have huge problems, let me explain.

<u>John 4:6</u> Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was **about the sixth hour**.

Yahshua was going to Galilee from Judea, a distance of 90 miles roughly. Here lies the problem that if we believe that Yahshua left Judea say in the morning at 6am to get to this place at 12pm this would be impossible because the distance is 90 miles and there is no way that Yahshua could make this journey in six hours or even half of it. This is a three day journey on foot and considering people travelled with donkeys the earliest He could have realistically arrived at this stop to meet this woman would be a day thus we can conclude that the idea that Yahshua somehow left in daylight and got to the well at 12pm is just not possible, this once again proves John was writing in the Roman reckoning of time midnight

to midnight taking into consideration the other verses that we looked at such as the tenth hour.

# Chapter 11

# Why did I accept the Messiah and why should you do to receive Him?

Each individual may have their own reasons for choosing Yahshua but the primary reason in anyone's life should be salvation unto eternal life i.e. to save one's soul from hell. In my life I was quite happy being a good Sunni Muslim but my continuous calling out to the god of Islam did not bring any fruition or salvation. I kept calling out for ten years of my life for him to answer me but he did not answer even once. In frustration I called out to the God of the universe if one indeed existed and one day while searching for the method of salvation from the beginning of time I stumbled upon someone's testimony who our Master Yahshua had saved that was an Egyptian Muslim convert. That was the first time I had heard about the Christian faith and what Yahshua did on the cross and I still did not fully understand the reasons for the why as my understanding developed on this. I personally heard Yahshua's voice deep in emptiness of my heart while sitting in the office of my bank where I was working yet no Christian ever witnessed to me, I heard clearly His voice asking me to follow Him so in essence He said to me **FOLLOW ME.** He gave no explanation as to why should I follow Him or where.

These are the same words He uttered to Philip as I realised later.

**John 1:43** The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, **FOLLOW ME**.

I asked Him what about my family? He only replied again with "you follow Me". After this I decided to follow Him. After this shocking experience of hearing this voice I did a comparative study of the Islamic faith and Biblical faith and found the truth in Messiah overwhelming and undeniable thus I decided to WALK as Yahshua walked. I asked Him what shall I do for you Lord and He said to me to build a website which I did promptly putting relevant Islamic/Christian material on. He even told me what problems I was going to face in my life and how He would lead me through difficult times, I was told my marriage would break down and my children would scatter but He told me I would gather your children.

I fully trusted His words deeply upset at the overall family situation of my thirteen years of marriage which lasted another four years of constant turmoil thus at the seventeenth year my marriage collapsed because my father in law told me to renounce Yahshua in front of two witnesses in the mosque or else leave his daughter. I chose to walk with Yahshua and thus departed from my family, I gave my first wife the choice of walking with me but she refused and chose to follow her family. Yahshua our Lord gave me a beautiful Christian wife from a Muslim background but as His words to me echoed that day I will gather your children I steadfastly prayed for my family, he saved my daughter who accepted Yahshua at the age of 15 when I personally baptised her in the Lord. This event took place five years after His words to me that is I got saved in September 17<sup>th</sup> 1998 and my daughter got saved 2003. Today we happily serve the Lord. My daughter's conversion was kept secret from the family but two years later as I write this July 2006 two weeks ago she was put in a situation to decide to marry a Muslim but she refused and declared to her mother and her

aunty that she is a Christian and she will not be able to marry a Muslim because of her faith. Her mother gave her the ultimatum of leaving the home as she was not prepared to raise a Christian. We brought our daughter to our house, praise Yahweh that she is steadfast in her faith even in the face of family criticism and hostility she stood firm for Yahshua who has indeed said, if you deny me before men I will deny you before My father, my daughter has proven she is the daughter of Abraham our father and a true born again believer in Messiah Yahshua.

<u>Matthew 10:32-33</u> Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. (33) But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

My son is already in His hands being ill with a terminal illness because my son would glorify Yahshua through my testimony and he would go back to be with Him thus I would be meeting my family in the resurrection to come Hallelu-Yah. This makes a change from the typical Christians running after healing all the time and miracles forgetting the life here is only temporary. Not all diseases are meant to be healed though our Master can heal anything but how is a person going to depart from this world if he has 100% health? I learnt that even through disease one can glorify our Master and these are the things which teach us patience and how to love those who need us the most. How would it be if my son was healthy and lived his entire life as a Muslim refusing to believe in Yahshua, would that give me any satisfaction to see him heading for hell? What a privileged position I am in compared to so many parents of Christian background whose children and non-Christian whose children though perfectly healthy yet I have seen them not the least bit interested in our Master and are living unsaved lives yet many will not understand what I am saying. It does not mean we should not ask for good health but it does mean we should ask for faithful children who obey Master Yahshua.

