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FEAST OF WEEKS (Pentecost)

**Count 50 Days—
Wheat Harvest**



The feast days of Yahweh's annual holy day calendar are the most dynamic and provocative tool every devised by Yahweh. The seven commanded feasts of the Bible encapsulate and reveal Yahweh's eternal plan to mankind. Nothing is more refreshing to Yahweh's people than keeping His holy days. The Bible also emphasizes truth we learn through the proper observance and celebration of these eternal feasts.

All of the annual feasts are anchored to the harvest seasons of Israel. Passover occurs at the spring barley harvest, followed by the early summer wheat harvest known as Feast of Weeks ("Pentecost" in the Greek). The fall harvest, Feast of Tabernacles, celebrates the in-gathering of the fruit of the land and is a large harvest. All three seasonal feasts picture a greater spiritual harvest of the souls of mankind interwoven with the plan of redemption.

Leviticus chapter 23 begins, "And Yahweh spoke unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, concerning the feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations even these are My feasts.'"

Verse 3 starts with the weekly Sabbath. In verse 5 we are given the date for Passover, the 14th day of the first month. After Passover, the Days of Unleavened Bread begin and are the first commanded feasts of Yahweh's calendar. This is noted in Leviticus 23:6.

Feast of Weeks is the second of the three commanded feast seasons of Yahweh. Verse 15 of Leviticus 23 gives us instructions on how to count for the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost. In Exodus 23:16 Feast of Weeks is referred to as the Feast of Harvest and in Numbers 28:26, it is called the Day of Firstfruits. During the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a barley sheaf was offered, known as Firstfruits, the first cutting. After 49 days (a week of weeks, 7x7) came the Feast of Pentecost--when the wheat harvest officially began.

In the very beginning of Leviticus 23 (verse 2), the word convocation was used—the Latin "*convoco*" ("*con*" meaning together and "*voco*" meaning call). We can then ascertain that Yahweh wants to have a calling together of the people on His holy days. In the Hebrew, it is "*miqra*," meaning someone or something called out, a public meeting or a rehearsal. Also, see Leviticus 23:21.

Feast of Weeks has a very special spiritual meaning for the people of Yahweh. Had not Yahshua's disciples been keeping Feast of Weeks, they would not have received the

Holy Spirit. Pentecost, according to Mr. Webster, is the 50th (day), *Shabuoth*, a festival on the seventh Sunday after Passover, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit of Yahweh. John 4:24 states emphatically, "Yahweh is spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth!" We cannot worship Yahweh unless we have His Spirit--the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is also referred to as the "Comforter" in John 14:16 and 26.... "The Comforter Which is the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." The word "Comforter" is translated from the Greek word *parakletos*, meaning "one who goes alongside to help."

We see that Feast of Weeks in the New Testament has just as great or greater meaning than it did in the Old Testament.

In the last words recorded in Luke, Yahshua commands the disciples to tarry at Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on high, Luke 24:49. The disciples had been with Yahshua for three and one-half years. They knew that the Sabbath and the annual holy days were a part of the worship that Yahweh had ordained.

In Acts 1:4-5 Yahshua told them to "wait for the promise of the Father which you have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence." In Acts 2, we read that the disciples were all in one place and in one accord in the upper room at Jerusalem. On the day of Pentecost there came "a sound as a rushing mighty wind" and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Like Passover, Feast of Weeks has had two fulfillments. It was at the time of Passover that Yahshua was slain on the tree of Calvary. While the Jews in Jerusalem were observing Passover in commemoration of the children of Israel's leaving Egypt, the "Lamb that takes away the sin of the world" was impaled on the tree. Just as the blood of the lamb on the doorposts in Egypt saved those within the house from the destroying angel, the blood of the true Lamb redeems and saves us today. Yahshua was impaled on Passover for our transgressions and He was raised at the end of the weekly Sabbath and ascended to the Father on the first day of the week to become the resurrection Firstfruits for our justification.

The message of Passover is wonderful and meaningful. Subsequent to justification, Yahweh's continued fellow-

ship and purpose with mankind would be contingent upon a person's life of holiness and obedience perfected in the fear and awe of the Almighty. This message of sanctification speaks to us loudly through the seven Days of Unleavened Bread, which commenced immediately after Passover. Thus, the message between Passover and Pentecost is the message of harvest. Much maturing must take place between the wave sheaf (firstfruits) in the week of unleavened bread until the greater harvest gets underway at Feast of Weeks. So it is with our lives. We must clean out the old leavening and grow and mature in Yahshua's likeness until the final harvest of the assembly.

Count 50 Days - A Week of Weeks

There is not complete agreement among other Bible believers as to the proper way to correctly count Pentecost, or Feast of Weeks. The present Jewish (Hebrew) calendar begins counting from the first Day of Unleavened Bread, known as Abib 15, contending this is the Sabbath" of Leviticus 23:15.

Their count begins with 16 Abib and always ends with the sixth day of the third month of the Biblical year, known as Sivan 6. Thus, their Feast of Weeks falls on any day of the week. This allows them to begin the harvest as early as possible, as they were prohibited from harvesting any wheat until the offering was made.

Some groups follow the Hebrew calendar and observe the same day as do the Jews. Others count 50 days, then add a day and end up on a Monday. While we have studied the various reasons given for observing the day of Pentecost on other days, it is our conclusion that it should always be observed on a Sunday.

The determination for the Feast of Pentecost (Feast of Weeks), which is recorded in Leviticus 23, starts in verse 15, "And you shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete." Note that this is exactly the same day referred to in verse 11. This word "SABBATHS" is *Shabbath*, the weekly Sabbath.

In other words, seven weekly Sabbaths shall have passed by. Therefore, it is obvious that in order to determine the day of the week on which the next Feast day occurs, we should start counting from the morrow after the weekly Sabbath, including the first day of the week in the count.

We count seven Sabbaths complete (seven complete weeks) starting with the very first day of the first week, which is Sunday. Then verse 16 reads, "Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall you number 50 days; and you shall offer a new meat offering unto Yahweh."

This is all quite plain. The morrow after the seventh Sabbath brings us again to a Sunday. On the other hand, if we count 50 days starting with Sunday after the first Sabbath, we also come to a Sunday.

Deuteronomy 16:9 deals with the proper counting of Feast of Weeks and reads, "Seven weeks shall you num-

ber unto you; begin to number the seven weeks from such time as you begin to put the sickle to the corn." This verse alone tells us that a period of seven weeks much be allowed, which is a total of 49 days. The word weeks is *shabuwa*, which means seven or week. A week starts with a Sunday and ends with a Saturday, more precisely the Sabbath.

The very fact that Feast of Weeks has to be counted every year shows that it is anchored to a weekly Sabbath and not to Abib 16 as currently followed by the Jewish calendar. There Feast of Weeks always falls on the 6th of Sivan, which is the 6th day of the third month, and there is no need to count if one always ends up on Sivan 6. But the Bible shows that both the wave sheaf day and Feast of Weeks always occur on the same day of the week, which automatically puts them on a different calendar dates each year.

While Pentecost is but one special holy day, it always follows the weekly Sabbath. It was the Rabbis who changed the counting of Pentecost from the first day of the week to Abib 16. This was accomplished by interpreting Leviticus 23:11-16 as a High Sabbath instead of the weekly Sabbath.

The purpose behind this change was to allow an early beginning to the barley harvest. As verse 14 reads, "Until that very day, until you have brought the offering of your Elohim, you shall eat no bread or parched grain or fresh ears*; it is a law for all time throughout the ages in all your settlements," (*The Torah* by the Jewish Publication Society). A footnote on the asterisk following "ears" explains that it is "of the new crop." Therefore, because the Jews could not harvest their crops until the wave sheaf offering was made during the Days of Unleavened Bread, the Rabbis interpreted the "Sabbath" as meaning a high or annual Sabbath instead of the weekly Sabbath. This allowed reaping of the crops to begin as soon as the offering was made on Abib 16. They would then begin their count to the Feast of Weeks from the day after the High Sabbath (Abib 16), and Pentecost would float throughout the week, always ending up on Sivan 6.

