



Y'shua in the Feasts of Yahweh

*“Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years.” (Genesis 1:14) It’s easy to miss. The cycles of the sun and the moon are given for seasons, for days and for years. **But what signs are we looking for?** Y’shua rebuked the religious leaders of the day “...Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.” (Matthew 16:3) **What signs should we be discerning?** “But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night...We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.” (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 4-6) **What signs should we be watching for?** I believe that the cycle of Biblical Feast Days is exactly what Yahweh, Y’shua, and Paul is referring to. They are God’s prophetic calendar for mankind’s history. However, if you are not familiar with their prophetic significance, you won’t be able to tell what time it is. So, this week we will take a journey through the Feasts of the Lord so you may all synchronize your watches!*

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘The feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, **these are My feasts.**” ... “These are the feasts of Yahweh, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.” Leviticus 23:1-2, 4 NKJV

““So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to Yahweh **throughout your generations.** You shall keep it as a feast by **an everlasting ordinance.**” Exodus 12:14

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“So let **no one judge you** in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are **a shadow of things to come, but the body of Christ**” Colossians 2:16-17

“Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast,** not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” I Corinthians 5:7-8 NKJV

THE BIBLICAL CALENDAR

1. The Hebrew Months and Year

A. The Sun and the Moon

- (1) Solar calendar (**Year 365.25 days**)
- (2) Lunar calendar and solar calendar (**lunar cycle-29.53059 days**)
- (3) **Solar Year 365.25 days - Lunar Year 354.37 days = 10.88 days (deficit each year)**
 - (a) **Aviv (Nisan)–Barley**—if the barley will not ready to be harvested for the Firstfruits offering after Passover, then that year a 13th month is added (a leap year), to reset the calendar to align the Feast with the season.
 - (b) Passover is always in the first month in the Spring and if you lose 10+ day each year, then every few years the barley will not be aviv (soon ready to be harvested).

B. The Months

- (1) September—December (9-12) vs. (7-10)
 - (a) Sept = Seven (yet September is our 9th month)
 - (b) Oct = Eight (yet October is our 10th month)
 - (c) Nov = Nine (yet November is our 11th month)
 - (d) Dec = Ten (yet December is our 12th month)
- (2) Why?
 - (a) Because they actually correspond to the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th months of the Hebrew calendar

(b) The Seven Feasts (Holy Convocations) in Leviticus 23 align with the Hebrew (Biblical) calendar not our *Gregorian (Pope Gregory) calendar.

1. **The Gregorian calendar is the calendar used in most of the world. It is named after Pope Gregory XIII, who introduced it in October 1582. The calendar spaces leap years to make its average year 365.2425 days long, approximating the 365.2422-day tropical year that is determined by the Earth's revolution around the Sun.*

PASSOVER

2. Death—The 14th day of the 1st month as the sun is setting (Between the evenings)

A. Blood of a Spotless lamb (perfect) of the first year

(1) **Exodus 12:1-8**

- (a) “This month *shall be* your beginning of months; **the first month of the year to you.**
- (b) **On the tenth of this month** every man shall **take for himself a lamb,**
- (c) Your lamb shall be **without blemish, a male of the first year.**
- (d) Now you shall keep it until the **fourteenth day** of the same month.
- (e) kill it at **twilight** *[between daylight and darkness of the sun going down on the 13th so it becomes the 14th].*

- (f) **take *some of the blood* and put *it* on the two doorposts**
- (g) **eat the flesh** on that night; roasted in fire, **with unleavened bread** *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

(2) **Exodus 12:12-13**

- (a) **strike all the firstborn**
- (b) **blood shall be a sign**
- (c) when I see the blood, I will **pass over** you;

B. Paul on Passover

(1) Therefore keep the feasts

- (a) **1 Cor. 5:7-8** Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Messiah, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us **keep the feast**, not with old leaven, nor with **the** leaven of malice and wickedness, but with **the** unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

(2) Passover and Messiah

- (a) [PASSOVER] the **High Priest went outside the city and picked out a lamb** without blemish **on the tenth day of the first month**
- (b) [MESSIAH] Y'shua, the Lamb of The Almighty, rode on a donkey on the tenth day of the first month. (Matthew 21:1-7)
- (c) [PASSOVER] Once the lamb reached the gate, one of the priests would cry out, **“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”**.