My son has the mind of a two year old but the age of twelve. Praise Yahshua that He knew ahead of my concerns that I don't have to spend sleepless nights crying over my children what will happen to them if they were unsaved thinking I would never see them again if they were going to hell and this is so real for so many families who children grow up to be rebellious against Elohim but praise my Lord God Yahshua that my children will with me in the millennium for 1000 real years and into the eternity thereafter. Even my daughter has shown the tenacious spirit to obey Yahweh just like her own dad. My Christian wife Aaliyah came from a Sunni Muslim background also going through many trials in her life before coming to faith, facing extreme hostility from her parents who threw her out when they found out she has become Christian, they forced her to pray and renounce Yahshua but she instead of praying took sixty nine Paracetamol tablets to kill herself rather than bow to Allah, while hospitalised after this experience the Lord was gracious to save her physically and leave no side affects in her body of the damage that could have been done, the doctors were puzzled since they could not find any trace of the Paracetamol in her blood and kept asking how many tablets did you take, my marriage with her was after these events. It is hard for people to understand that being from a Muslim background we make the most zealous believers zealous for the God of Israel to OBEY ALL his commandments and we will happily die for our faith because we count the things of this world of no value.

**Jeremiah 6:16** Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

I stood and looked in the tried old paths, Biblical Judaism in the path of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and it lead me straight to the Messiah Yahshua and I have never looked back. Biblically Christianity is the only way to truth and Yahshua is the Master of the universe. I was instructed by a sister that I had to go to Israel and that the Master Yahshua would have some revelation for me there. Some might say why not tell me here but I chose to walk in faith and promptly got a flight to Israel and went not only to hear my Master but also to celebrate the feast of Yom Kippur and Tabernacles. While in Israel the Master gave instructions to me through another Arab believer who I did not know that I will be like Moses and I will strike the ground with my rod and living water will come out of it that I will use as salve to put onto people's eyes and this will open up many blind eyes (Allegory of truth and salvation). He would take me to the nations and today I have travelled to several countries and am reaching many nations through the TV/Radio ministry we have at http://www.yesumasih.com and many eyes are opening just like He said they would. I learnt the Bible outside a seminary in His feet that is I sat and prayed for the right understanding and even bow to Him daily remembering that He brought me through sin and death saving my life from hell and He sent the people in my life with whom I could have discourse/friendship and enhance my understanding of the Bible. I spent many years studying many different texts of scripture and study notes to acquire the correct understanding but always going back to Yahshua to open up my understanding when I fail to understand certain scriptures, this study will continue since the Bible is such a vast text and so much depth and wisdom is concealed in these pages. I was fortunate to have been born in a Patriarchal culture with my birth in Islam instead of being a curse it turned out to be a blessing because I was streets ahead of most people's knowledge on the Middle-Eastern culture that a lot of Muslims have adopted and the reasons why. If you wish to read a fuller testimony then I suggest you go to my website http://www.abrahamic-faith.com/Testimony/Mohammed.html and read it there under the testimonies page under the name Mohammed from Pakistan. In the end whoever you are my only appeal to you is REPENT and renounce all the false gods in your life for the kingdom of the true and tried God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is at hand, save your soul from this perverse generation, walk with Yahshua our Messiah and walk in peace with our Father in heaven and rest assured of eternal salvation today. May the Lord bless you.

## Chapter 12

### Who are we? Jew Gentile or Israel

**Exodus 12:49** One law [Torah] shall be to him that is home born and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

It's a very simple question that I ask, I don't want to make it too complicated for you, who am I? This is a question we must have asked ourselves on many occasions. For me I was born in Pakistan, British citizen by residence and Israelite by faith. Now this is the conundrum in my life. It's a bit like Yahshua born in Bethlehem, called out of Egypt and be from Galilee and yet be called Yahshua of Nazareth, now this is a prophetic conundrum.

When you are born as the case was for me, I was born to Muslim parents so clearly being born in Lahore Pakistan I suppose I could say I am a Pakistani that is what defines my ethnicity, later acquiring dual citizenship in the UK could make me British Asian but then becoming a believer in Yahshua gave me triple citizenship, now I am part of Israel the nation composed of the twelve tribes that Yahweh God called out. My ethnicity did not change, I was still born in Pakistan and still a citizen of both Pakistan by birth and UK by residence but my status in Yahweh's kingdom had changed and out of the these this is the most important status that I will carry forward into the Millennium and eternity there after. My life here on earth is limited and my eternal status is an Israelite in the sight of Yahweh. I am no longer viewed as an outcast and neither are you and Rabbi Shaul (Paul) of Tarsus puts it beautifully.