Digging Deeper—Thoughts to Ponder

1. What does Leviticus 23:15 tell us about the counting of weeks--are we to count partial weeks?

NOTE: Some of the translations read, "...from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day you brought in the wave sheaf seven Sabbaths complete shall there be," Rotherham.

2. There are two separate Hebrews words used to delineate the High Sabbaths from the weekly Sabbath. These can be noted by observing the differences in the Hebrew characters: *Sabbaton* is the High Sabbath and *Shabbat* refers to the weekly Sabbath. Which Sabbath is meant in Leviticus 23:15-16?

NOTE: The photocopy below is from the New International Version Interlinear of Leviticus 23:15-16. Are there any apparent differences between the Hebrew characters translated Sabbath(s) in the two verses?

מִשְׁכְּנֵיכֶם	בְּכֹל	לְדֹרֹתֵיכֶם	עוֹלָם	חֻקַּת
dwellings-of-you	in-all-of	for-generations-of-you	lasting	ordinance-of
מִיּוֹם	הַשַּׁבָּת	מִמָּחֳרַת	לָכֶם	וּסְפַרְתֶּם
from-day	the-Sabbath	from-day-after-of	to-you	then-you-count (15)
הָיָאֲלֵכֶם	אֶת-עֹמֶר	הַתְּנוּפָה	שֶׁבַע שָׁבוּעוֹת	תְּמִימֹת תְּרִיבֶנָּה :
they-must-be	full-ones	weeks	seven	the-wave-offering sheaf-of *** to-bring-you
עַד	מִמָּחֳרַת	הַשַּׁבָּת	הַשְּׁבִיעִית	תְּסַפְּרוּ חֲמִשָּׁים יוֹם
day	fifty	you-count	the-seventh	the-Sabbath to-day-after-of up (16)
וְהִקְרַבְתֶּם	מִנְחָה	חֲדָשָׁה	לַיהוָה :	מִמִּשְׁכְּנֵיכֶם
from-dwellings-of-you	(17)	to-Yahweh	new	grain-offering then-you-present

Speaking of the day of the week, Sabbath is the same in both verses 15 and 16 of Leviticus 23, showing that it is the weekly Sabbath we are to count from to establish Pentecost (New International Version Interlinear).

3. If Leviticus 23:15 refers to the High Sabbath we are to count from, then we have a problem, as seven of the High Sabbaths are to be complete, and the word "Sabbaths" is spelled exactly alike in each instance! Further, what are we told to do in verse 16?

NOTE: There are no High Sabbaths after the week of Unleavened Bread before we come to Feast of Weeks. This shows the counting of Sabbaths in these verses can refer only to the weekly Sabbath. Therefore, the Sabbaths in verses 15 and 16 of Leviticus 23 refer to the WEEKLY Sabbath, making Feast of Weeks fall on Sunday. The week is not over until the seventh-day Sabbath completes the week and we observe the following day, Sunday, as the day of Pentecost.

Sadly, not only has rabbinic Judaism corrupted both the Passover as well as the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), but nominal Christianity has also perverted both of these special days given by Yahweh;

By not keeping the Passover correctly, Judaism has come to reject the Messiah and does not acknowledge Yahshua as the One sent from on high to redeem His people from their sins. Judaism acknowledges that He was a good teacher, but contends that He was but a man. To this day Jews do not accept His statement that He is "the way, the truth and life. No one can come to the Father but by Me," John 14:6.

Unable to worship in the manner of the Levitical priesthood because the Temple is no longer standing, Judaism has continued their worship in synagogues throughout the world. Some look forward to a reconstructed Temple where they can again sacrifice animals and gain favor with the Almighty in our time.

They have merged the Passover with the first day of Unleavened Bread and observe the Passover on the 15th, when Scripture clearly says the 14th is the Passover and the 15th starts the Feast, Leviticus 23:5-6. By not observing Passover correctly in the Messiah's time, they failed to see the significance of the Savior's death on Passover day and to this day keep it a day late.

Christianity has also perverted the Passover into what

is often called "The Lord's Supper." It is taken frequently instead of once a year. Typically it is taken every Sunday morning (still called a "supper"), either one particular Sunday a month, every three months, or in a daily ritual known as the mass. Most school boys recognize that a memorial is held once a year. The birth of our nation is celebrated annually on the Fourth of July. The end of May has its "Memorial Day" when the dead are remembered once a year. Paul clearly said the Passover is a memorial to remember the Savior's death, 1 Corinthians 11:26. It happens once a year on the anniversary of His death.

Rabbinic Judaism has perverted the meaning of the Hebrew "Shabbat" of Leviticus 23:15 to mean the High Sabbath of Abib 15 instead of the weekly Sabbath. They make Pentecost or Feast of Weeks fall on the sixth day of the third month every year and on any day of the week. While the Messiah walked this earth, the Sadducees were in control of Temple worship and they rightly counted Sunday as the correct day for Feast of Weeks.

A number of branches of Christianity have given the day of Pentecost another meaning that was never intended by Yahweh. In their search for the sensational aspect of worship, they try to repeat that day upon which Yahweh sent His Holy Spirit to this earth. In trying to emulate the outpouring of His Spirit, these people seek the miraculous, the flamboyant, the attention-getting activities of the world. They want a name for themselves. But they miss the true meaning of this day!

The miracles attached to the sending of the Holy Spirit to this earth were to inform the Jews that this was some supernatural activity from on high. The sound of a rushing wind, tongues of fire, hearing the disciples speak in their native tongue--all of this was to mark the coming of the Holy Spirit to this earth. Now the Spirit is here permanently and is not to be taken from this earth.

Proofs from the Exodus of Israel

The Bible shows which is the proper day to observe Pentecost by comparing Scripture with Scripture. Notice carefully Exodus 19:1-2. Israel left Egypt on a Thursday because in that year Abib 14 fell on a Wednesday and they had to remain in their houses that night until morning, Exodus 12:22-23. During the daylight hours they spoiled the Egyptians and then left Goshen to assemble at Rameses, Exodus 12:37. They then departed that night.

1. What additional information do we find in Numbers 33:3?

NOTE: We are told they journeyed on the 15th of Abib, on the day **after** the Passover. They did not go out on the 14th as some try to teach. Israel had to stay in their houses and could not go out until daylight and then they gathered up their possessions and assembled at Ramses.

2. Read carefully Exodus 19. They came to the wilderness of Sinai the SAME DAY, Thursday. In verse 10, Moses is told to sanctify the people, today (Thursday), tomorrow (Friday) and (verse 11) be ready the third day

which was the Sabbath, when Yahweh would come down Mt. Sinai in the sight of all the people. What day and time of day did Yahweh appear to the people? Verse 16.

3. It is important that we comprehend that ALL that took place from Exodus 19:16 to Exodus 24:3 took place in one day, on the weekly Sabbath. If you study the texts from Exodus 19:16 through 24:3, you will see there is no morning or new day mentioned. What did Moses then do concerning all that Yahweh had told him? Verse 4.

NOTE: *All that is contained from Exodus 19:5 through Exodus 24:3 includes the Covenant that Yahweh is proposing to Israel.*

4. Take special note that the Ten Commandments are included in the Old Covenant that Yahweh proposes in chapter 20. Are the Sabbatical/Jubilee cycles mentioned? Chapter 23:10-11. The weekly Sabbath? Verse 12. Can we mention other deities? Verse 13.

5. In addition to the holy times Israel was given in Exodus 23 as a part of the Covenant Yahweh is proposing, does He also mention annual Holy Days throughout the year which are to be observed by Israel? Verses 15-17.