- (d) [MESSIAH] **When Y'shua reached the gate** people began crying out "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9)
- (e) [PASSOVER] Next the lamb was to be taken and tied up on the temple mount to be **examined for the next three days** by every Scribe and Pharisee to make sure this lamb was without blemish.
- (f) [MESSIAH] after His triumphant entry Y'shua went to the temple mount (Mark 11:11). **Y'shua was examined for three days** until He was proclaimed to be "unblemished" by Pilate who said, "**I find no basis for a charge against Him**" (John 18:38).
- (g) [PASSOVER] on the fourth day it was to become the Passover lamb, which was the 14th day of the first month. At 3:00 in the afternoon, the High Priest would say "**I thirst**" and was given a glass of wine to drink. He then would say, "**It is finished**" as he killed the lamb.
- (h) [MESSIAH] Y'shua also cried out on the cross; "I thirst" (John 19:28-29), and "It is finished" (John 19:30) before giving up His own life silently as a lamb is quiet before its shearers (Isaiah 53:7) Read all *Isaiah 53*
- (i) [PASSOVER] This lamb had to be put in the oven before sundown (6:00pm) without any of its bones being broken. (Exodus 12:46; Num. 9:12; Psalm 34:20)

- (j) [MESSIAH] And as on the Passover lamb, not a bone was broken (John 19:36).

C. Four cups of wine

- (1) When the Passover meal is celebrated there are four cups of wine used. Y'shua would have used the same four cups when He celebrated the Passover. All four are taken from these verses in Exodus 6 from The Almighty's promises. They are as follows:
- (a) In Exodus 6:6-7 there are four main "I will" promises of The Almighty. I will put the number of the cup by each statement in the following section of these repeated verses. **"I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians (cup 1). I will free you from being slaves to them (cup 2), and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm (cup 3) and with mighty acts of judgment. 6:7 I will take you as my own people (cup 4), and I will be your The Almighty.**
1. Cup of Sanctification—we are brought out from the yoke of slavery.
 2. Cup of Judgment—we are freed by The Almighty's judgment of the enemy.
 3. Cup of Redemption—we are redeemed by The Almighty.
 - a. *"Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many **for the remission of sins.**" Matthew 26:27-28 NKJV*

4. Cup of the Kingdom—we are taken as The Almighty's people.
 - a. *“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you **in My Father’s kingdom.**”* Matthew 26:29 NKJV
 - b. *“**And I bestow upon you a kingdom,** just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”* Luke 22:29-30 NKJV

D. Recap

(1) The Blood of the Lamb

- (a) **Messiah was Spotless:** Pilate three times: **“I find no fault in Him.”** (John 18:38; 19:4, 6)
- (b) **Lamb of the First year:** He began *His ministry at about thirty* years of age. (Luke 3:23); From thirty years old- enter the service to do the work in the tabernacle of meeting. (Numbers 4:3)
- (c) **Blood:** For **this is My blood** of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (Matthew 26:28)
- (d) **Eat His flesh of the lamb:** When He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, “Take, eat; **this is My body** which is broken for you; do **this** in remembrance of Me.” (1 Cor. 11:24)

(2) Blood shall redeem (the firstborn)

- (a) “**Behold! The Lamb of The Almighty** who takes away **the sin of the world!** (John 1:29)
 - (b) And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission.** (Hebrews 9:22)
- (3) Last Supper – not the Passover (Preparation day)
- (a) **TRIAL:** Now it was the **Preparation Day** of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” (John 19:14)
 - (b) **DEATH:** So when Y’shua had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. (John 19:30)
 - (c) **OFF THE CROSS:** Therefore, because it was the **Preparation Day**, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a **high day**), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. (John 19:31)
 - (d) **BURIEL:** So there they laid Y’shua, because of the Jews’ **Preparation Day**, for the tomb was nearby. (John 19:42)
- (4) **Firstborns vs. Non-firstborns**
- (a) A mixed multitude left Egypt with Israel.
 - (b) The Story of Two Firstborns

- 1) **Firstborns who applied the blood**—Had faith to believe and applied the blood of the lamb—true (faith + blood = temporal salvation and eternal redemption)
 - 2) **Firstborns who did not apply the blood died**—had no faith to believe and did not apply the blood of the lamb (no faith + no blood = temporal and eternal damnation)
- (c) The Story of Two non-Firstborns: I was never at risk in Egypt in the first place, what about me?
- 1) **Non-firstborns who came out of Egypt with Israel**—they had faith to believe and leave but did not require the blood of the lamb to survive. They went on to live with Israel in the exodus. (faith + no blood = temporal salvation no eternal redemption)
 - 2) **Non-firstborns who stayed Egypt**—They did not have the faith to believe nor to leave, but also had no need of the blood of the lamb to live. They eventually suffered the fate of the faithless firstborns who already died in Egypt. (no faith + no blood = temporal and eternal damnation)