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**Ephesians 2:12** do not forget, I say, that you were at that time **separate from Christ** and **excluded from membership of Israel**, aliens with **no part in the covenants of the Promise**, limited to this world, **without hope and without God**.

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Ephesians 2:12 That at that time you were without Moshiach, being excluded, aliens from the Commonwealth of Yisrael, as gerim from the covenants of promise, having no tikvah, and without אלהא in the olam hazeh:

#### Rabbi Moshe puts it correctly:

Before Moshiach, non-Jews were considered unclean dogs outside of the nation of Yisrael.

The restoration scriptures gets it one better by telling us we were without Messiah Yahshua and "gerim" Hebrew for converts from the covenants of promise. Who was the promise made to? It was made to father Abraham and we realised it in our lives accepting the covenant that he has made and applying it in our lives. Now we become true Israel. Israel has the root Hebrew word Yashar

and it means to be "upright" so the word Isra-el means "to be upright with Elohim (God)".

We have to remember that my status does not make me Jewish because that is for one of the tribes of Israel namely Yahudah where the word Yahudi comes from. If I was a pure Ger (Convert in Hebrew) then my conversion would make me part of the "community of Israel" and I would not have a personal standing in any covenants that were made with Israel and Yahweh God but since I join unto the nation i.e. twelve tribes the two houses of Israel then I acquire a legal standing of the same covenants. The idea that if I join some church maybe it is Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal or some other that does not mean Yahweh God had made a covenant with Baptists or with Pentecostals. This idea does not hold true. All of these churches either they fall in line with Yahweh's thinking of being part of Israel or they are not part of anything. Scripture does not dictate an entity outside Israel or the two houses of Jacob namely North and South e.g. Ephraim and Judah.

Let us remind or selves where we stand;

<u>Jeremiah 31:1</u> At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the **God of all the families of Israel**, and they shall be My people.

Yahweh Elohim calls the families (twelve tribes) of Israel MY PEOPLE no mention of Baptists, Methodists and Pentecostals. Sorry folks you do not have a standing by yourselves. You are simply man made i.e. Yahweh Elohim does not recognise denominations with their own agendas and doctrines.

<u>Jeremiah 31:31</u> Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a **new covenant** with the **HOUSE OF ISRAEL**, and with the **HOUSE OF JUDAH**:

The proof is in the pudding that the renewed covenant (Promise) is with the House of Israel (ten tribes) and House of Judah (two tribes). Once again we find no mention of any denominations that so called Christendom have created.

<u>Jeremiah 30:3</u> For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will **bring** again the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to <u>return to the land</u> that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

So here is a question, whose captivity is being returned?

Which land will they have to return to?

For both these questions we must know that it is all the twelve tribes of Israel whose captivity has to end. We know not all of Ephraim will come back but a remnant must be saved in order for prophecy to fulfil and Messiah to return.

**Ezekiel 35:10** Because thou hast said, these TWO NATIONS and **these two countries shall be mine**, and we will possess it; whereas the Lord was there:

The North and South of Israel had become two nations or two countries with two separate kings.

How did I become an outcast? The term outcast of Israel was really the people that were members of the ten Northern Tribes of Israel, Yahweh judged them and

threw them amongst the nations so they mixed and became pagans. This prophecy was given to Abraham like this.

**Genesis 15:5** And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Abraham was told that his seed would be like the stars of heaven and not countable.

Can we count the Jewish people today? The answer is yes, therefore to be the **stars of heaven** this had to be the twelve tribes or the House of Jacob which the ten tribes were scattered for disobedience.

For Isaac knew Yahweh too and he was told.

**Genesis 26:4** And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

Jacob was the one who made the blessing for this event to unfold.

**Genesis 48:19** And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

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Genesis 48:16 The Malach who redeemed me from all evil, iii bless the lads; and let my name-Yisrael be named on them, iv and the name of my ahvot Avraham and Yitzchak; and let them grow into a multitude like fish –vayi-dag-oo lerov v in the midst of the earth.