NOTE: *Verse 16 mentions the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of our labors, also known as Pentecost.*

6. Read Jeremiah 31:31-33, and compare with Hebrews 8:8-10. Is Yahweh going to change His laws or alter the requirements of His people? Or is the New Covenant made with His people by putting His laws into their mind and writing them on their heart?

NOTE: *By sending His Holy Spirit to this earth to remain with the people, Yahweh has given them the ability to keep His unchanging laws which include all His Sabbaths, Pentecost as well.*

Yahshua Is the First of the Spiritual Harvest

There are two main grain harvests in Palestine. The earlier barley harvest comes in the spring, after the winter rains and begins on the day of the wave sheaf offering. This is the gathering of the first mature barley stalks brought to the priest to be accepted by Yahweh and is the wave sheaf offering or the "first of the firstfruits."

Then follows the general harvest after Feast of Weeks and continues until the Feast of Tabernacles. Yahshua is pictured as the Wave Sheaf offering of Leviticus 23:10. The saints are pictured as the Feast of Weeks harvest or the "wheat" of Matthew 13:37-43.

1. Is Yahshua referred to as the "Firstfruits of them that slept"? 1 Corinthians 15:20-23. Is He also called the Firstborn among many brethren? Romans 8:29.

2. Leviticus 23:10-11 shows that the priest had to wave the first cutting or harvest of the barley to be accepted by Yahweh. This was also a petition that the rest of the harvest would be acceptable, that the harvest might be bountiful. After Yahshua was put to death, entombed and then resurrected, was it also necessary that He be offered as a "Wave Sheaf" for acceptance by Yahweh? John 20:17.

NOTE: *Yahshua is called the "Firstfruits," as we have*

seen in 1 Corinthians 15:20-23. As the most holy sacrifice, He had to appear before Yahweh to be accepted by Him, just as the wave sheaf of grain was waved by the priest in ancient Israel before the harvest could begin. His disciples were not permitted to touch Him lest He be contaminated. On the first day of the week (John 20:1), He ascended to the Father and was accepted by Him. After His acceptance the way was opened for the rest of the human harvest to enter into everlasting life.

3. Following His acceptance by the Father as the perfect Wave Sheaf, could His disciples then touch Him? Matthew 28:9; John 20:20-28. Was this the same day? John 20:19.

NOTE: *There was a teaching abroad that Yahshua did not really return in a glorified body, but was only a spirit, a figment in the minds of the disciples. Note that in the first epistle of John the beloved Apostle states that Yahshua was real, they "handled" Him. 1 John 1:1.*

4. What day of the week did Mary see Him in the garden and think He was the gardener? John 20:13-19. It was the same day--the wave sheaf day--the beginning of the count to Feast of Weeks.

NOTE: *Some think the Savior had a wave sheaf of barley under His arm to better symbolize His role. Nevertheless, it is clear that He ascended to the Father on the very day of the wave sheaf offering, or the first day of the week when the Sabbath was past. The Firstfruit must be holy so the rest are also holy. Romans 11:16.*

The Proper Counting of the Feast of Weeks

The present (but erroneous) Hebrew calendar, which dates back to the time of Hillel II (about the 4th century), shows Feast of Weeks falling on any day of the week. It always falls on the sixth day of the third month known as Sivan. The question arises, "If the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) always falls on Sivan 6, why bother to count fifty days?" The answer is that the present method of the Hebrew calendar is not the correct counting toward Feast of Weeks as was done by the priestly tribe when the temple stood.

At the destruction of the temple in 70 C.E., the priestly Sadducees relinquished their guidance and control of worship to the Pharisees. The rabbis today are an extension of the Pharisees who, using the majority of the Babylonian Talmud, are the guiding influence of present-day Judaism.

The present Jewish method of determining the time of the Feast of Weeks does not employ the counting of weeks at all. Days are counted instead of weeks. A week is out when the Sabbath or the seventh day ends. The next day (Sunday) should be the day to observe Pentecost.

1. What day of the week was the wave sheaf offered? Leviticus 23:11.

NOTE: *The Savior's acceptance was the day after the weekly Sabbath on what we know as Sunday, Jn 20:19-20. Notice it was the "same day," or the first day of the week. The wave sheaf offering must always follow the*

weekly Sabbath that falls within the Days of Unleavened Bread, thus always falling on the same day of the week.

2. How many days were the Levites to count? Leviticus 23:15-16.

NOTE: Seven Sabbaths does not mean to count seven Saturdays, but to count seven weeks. Although the King James does not make this clear, both verses 15 and 16 have the Hebrew suffix "fully" or "wholly," meaning the count of the weeks should begin on the first day of the week and end at the Sabbath. Take special note that verse 15 says we are to begin our count with the day after the weekly Sabbath (Strong's Concordance No. 7676) and end with the day after the weekly Sabbath (No. 7676). There is no way we can start with the High Sabbath of the 15th of Abib and still end with a weekly Sabbath.

3. Look at the secular calendar used by the world in business and commerce. Even though there are forces extant conniving to change the calendar, the weeks still begin on Sunday and end on Saturday, or the Sabbath. Does Yahweh tell us to observe Feast of Weeks "after your weeks be out?" Numbers 28:26.

NOTE: We are to count seven weeks (7 x 7), which gives us 49 days or seven complete weeks. The next day (50th day) is Sunday, the proper time to observe Feast of Weeks.

4. Did the disciples know how to count Feast of Weeks? Acts 2:1.

NOTE: They were all in one accord and in one place in Jerusalem as Yahshua had told them. Had they not been obedient to assembling there, they would not have been given the Holy Spirit. Obviously, they counted correctly.

5. Fifty days after the Father in heaven accepted the Savior's sacrifice for the sins of the world, the Holy Spirit was sent to this earth. What special offering was Israel to present to Yahweh in the Old Testament? Leviticus 23:17.

NOTE: The two wave loaves are brought from the habitations of the people and offered to Yahweh. A number of scholars say these two loaves represent the Old Testament and New Testament believes.

6. Is the Assembly (ekklesia) called the firstfruits? James 1:18.

NOTE: The loaves are to be baked with leaven. If leaven represents sin, wickedness and corruption, then leaven would never be commanded to be added to the bread. We understand that leaven can mean the doctrine or teaching that Yahshua is the true Bread from heaven promised in the Old and revealed in the New Testament, permeating both Old and New Testament assemblies, John 6:35-40 and 48:58. Note that Leviticus 7:18 shows that leaven is included in the peace offering. Amos 4:5 also uses leaven in a good sense. However, it was not to be burned on the altar.

The Importance of the Holy Spirit

In addition to the Holy Spirit's being sent to this earth at the time of Pentecost to indwell the followers of the

Messiah, another change took place that is little noticed among Bible students. The earth had been corrupted by man's disobedience to Yahweh. As man continued to degenerate, he became like a brute beast. The earth had become contaminated by the shed blood of the innocent, beginning with Abel.

When the atoning blood of the Savior was spilled on the ground, the earth was cleansed so that the Holy Spirit could reside permanently here on this earth. Before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, men were given the Spirit to perform a task and then the Spirit was taken away.

1. What was David's prayer in Psalm 51:11?

NOTE: David had sinned a grievous sin and was thoroughly broken up over his affair with Bathsheba. He prayed that Yahweh would leave him with a spirit of willingness and unenforced obedience. The Holy Spirit in that era was taken away and given by Yahweh. After Israel came into the land of Palestine, there was none appointed to replace Joshua as the leader of Israel. Instead, judges were raised up when necessary to guide Israel until their death. When needed, another judge was raised up. Notice that it was the judges who were then given the temporary indwelling of the Spirit to accomplish Israel's deliverance, Judges 2:18.

2. Note in the following examples the Spirit of Yahweh came upon the servants enabling them to serve in a special way: Judges 11:29 (Jephthah); 14:5-6, 19, 15:14, 19 (Samson). The Book of Judges is an example of mankind's living without the guidance of Yahweh's Holy Spirit when "in those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes," Judges 17:6.

3. Notice what happened after the Holy Spirit came to earth following the resurrection of the Messiah. How long did Yahshua say the "Comforter" would abide with His people? John 14:16.

NOTE: Comforter is from the Greek *parakletos* and means one called to the side of another for help. Yahshua would shortly leave His disciples, but the mighty Spirit Power would be sent to this earth to remain here. We should not pray for Yahweh to send His Spirit to this earth--He did that at Pentecost. Our prayer should be that the Spirit would guide us and bring us closer to Yahweh.

4. Ten years after the Spirit came at Pentecost, Cornelius, a Roman soldier, came to visit Peter, Acts 10. (You should read the entire chapter.) A sheet filled with all sorts of unclean animals and birds came to earth in Peter's vision three separate times. What was Peter commanded to do? Acts 10:13.

NOTE: This was ten years after Pentecost and Peter said he had never eaten anything that was common or unclean, verse 14. This chapter is not teaching that we can eat toads, snails, rats, vultures, etc. The gist of the chapter is found in verses 15 and 28.

5. Paul follows up on the lesson given Peter in Ephesians 2:11-22. Even though the Gentiles were not generally accepted into a covenant relationship with Yahweh,

what do we find in Ephesians 2:12-13? What is broken down by the shed blood of the Messiah? Verses 14-15.

NOTE: *The middle wall was a stone palisade dividing the Gentiles from Israel in worship. Symbolically, it kept the Gentile from becoming a partaker of the Covenant and separated Jew and Gentile.*

6. Paul took Peter to task because Peter had been eating with some Gentiles. But when the Jews came in, he quickly separated from the, Galatians 2:11-14. What had Peter told the Jews that first Pentecost day? Acts 2:38-39. James gives the same message a little clearer in Acts 15:14-17.

NOTE: *Now that the Holy Spirit has come to this earth to remain here and to abide in the hearts of Yahweh's people, Yahweh has also called the Gentiles into the New Covenant as well.*

7. What conclusion did Peter draw when he finally comprehended the message of the sheet of unclean creatures? Acts 10:34-35.

NOTE: *It is through the shared acceptance and belief in Yahshua the Messiah that both Jew and Gentile have access to Yahweh, the Father. And through Yahshua, we can now approach Him through the Holy Spirit directly. If we are obedient and have His Spirit abiding in us, we have access to the Throne of Grace. We no longer need to approach Him through animal sacrifices and the Levitical Priesthood.*

The Spirit on Earth Permanently

If we are true to Yahweh's Word, the Yahweh's Holy Spirit will remain with us, 1 Thessalonians 5:19. The Spirit has often been described as an invisible shield Yahweh puts around those who answer His call. As you allow His Spirit to permeate your life, you become followers of Him in everything.

The Holy Spirit is not a person, but is the mighty, in-

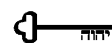
visible power of Yahweh that permeates the universe. When we are in harmony with that powerful Spirit, our goal is to qualify to be in the Kingdom with Yahshua the Messiah. We live in the world, but do not become a part of the world. Our goal is to be in that first resurrection.

Feast of Weeks is a memorial of Israel's ratifying the agreement to obey all the laws of Yahweh. By entering into this covenant and stating they would obey, they were promised to be blessed above all people on earth. The annual holy days are to be kept by his people as a memorial to His great power. Feast of Weeks is kept as a remembrance of the New Covenant relationship through the Messiah, Yahshua, when the Holy Spirit came to earth to indwell believers.

Yahshua was the first of the spiritual harvest. Paul tells us that Yahshua is the firstborn among many brethren, Romans 8:29. Feast of Weeks deals with the second seasonal harvest. It is the first resurrection, the great harvest of souls pictured by the wheat harvest, Matthew 13:37-39. James says, "Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures," James 1:18. Hebrews 12:23 calls the believers the assembly and congregation of the firstborn.

Feast of Weeks recalls the redemption of the first harvest of souls known as the assembly or "called-out ones." Those who take hold of the New Covenant, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide and control their lives in obedience to Yahweh's way of life will become living examples to others now. We are to seek His will by searching the Bible for truth. This preparation will allow us to administer Yahweh's laws and judgments because we will have qualified as kings or priests in the Kingdom, Revelation 1:6, 5:10, 20:6.

May Yahweh grant you the blessings He has for you if you will remain faithfully obedient to Him.



Invitation to the Feast of Weeks

Please join us here in Rocheport, Missouri for the annual appointed Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), to be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025!

We will be hosting a double Sabbath celebration, in accordance to Yahweh's commandments. We are looking forward to having many of you, so please let us know if you plan to come spend the whole week-end with us. We're planning two days of spiritual food, and physical food, so come to be inspired and filled with all Yahweh has in store for us!! Contact us with any questions and hope to see you here!!



Deep Spiritual Truths—

From Yahweh's Sacred Word

Part 12

Isaiah 44:22

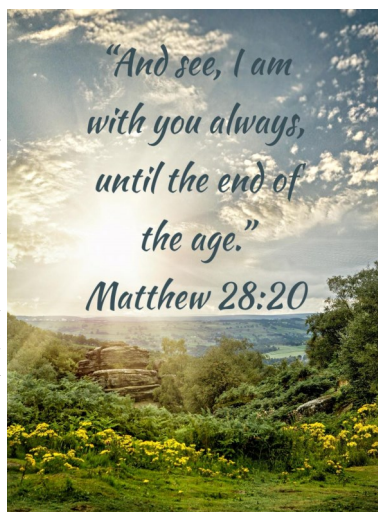
Transgressions are the result of a disobedient will, not only against a law, but against a lawgiver, and sin is rebellion against it. When clouds fill the sky, they darken the earth and shut out the sunshine. The darkness closes the petals of the little flowers and hushes the songs of the birds. Sin does the same, as it shuts out all the life-giving light from above. But, while the clouds veil us from the light, the light is still above it, and every cloud that veils love can be thinned away by the love it veils. It is the love, against which we transgress, that thins away the clouds of transgression. Yahweh forgives. So, on our hearts, which have been stained and darkened by the filth and sin of this world, He will write His new best name of Love, that we may be epistles of Yahshua, written with the Spirit of the living Elohim, Almighty Yahweh.



presence with us, and is an exceeding great and precious promise. As He had said, "Lo," take notice of this; it is what you may assure yourselves of and rely upon. I, the eternal Son of Yahweh; I, who have the angels at my command, and make the devils tremble at My Word; I, who in your hearing have caused the storms to cease, the blind to see, the lame to walk, the dead to rise, only with the word of my mouth; I, who have all power in heaven and earth committed to me — am with you; not, I will be with you, but, I AM with you, every hour of every day, with the promise of the indwelling of the Comforter, His Holy Spirit, leading in every age and nation. May our faith in this gracious promise strengthen our hearts and minds to be steadfast in zeal, fervor, and diligence, accounting no labor too great, no service too much, so that we may fulfill the work He has commissioned us to do in these last days and finish our course with His great joy!

Matthew 28:20

This solemn farewell, given by our Savior Yahshua as His parting words in the time between the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Weeks, is very encouraging to us today. It is an assurance of His spiritual



Luke 17:32

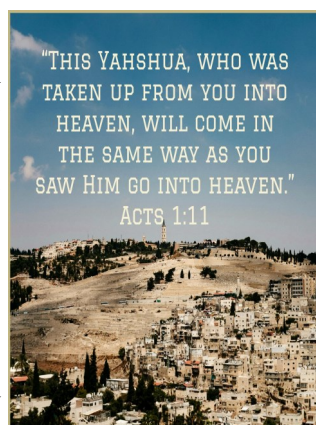
Just as the children of Israel in the time of the Exodus, we are in the wilderness after the days of Unleavened Bread which usher in the beginning of the journey to the promised land—Yahweh's Kingdom! Now we must go forward to receive the promise, keeping a clear vision of where we are going



with faith and trust in Yahweh, and never turn back to our former life and the ways of the world. Lot's wife looked back to Sodom, a type of the world, in disobedience, because that is where her heart was. Where is your heart? Don't get caught looking back, leaving your heart anywhere in this world. Keep your heart fixed on Yahshua and His Kingdom. We have trying times coming! When these things happen, will you look back and lose faith? Or will you stand fast and behold the salvation of Yahweh?