#### Rabbi Moshe once again tells us some interesting facts;

Vayidagoo lerov, may they grow into a **multitude of fish** in the midst of the olam, or earth. This is an amazing prophecy, whereby YHWH through the dying man Yisrael, pinpoints that the offspring of the people of Efrayim and Manasseh, known later on as the 10 tribes (not two), would literally fill the globe with Yisraelites. We see the ingathering officially begin later in Mattityahu/Matthew 4:19, where the disciples are sent to fish for the men of Yisrael and are called to be Yahshua's fishermen, sent to catch the wandering and floating fish of Yisrael in the midst of all the earth.

This is why when Yahshua said He only came for the lost sheep of the House of Israel He was stating plain truth that many people have failed to grasp.

<u>Matthew 15:24</u> But He [Yahshua] answered and said, I am not sent but unto the <u>lost sheep of the house of Israel</u>.

Contrary to popular opinion Yahshua was only sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel and no one else.

He even instructed His disciples to do likewise.

<u>Matthew 10:5-6</u> These **twelve Jesus sent forth**, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the

Samaritans enter ye not: (6) But go rather to the lost **sheep of the house of Israel.** 

You might rightly ask what about me? Who am I? Well you are either the Lost sheep of the House of Israel or you are a pure ger (convert) into the nation of Israel who got saved. See this is Yahweh's mystery how He was going to save nations. This is how Yahweh was going to gather the nations who became mixed with the House of Israel, remember the prophecy Jacob gave in Genesis 48:19 where he said to Ephraim that you will become a "Multitude of Nations" Melo Ha Goyim (The Hebrew for company of nations) and so we see this is exactly what happened. How many of these people are Northern Israel and is there any idea of who much or how many were to be? Yes we have an idea since we have Bible prophecy guiding us.

<u>Deuteronomy 1:10-11</u> The Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the **stars of heaven** for multitude. (11) (The Lord God of your fathers make you **a thousand times** so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!)

The prophecy is not present as the text states but the words are for the future so we see a translation in accuracy, let's look at the Restoration Scriptures what the Hebrew actually says:

Deuteronomy 1:11 הוה Elohim of your ahvot will make you a thousand times more than you are now, and bless you, as He has promised you!

#### **Messianic Rabbi Moshe commentates**

Four million Yisraelites including men, women, and children left Egypt. Yet Moses said that this number in order to fulfill the covenant of physical multiplicity would be multiplied by one thousand. That brings us to a latter-day total of approximately four billion, or four out of every six humans, whether they know who they really are, or not.

Rabbi Moshe of YATI (Your Arms for Israel Ministry) once again correctly shows us that these are to be **four billion future people** e.g. in our time that are mixed in the nations and this is how praise Yahshua our Lord He is saving the mixed people thus why He said He only came for the House of Israel the lost sheep is absolutely spot on. He did not come for all the heathen to establish separate covenants with each man but He established Israel so that all people who come in faith will get saved and come into the commonwealth of Israel with all the promises made to the fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Even Moses understood that Abraham was promised to become the father of many nations. We find the promise in Genesis 17:5 with a name change, the name change shows from Abram to Abraham from the meaning of Abram (Exalting self) to Abraham (Father of a multitude or Exalted Father with a Heh) Abraham was shown to be born again when he crossed over from death into life from the river Euphrates and received these promises. Abraham was born into new life also, he was a convert and he sat at the feet of Noah for 39 years learning about Yahweh and His greatness.

**Genesis 17:5** Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a **FATHER OF MANY NATIONS** have I made thee.

The Hebrew for "father of many nations" is "Hamon HaGoyim", father of many nations or noisy nations. Clearly we can see this was fulfilled in the Ten tribes of Israel being dispersed who became many noisy nations loving their idolatry and paganism thus the only way for them to come back would be through faith the same way Abraham came in and the same way we all come in today. In fact many of us are true Biological or Spiritual descendants of the Ten tribes.

When Abraham was born Noah was still alive, in fact we are told that Noah died when Abraham was about 58. That means Noah would have been 892 years old. According to the **Mishnah** Noah was Abraham's teacher, it is probably through him that he became aware of Yahweh the one true God and knew Him. Book of Jasher 13:9 agrees with us.

How can Abraham be righteous when his father was into polytheism?

The book of Jasher explains that Abraham was raised and taught by Noah for 39 years, from age 11 to 49 (Jasher 8:36, 9:6, 11:13) that means when Abraham was brought to Noah then Noah would have been approximately 903 years old. This is the clearest indication that Abraham was a convert into Biblical Judaism.

It is thus absolutely essential for us to understand Ephraim and Manasseh and the blessing bestowed upon them by Jacob then known as Israel. Jacob bestows his name Israel upon them and gives double portion to Ephraim ahead of his son Reuben for defiling his marriage bed, Ephraim the youngest gets to lead this role.