Acts 1:11

We as believers in Yahshua must realize that the stake is incomplete without the throne, and that the risen Savior is with us today. We must look forward, as well as backward, and upward, and rejoice in the sure and certain confidence that the Messiah who has come is the King who will come. Our remembrance of Him and our faith in Him are based on His work on the stake, and upon His resurrection from the dead. In the present, He has gone to work, to intercede, ever our High Priest, companion, and friend at the right hand of Yahweh, of which His ascension from Olivet gives us the guarantee. Our hopes rest and anchor upon our Priestly King that is to come, piercing the vagueness of the future, and looking onward to that day of days when He, who is our life, shall return to claim His own, for all those who love His appearing.



Joel 2:28

The indwelling of Yahweh's Holy Spirit is poured out into our souls to enlighten us, teach us, kindle a holy fire within us, mold us into a new vessel as

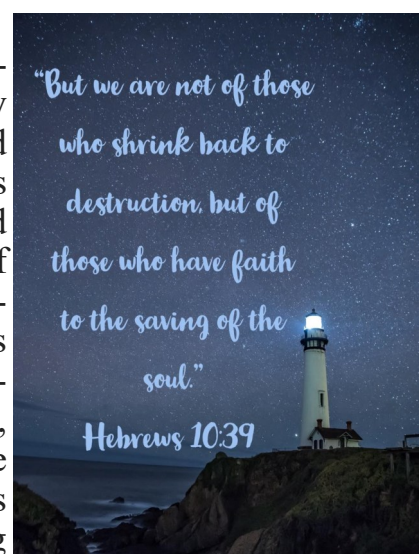


He wills, sanctify us, satiate and fill us. He imparts it to us in His grace, love, and with powerful gifts. At the moment of our justification, the Holy Spirit enters our souls at His temple, sanctifying, dedicating, and consecrating it to Himself, communicating to us His love and grace.

As living waters poured out upon the parched souls of those hungering and thirsting for righteousness, the Holy Spirit will render its fruit into our character and lives. This is the highest union of Yahweh within our hearts and minds; and greater than this can none be given to any creature, for by it we become "partakers of the divine Nature." Let us ever be acutely aware of the blessing and dignity of the holiness to which we are called and with all zeal follow after, nurture, and preserve it.

Hebrews 10:39

There are successive steps by which a converted believer advances to higher and higher stages of spiritual experience. Our minds are first enlightened to the truth, then experience the gifts of His spirit, becoming partakers of its



influence, enabling us to live according to the excellence of His word, and finally participating in the extraordinary power which Yahweh makes available to us by sanctification through the Good News of His salvation. Faithfulness during the times when His promises seem to be unfulfilled is the measure of our obedience and spiritual maturity.

We are admonished to beware of allowing any root from an evil heart of unbelief to turn us back from our walk with the living Elohim. We must daily live according to our belief in Yahweh, with truth at its center, re-

vealing how to separate temporal concerns from spiritual reality. Our faith maintains our spiritual life now, crowning us with eternal life hereafter.

Isaiah 26:3

To be thoroughly devoted to Yahweh is to be rooted and grounded in His love, in His covenants of promise, His faithfulness and power to perform them, and on His blessed Son of righteousness for our justification, providing

for our security and ultimate peace with Him. Trust in Yahweh for inward and outward peace, peace with Him, peace of conscience, peace at all times, in all events.

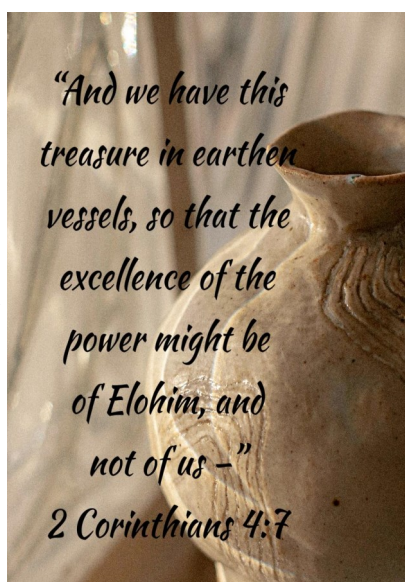
Let us then acknowledge Him in all our ways, and rely on Him in all trials. Those who trust in Yahweh shall receive from Him strength that will carry them to that blessedness in the abundance of peace that will be found in His Kingdom.

2 Corinthians 4:7

The Good News of salvation is called a "treasure" because it contains rich truths, comparable to gold, silver, and precious stones, for in it are rich blessings, spiritual ones, the blessings of the new covenant, solid, and irreversible,



"And we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the excellence of the power might be of Elohim, and not of us -"
2 Corinthians 4:7



the exceeding great and precious promises, of more worth than thousands of diamonds and gold. It shows forth to us the riches of Yahweh and of our Savior, of their grace and glory, which are unsearchable, unchangeable, and eternal. It is within us, in these frail bodies of ours—'earthen vessels'—we have that priceless treasure. However great may be the talents, learning, or zeal of those who preach, it is evident only through the power of Yahweh that the conversion of the human heart can be accomplished.

As the first light of creation, so, in the new creation, the light of the Spirit illuminates the Good News of salvation, shining through the clay, into our very hearts.

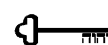
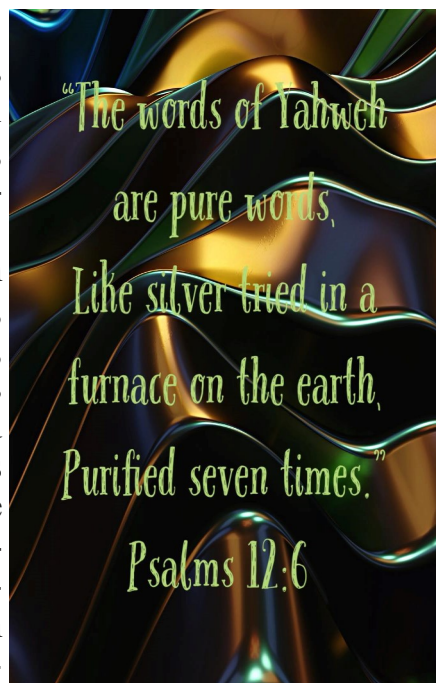
Psalms 12:6

Yahweh's words are pure from all manner of error, falsehood or unfaithfulness.

They are holy in His precepts, just in His laws, true in His promises, and infallible in His prophecies. The process of purification is repeated seven times, the number of perfection

and completeness, until it becomes entirely and perfectly pure.

The preciousness of Yahweh's word is as silver refined to the highest degree. How many proofs have been given of its power and truth! What Yahweh promises, He will perform. Yahweh will secure His chosen remnant, as long as the world stands, into the hands of our Savior, High Priest, and King; there they are in safety, being built on Him, the Rock of our salvation.



The Key to Victory over Anxiety

By Elder Mike Wardlow

I talk to a lot of people who are having a problem with anxiety—sometimes extreme anxiety. Now, everyone is familiar with anxiety and worry. All you have to do is look around and listen to some of the people you come in contact with, and the bad thing is that it is not just the people in the world. This thing has slowly crept inside many of our assemblies. The sad thing is that we have brothers and sisters in the faith that are suffering needlessly from this problem. When you are struggling with anxiety and worry, it is probably one of the craziest things you could be doing as a saint of Yahweh. It takes your attention away from where it should be! Our Messiah tells us that. He tells us where His heart and His love and His passion are. He does not want us to go through this. He knows that when it gets this grip on us, it can take some of us down.

Maybe I can shed some light on this so that we can get victory over it once and for all. Some of these Scriptures I know you have heard a hundred times, but I am going to give you the word anyway and Yahweh is going to give you the revelation. Sometimes, it's the repetition, when a light goes on in your head and you say, "WOW!" That is Yahweh giving you a new revelation to the same Scriptures.

Let's look at **Matthew 6:25, Don't be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than meat and the body more than raiment? Behold, the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap or gather into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?**

Did you notice that Yahshua asked a very important question in the previous Scripture: "Are you not much better than they?" You have to say, "Yes, you are." If you don't say it, you will never have the victory. This is the key that will help you unlock that door. You should say, "Yes," to that particular question. Look at nature. That's what I do. I see the birds, and I watch how Yahweh feeds them. I watch how that bird does not worry about what he is going to eat tomorrow. And I can say, "Yes, we are more important than

those birds." That is the key to victory, and we should be walking around saying, "HalleluYah! Praise Yahweh!" That is our first step. Then drop down to **verse 31**. Do not—that's a command—do not let this anxiety get ahold of you. Do you see it? **Do not be anxious saying, "What shall we eat, what shall we drink or wherewithal shall we be clothed?"** This is very important.

Now read **verse 34**, which is another key to this problem of anxiety. **Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow.** I know a lady that said she was having problems coming up with her rent. So we gathered up a few dollars and we had enough to pay her rent. Instead of her rejoicing that her rent was paid, she started worrying about 30 days later, farther into the future, how she was going to pay that rent, instead of resting in that blessing she had today! I said, "Lady, you had better receive that blessing and stay in the present, because that's where Yahweh is. He is in today—right here and now." If you've got it today, rejoice in it. Most of us have food today. Most of us have clothes on our backs. Rejoice in it! Rejoice that your rent is paid, and if it hasn't been, then you need to speak up.

Continuing in **verse 34, Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow for tomorrow shall take care of itself.** Tomorrow is a whole new, different thing, so we cannot go there. We've got to keep our attention on today.

How does a saint of Yahweh approach the problem of worry? Number one, we must understand the problem. Anxiety is distress about future uncertainties. It's about tomorrow. It's about something that's behind that door. You haven't even gotten to that door yet and you are worried about what's behind it. You are already getting yourself agitated unnecessarily. Back up! Turn around, and go the other way!

Anxiety is characterized by mental agitation. Some of it is mild, and some is severe. It is usually caused by worrying about what might happen. Anxiety is caused by real or imagined threats to our well-being. We feel vulnerable and inadequately protected against these

threats. Whatever these threats are that are coming upon us, we feel like we don't have what it takes to get us through it. What are some of these things? Have you ever had to speak in front of people? Before you speak, you may feel a kind of social rejection. So immediately you put in your mind, these people are not going to receive me. But those are stories you are telling yourself, made up in your own head.

A lot of people worry about death. Have you every gotten up in the middle of the night and thought you were having a heart attack? It produced symptoms as if you were having one—sweating, and palpitations. But, you are still here. You weren't having a heart attack. You told yourself you were. That's where anxiety comes from. Stop telling yourself these stories.

Somehow we convince ourselves that something bad is going to happen to us, and that's where anxiety takes control of us. Anxiety has 3 main elements. Number one is insecurity. If we are in an insecure situation, we feel like something bad is going to happen. Number two is helplessness. You feel like there is nothing you can do. Number 3 is isolation. You feel like there is no one to turn to.

So we've got insecurity, helplessness, and isolation—all which cause anxiety! It's got a grip on you. I went through this physically. That's why I am sharing this with you, and how I was able, with Yahweh's help, to get the victory over this thing.

I remember years ago, I used to have intestinal problems, and really thought my intestines were just going to blow up in me. This is where anxiety got ahold of me. But something said, "Look at the things that are real. Focus on what's real." My intestines never exploded. I'm still here, praise Yahweh.

Anxiety is a form of fear and that is what we MUST recognize. We have got to stop giving it these soft little, nice words. It's FEAR! Once you recognize it as fear, then you have the Scriptures to deal with it. My number one weapon in dealing with fear is **2 Tim. 1:7, Yahweh did not give you the spirit of fear! He said, I give you a spirit of power, and of love and of a sound mind.** You see, I believed that I had a sound mind that Yahweh gave to me. So while all these thoughts and imaginations were going through my head, I used this scripture to push those thoughts away from me. This was my hammer, and I went about attacking the spirit of fear with this particular scripture—swinging it with all I had. I pray that some of you will use Scriptures like this to chase

away your own demons. We need to trust in Yahweh and Yahshua to overcome our problems. We read in **Matt. 11:28, Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.** Yahshua is promising rest to all of you who are experiencing problems. He said, **Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me for I am meek and lowly in heart and you shall find rest unto your soul. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.** Yahshua is trying to tell you exactly where to come for help.

A saint of Yahweh may feel insecure, but the reality is that he or she is very secure. Whenever you are feeling insecure, Yahweh says you are very secure. Read **Heb. 4:16** and He will show you how secure you are: **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need.** Abba said that we can come boldly to His throne. We don't have to shiver, or whimper up to His throne. Yahweh said to come boldly before Him. Yet, sometimes, we will go to everybody else, except to the throne. Yahweh says, "Come to Me with boldness and I will be there to help you." Now, that's real security!

The saint of Yahweh may feel helpless. Read, **Rom. 8:31, What shall we then say to these things? If Yahweh be for us, who can be against us?** We cannot say that there is anyone greater than Yahweh, so take your problems to Him. These are powerful Scriptures from which I build a scriptural cocoon around me—the shield that I put out when I start feeling defenseless. I put these words and these scriptures into action and I watch them go to work. Speak His words to your mountains, and watch them dissipate. That's what they are there for, to give you the power you need to climb those mountains.

A saint may feel isolated. The reality is that you are not alone. **Deut. 1:21, See, your Elohim has set the land before you. Go up and possess it, as Elohim of your fathers has spoken to you. Do not fear, nor be discouraged.** And that is all anxiety is. It's being afraid, and being discouraged, but Yahweh says NOT to fear or be discouraged. This is the scripture I bring to mind when I am fearful or discouraged. And I am filled with the power of Yahweh. I feel His presence immediately. This is not a game. These are more than just words. They are health to you. They are strength to your flesh if you believe it. And if I can get you to understand that, my job is done. We must have complete trust in Yahweh and Yahshua. That is the remedy!

We see in **Isa. 40:31, But they that wait upon**

Yahweh shall renew their strength as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not be faint. Let me repeat, he says, **Those that wait upon Yahweh...** I want to give an example of a child walking with his parents on a path, going through the woods. The child is walking next to his father and his mother. He is feeling very secure. He doesn't have a care in the world. He's just walking and walking, and all of a sudden, he gets sidetracked and goes down the wrong path. And the only time he feels insecure is when he comes to the realization that he is alone. And that is where we are. As soon as that child runs back to his parents, he immediately feels secure. Yahweh says, "When you take off without Me, (His Word—meaning your sword), and you don't wait upon Me, and you go it alone, then you'll probably get beaten up by those demons that are waiting for you to come unarmed, and unprotected." That's when you have to take the power of the Word with you. When I start to feel insecure, I know that I have strayed somewhere. I have to get back to my Abba—to get under His protection. That is how I have been able to take control of this demon of anxiety—by putting the very words, and the scriptures of Yahweh into action. We have to trust in Yahweh, and stand upon His Word, which we know is truth!

This is very important. **Phil. 4:6, Be careful for nothing, but in everything be prayerful in supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto Yahweh.**

There it is. When I pray for something, I give thanks to Yahweh and I leave it there. I thank Him in advance, and I go about my business and I don't worry about it any more. That is what He is saying, "I don't care what you are going through, just give thanks for it."

John 14:1, Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in Yahweh, believe also in Me. There are so many scriptures that tell us who we are, and what we have—in Yahshua. But we have to believe.