**Genesis 48:16** The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and **let my name be named on them**, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them **grow into a multitude** in the midst of the earth.

The term used for "grow into Multitude" in the Hebrew is "Dagim Rab", Dag is the word for fish and dagim for many fishes so here the Drash (allegorical) picture is of a team of fish or spawn of fish. Now we understand why Yahshua said "Follow me and I will make your fishers of men Matthew 4:19. Yahshua was declaring that these disciples were going to help gather the multitude of fish that had scattered in the nations i.e. the House of Israel.

Thus we can come to understand that the term in the Bible for House of Judah and House of Israel refers to the different tribes. The term Israel in the Bible is not interchangeable with the House of Israel, Judah and the nation itself as many in error make it out to be, its context mostly reflects the nature of the division of the North and South of Israel but it can be applied to the whole twelve tribes but it never only applies to Judah.

**Ezekiel 37:11-28** Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. (12) Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. (13) And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up out of your graves, (14) And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord. (15) The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, (16) Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and

write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions: (17) And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. (18) And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? (19) Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. (20) And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. (21) And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: (22) And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. (23) Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. (24) And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. (25) And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. (26) Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. (27) My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (28) And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

We read in **Ezekiel 37:11-28** the two sticks are not just generic terms but specifically applied to the Lost sheep of Israel and the House of Judah and through Messiah Yahshua these will be gathered and made into one whole. So to sum up when we come in the covenant of Yahweh we are saved by grace but our eyes need to remain fixed on Yahweh's goal to gather the Lost House of Israel to join with Israel.

This is why the disciples were so eagerly asking Yahshua about the kingdom being restored to Israel that is the whole twelve tribes, notice they did not say Lord when will you restore our Pentecostal church so all the people follow us? Unfortunately no matter what denomination you are with either you are in line with Yahweh as part of Israel or you are part of nothing. Take your pick?

<u>Acts 1:6</u> When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this **time restore again the kingdom to Israel**?

Yahshua was clear Israel was not to be restored right now but this was to happen later.

**1 Samuel 8:7-8** And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected

thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. (8) According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

I have been telling people about the REAL King of Kings and Lord of Lords and the commandments He wants us to fulfil but much of the so called Christendom is just not ready to come into full obedience. Like Samuel not only do they reject me but they foolishly reject Yahweh God living in sin and calling it grace. When they have to live in Torah obedience they call it legal but breaking His holy commandments they foolishly call freedom. Little do they realise they are living in sin and the punishment for sin is death.

**Ezekiel 18:20a** The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Yes we can make mistakes but we must repent of these mistakes.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

There will always be occasions in our life when we would make mistakes or commit a sin inadvertently but we are to repent of it immediately.

**Ezekiel 18:9** Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

Those that are obedient are considered just and righteous and the rest are considered wicked.

<u>Matthew 7:21-23</u> Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

There are many Christians who live in deliberate sin, I have seen Pastors and Bishops deliberately living in sin and teaching it also, such people have no place in the world to come. Beware time is still at hand to repent and return to do the will of our Father in heaven.

In this chapter we have proven that the promises are with the whole of Israel and that when we join in faith we join with the nation of Israel and not some man made church which has no standing on its own. Either you are in Qahilat Yisrael congregation of Israel or you are with no one.



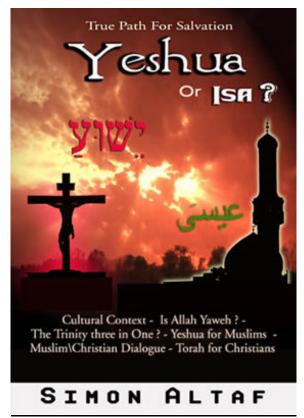
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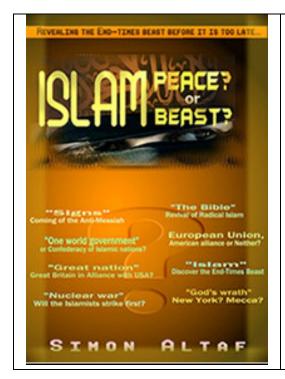
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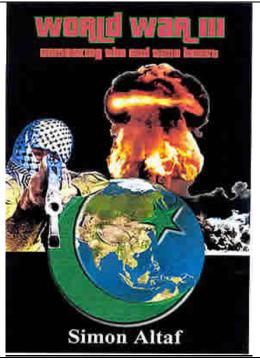


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