Peace of mind has been promised to those who commit their anxieties to Him. **John 16:33, These words I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you have pressure, but take courage, I have overcome the world.**

Phil 4:6-9, Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto Elohim. And the peace of Elohim, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through the Messiah Yahshua. Finally, brethren,

whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which you have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the Elohim of peace shall be with you.

1 Peter 5:7, Cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you. Most of us feel insecure because we feel nobody cares for us, but Abba Yahweh is saying, "I care for you, child. Come to Me. Cast those cares upon Me. Cast those demons upon Me. I'll take them off your shoulders."

Matt. 13:22, He also that receives the seed among the thorns is he that hears the word and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches has choked the word and he becomes unfruitful.

Saints of Yahweh, please remember this, and stand on the Word of Yahweh. He is saying, "Be careful what you allow to come into your mind and psyche, because Satan cannot wait for you to get caught up in the world's business, so that he can take this knowledge from you." Some of you may even be worrying about what is going on in politics, what is going on in sports, etc. If you are, then you have forgotten that you have the power to destroy Satan any time he raises his head, and you will probably be overwhelmed with problems.

This is my last scripture. **Pro. 12:25, Heaviness in the heart of a man makes him stoop.** Yahweh says when you allow this anxiety to overtake you, it will cause you to stoop. You're not standing straight up because you have allowed the heaviness of anxieties to bend you over. You see, we were not created to carry this heavy load of anxiety. That's why He doesn't want you to be dealing with it. And that's why He gave you His word to become your medicine, to become your shield, and to protect you from this demon. We need to use it. It is right here in front of us!

May Yahweh bless you with these words, and may you have the courage and the strength to push away the news, the baseball game, or whatever, and not allow them to take a very important seed away from you.

You have been given some powerful seeds that I used to destroy that spirit of anxiety that was ruling my life. The Word of Yahweh is the power that I had! May Yahweh bless your understanding, and may He keep you in His precious Name.



Addendum to the article, “Abib: Via Equinox, Barley, or Both” which appeared in the March/ April 2025 Master Key Magazine

By D. Zakkay

Point 5 of the article discusses the exact nature of the firstfruits wave-sheaf offering presented by the High Priests during the Jewish Temple days, making the point that, from a purely public presentation standpoint, and contrary to the consensus of historical records, the wave-sheaf may have been exactly what the English word "sheaf" means—a bundle of standing grain stocks. Although that is a reasonable assumption given the size of the crowds of observers and the inability of the faithful believers watching from a distance to know just what was being presented if it was not a very obvious sheaf of standing, bundled grain, there are also some very insightful type and symbology arguments supporting the contrary view—that the High Priest actually waved an urn filled with winnowed and bruised firstfruits barley grain. In support of that position is the deep, insightful symbolism of how such beaten-out and ground-to-flour grain perfectly prefigures the painful torture inflicted on our Master Yahshua on that morning before he was hung on the stake to die. The Suffering Servant chapter of Isaiah 53 describes in preview the hor-

rific beating endured by our Messiah as a substitute (propitiation) punishment provided to allow the brothers and sisters he loved so dearly to escape the painful penalties which should be inflicted on us for our sins. In Isaiah 53:5-7, Yahweh reveals that "... *he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. ... Yahweh has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth...*" This prophecy was fulfilled when, as recorded by all four of the Evangel records, both the Jewish Sanhedrin Guards and the Roman soldiers beat him mercilessly before he was executed.

A wave-sheaf offering of such bruised grain, ground to powder would therefore have been a reminder (in preview) of the great love the Messiah has for us, and is one of the deep, symbolic types his thankful and obedient friends should consider as we observe these wondrous Appointed Times of the month of Abib.



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Scriptural Reckoning of

TIME

From the very first emergence of light upon the newly-created earth, Yahweh established a perfect pattern of time by which man was to live for the next 7,000 years. **And Elohim said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And Elohim called the light Day and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day (Genesis 1:3, 5).**

The evening, or sunset, marked the beginning of each new day as it was created. The following sunset marked the end of the day as a new one began. Thus, from the very beginning, the length of a day has scripturally been from sunset to sunset. References to this fact include a statement in the *New English Bible* (Oxford Study Edition): “The Hebrews reckoned a day as beginning at sunset and lasting until the following sunset.” The *Companion Bible* also shows in Appendix 51 IV (4) that the day was reckoned from sunset to sunset.

DAY’S LIMITS ESTABLISH DAY OF RESURRECTION

For true believers, desiring to be obedient in every respect to Yahweh’s word, knowing the start and the end of the day is essential for keeping the holy Sabbaths correctly. **Exodus 12:18** and **Leviticus 23:32** are only two of many Scriptures showing that the Sabbaths begin at evening.

Knowing that the scriptural day was from sunset to sunset is also a key to understanding other passages of the Bible, one of the most important being the time of day in which the Messiah was resurrected. Please read **Matthew 28:1**. The period described here was the end of the Sabbath and dawning (drawing on) toward the first day of the week. Scripturally, this time would be at sunset on Saturday, the seventh day. The stone was rolled away and Yahshua was already gone. One of the main reasons many in churchianity give to explain why they keep Sunday as the Sabbath is that the Messiah rose on that day. That is simply not scriptural, as you

can see when you understand the duration of the scriptural day. The Hebrew week consisted of seven days set forth at creation. The only day given a name in the Bible is the Sabbath. The others are simply numbered.

MONTHS BEGIN AT NEW MOON

And Elohim said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years” (Genesis 1:14). The *New English Bible* states that the Hebrew month began with the appearance of the new moon determined by visual observation rather than by astronomical calculation. Abib, which means “green ears,” is the first month of the year and occurs in the spring (**Exodus 12:2, 13:4, 23:15, and 34:18**). The observance of the new moon is vital to keeping Yahweh’s holy Sabbaths on the correct days (**Leviticus 23:5, 24, 27, and 34**).

The basic Hebrew year had 12 months, each determined by the moon, and contained approximately 354 days. Periodically, another month must be added to offset the difference between 354 days of the lunar year and 365 days of the solar year. Otherwise, in that given year, the green ears of barley would not be ripe enough to call the month Abib, therefore, beginning a new year.

Understanding the scriptural reckoning of time is essential if we are to be in complete obedience to Yahweh’s word. The world has changed, corrupted, and calculated away this simple, but perfect method of determining the times and seasons of man. However, when Yahshua returns to set up His Kingdom, the world will then worship in the correct way and at the correct time Yahweh instituted from the very first day of creation. **“And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another shall all flesh come to worship before Me,” saith Yahweh (Isaiah 66:23)!**



The Jubilee!

We have been studying the Jubilee years in the Scriptures for many years and have come up with different ideas as to when the next one might be. According to a study that we did some time in the late '70s or early '80s, we used what we thought was a Jubilee year according to events from **2 Kings 19** and **20**. We derived this conclusion from agricultural references concerning the land's rest and what could be grown and eaten according to those Scriptures. As we can see in the chronological tables of the Old Testament, this was in the year 701 B.C.E. According to those calculations, that would make the next Jubilee year 2037-38. You might ask, "Why are we so interested in the Jubilee years?" We believe that Yahshua, our Messiah, may possibly return in a Jubilee year. That year would mark the end of the 6,000 years of man's time on the earth, which would also usher in the 1,000-year millennial reign of Yahshua.

After reading the ancient Rabbi Judah Ben Samuel's study (following), it has made us question our prior opinions on the subject. If this is a coincidence or just a guessing game, then it seems that he has guessed right every time! Please read the following article with an open mind and contact us with comments.

Judah Ben Samuel was a legendary and prolific German rabbi of the 12th century who made some astonishing and specific predictions about the future of Jerusalem and Israel that came true. Judah Ben Samuel, also known as "Judah he-Hasid" (Judah the Pious), lived and worked from the end of the 12th century until the beginning of the 13th century in Regensburg, authoring a number of books in the German language.

Ludwig Schneider, of *Israel Today* magazine, has translated some of his work into English over the last few years, including "*The Book of the Pious – Sefer Hasidim*" and the "*Book of Calculations – Sefer Gematriyot*."

Following the Christian Crusades to the Holy Land between 1096-1270, a regular correspondence developed between the Jews in the Holy Land and those in the Christian West. Thus, for example, the rabbis in Worms and Regensburg, Germany knew that Salahuddin Ayyubi, a hero respected by both Muslims and Christians, had been ruling in the Holy Land since 1187. At this time, Judah Ben Samuel published the results of his Biblical calculations (Gematria) and astrological observations, and summarized as follows:

When the Ottomans (Turks who were already a power to be reckoned with on the Bosphorus in the time of Judah Ben Samuel) conquer Jerusalem, they will rule over Jerusalem for eight Jubilees. Afterwards, Jerusalem will become no-man's land for one Jubilee, and then in the ninth Jubilee, it will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation – which would signify the beginning of the Messianic end time.

One Jubilee is 50 years (**Leviticus 25**). It is the 50th year after seven times seven Sabbatical years, the year in which each person should re-gain ownership of his or her land. Ben Samuel's calculations were purely theoretical. There was absolutely no sign at that time of their being fulfilled. He himself was not able to experience their fulfillment, because it was not until 300 years after his death that the first of his predictions were to come true.

The Mamluks, who had been reigning in Jerusalem since 1250, were conquered in 1517 by the Ottoman Turks. They remained for eight Jubilees ($8 \times 50 = 400$ years); that is to say they were in Jerusalem for 400 years. Exactly 400 years later, in 1917, the Ottoman Turks were conquered by the British. The League of Nations conferred the Mandate for the Holy Land and Jerusalem to the British. Thus, from 1917, under international law, Jerusalem was a "no-man's land."

Then, when Israel captured Jerusalem in the Six-Day War of 1967, exactly one Jubilee (50 years) after 1917, Jerusalem reverted to Jewish-Israeli ownership once again, thereby, according to the prophecies of Judah Ben Samuel, beginning the Messianic end times.

Many scholars have studied and made reference to Judah Ben Samuel's writings in an effort to understand how he reached his conclusions. Among those referencing Ben Samuel were Rabbi Isaac Ben Solomon Luria, a mystic dealing with the messianic world (Jerusalem, 1531-1572, Safed); Joseph Solomon Delmegido (1591 Candia – 1655 Prague), a mathematician and astronomer ("Mazref le-Chochma"), Azulai I (1724-1806), a famed bibliographer; Samuel David Luzzatto (1800-1865), a Bible scholar; historian Heinrich Graetz (1817-1891); and Torah scholar Jacob Epstein (1925-1993).

The secret of how Judah the Pious arrived at such accurate predictions has less to do with the actual calculations than it does with the fact that he had consecrated his life to the Mighty One. His pupils, Rabbi Isaac ben

Moses (Vienna), Rabbi Baruch ben Samuel (Mainz) and Rabbi Simcha (Speyer) testify that Ben Samuel was a model of abstinence and selflessness and was awaiting the coming of the Messiah. Ben Samuel was often called the "Light of Israel." ... He emphasized that the precondition for answered prayer is that it is fueled by enthusiasm and joy for the greatness and holiness of [Elohim]."

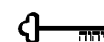
But to recap the astonishing predictions: In 1217 C.E., this scholarly and pious rabbi prophesied that the Ottoman Turks would rule over the holy city of Jerusalem for eight Jubilees. Now, keep in mind, he made this prediction 300 years before the Ottoman Turks seized control of Jerusalem in 1517. If indeed 1217 and 1517 were Jubilee years, as Judah Ben Samuel believed, then his prophecy was exactly right, because exactly 400 years after the Turks took control of Jerusalem, they were driven out of the city and the Holy Land in 1917 by the Allied forces under the command of General George Allenby.

But it gets even more interesting. The rabbi also prophesied that, during the ninth Jubilee, Jerusalem would be a "no-man's land." This is exactly what happened from 1917 to 1967, due to the fact that the Holy Land was placed under British Mandate in 1917 by the League of Nations and literally "belonged" to no nation. Even after Israel's war of independence in 1948-49, Jerusalem was still divided by a strip of land running right through the heart of the city, with Jordan controlling the eastern part of the city and Israel controlling the western part. That strip of land was con-

sidered and even called "no-man's land" by both the Israelis and the Jordanians. Not until the Six-Day War in 1967, when the entire West Bank of the Holy Land was conquered by the Israeli army, was the whole city of Jerusalem passed back into the possession of Israel. So once again, the prophecy made by the rabbi 750 years previously was fulfilled to the letter. It certainly would be significant if both 1917 and 1967 were Jubilee years, considering the significance of what happened in Jerusalem in those years. But it gets even more interesting, because Judah Ben Samuel also prophesied that, during the 10th Jubilee, Jerusalem would be under the control of the Jews and the Messianic "end times" would begin. If he's right, the 10th Jubilee began in 1967, and concluded in 2017!

"The Bible should be our standard for prophecy and interpretation of prophetic events," said Joseph Farah, editor and founder of WND, upon learning of Judah Ben Samuel's predictions in *Israel Today*. "But one cannot ignore what this 12th-century rabbi said and wrote. It is well-documented. And I applaud *Israel Today* for bringing it to light. The implications of these predictions are staggering, to say the least."

We are certainly not making predictions, but rather just presenting some interesting history which you may not have been aware of. Please contact us with any research you have regarding this subject, which may help shed some light upon the truth regarding the Jubilee years. May Yahweh's peace and blessings be with you all in abundance.



Yahweh's Children

Yahweh's Assembly of Messiah Rocheport, Missouri

Have you seen the website for Yahweh's children? We have the Feast time activities active so that you can access them all year round.

We have general Sabbath Lessons for both the very young and just a bit older. We've heard even some adults have learned something from our "Children's Lessons," so we presume it is for Yahweh's Children, no matter what your age!

There are also some very good messages given by some youth during prior Feast of Tabernacles here at Rocheport which have been put on the website for you and your children to read.

It is, or can be, quite beneficial for the older youth to help guide the younger ones. It also prepares them for adulthood when, as adults, they should be leading their

families whether in teaching the little ones or guiding the family.

We are always looking for some young writers to give us stories, mazes, or other activities based on scripture and would encourage parents to help their youngsters develop their creativity. We only put first names on the site. We'd enjoy seeing some of the things the young folks have, so please send them in to us just marked as "Yahweh's Children" and they will be looked at.

If there is anything you or your children would like to see on the kids' site, let us know. Most of the activities have to be printed as it encourages children to use their coloring abilities (for instance), instead of just clicking the mouse.

We pray you will enjoy the new site! Remember, it is: www.yahwehschildren.org

The Ten Commandments

I am Yahuweh your Elohim, Who has brought you out of the land of Egypt; out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other Elohim before Me.

You shall not make yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I Yahuweh your Elohim am a jealous Elohim, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

You shall not make wrong use of the Name of Yahuweh your Elohim; Yahuweh will not leave unpunished the man who misuses His Name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yah-

weh your Elohim; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidervant, or your cattle, or the stranger that is within your gates; for in six days Yahuweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: therefore Yahuweh blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which Yahuweh your Elohim gives you.

You shall not commit murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidervant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbors.

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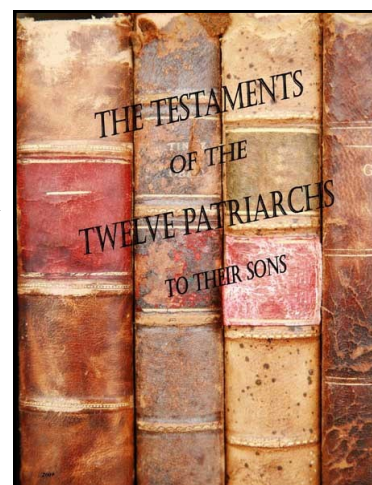


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