E. Separating Sons from Sons

(1) The Revealing of Sons

- (a) “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. **For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.** For the

creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.” Romans 8:18-22 NKJV

UNLEAVENED BREAD

3. Burial—The 15th through the 21st day of the 1st month

A. Do not eat Leaven

- (1) Remove the Leaven—Exodus 12:15-20
 - (a) Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.
 - (b) On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses.
 - (c) In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.
 - (d) Israel had to make bread with no leaven as they were instructed to leave Egypt in haste—no time to let it rise!
- (2) Unleavened Bread
 - (a) Therefore let us **keep the feast**, not with old leaven, nor with **the** leaven of malice and wickedness, but with **the** unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth. (1 Cor. 5:8)
- (3) Leaven is sin—Matthew 16:6, 11-12 & Luke 12:1
 - (a) “Beware **of the leaven of the** Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

(b) Don't give your "bread" time to "rise", in other words, don't give a place for sin to fester!

1. "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

2. "'Be angry, and do not sin": **do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.**" Ephesians 4:26-27 NKJV

(4) Buried with Messiah/Dead to sin—Romans 6:1-4 (**Can you recognize Passover in Paul's words?**)

(a) How shall we who **died to sin** live any longer in it?

(b) baptized into His death?

(c) **we were buried with Him** through baptism into death

(d) just as **Messiah was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

B. The Timing of it All!

(1) Buried for Three days and three nights

(a) The sign of the prophet Jonah— Matthew 12:39-40

- (b) For as **Jonah became a sign** to the Ninevites, **so also the Son of Man will be** to this generation— Luke 11:29-30
- (2) Y'shua Died at the ninth hour!
 - (a) **Died** :about the **ninth hour (3PM)** Y'shua cried out “My The Almighty, My The Almighty, why have You forsaken Me?” ...
⁵⁰ And Y'shua cried out again with a loud voice, and **yielded up His spirit.**— **Matthew 27:46, 50**
 - (b) At 3:00 in the afternoon, the High Priest would say “I thirst” and was given a glass of wine to drink. He then would say, “It is finished” as he killed the lamb. “I thirst” (John 19:28-29), and “It is finished” (John 19:30)
- (3) In the grave: before the sun had set and the new day had begun!
 - (a) It was the **Preparation Day**, that the bodies **should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath** (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away—John 19:31 (taken down before sunset (6PM))
 - (b) This lamb had to be put in the **oven** before sundown (6:00pm) without any of its bones being broken. (Exodus 12:46; Num. 9:12; Psalm 34:20)
 - (c) Now **when evening had come** (6:00pm), there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph...the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb (**Oven**)—
Matthew 27:57-61

(4) Three Days AND Three Nights

(a) **The NINTH HOUR** is 3pm and He would be taken down and placed in the tomb by evening (Sunset)... so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (Matthew 12:40)- IN THE GRAVE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS FROM THE EVENING ON THE DAY OF CRUCIFIXION.

1. 6PM-6PM (FIRST DAY-24 HOURS) *Wednesday night to Thursday night...
2. 6PM-6PM (SECOND DAY-24 HOURS) Thursday night to Friday night...
3. 6PM-6PM (THIRD DAY-24 HOURS) Friday night to Saturday night...
4. RESURRECTION ON THE THIRD DAY AT 6PM, 72 HOURS AFTER HE ENTERED THE GRAVE, EXACTLY THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS LATER—AS PROPHESED!
5. *How do we know that the Passover (the crucifixion and subsequent burial) began on a Wednesday that year? Because the only time the Feast of Firstfruits (See next Section), which is the first day following the first weekly Sabbath following Passover (meaning the first day of the week), can begin exactly three days and three night after Passover, is when Passover beings on a Wednesday.

6. And that is why Y'shua said, *"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. 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.**"*

Matthew 12:39-40 NKJV

FIRSTFRUITS

4. Resurrection—The 1st day following the 1st Sabbath after Passover

A. When is Firstfruits

(1) On the day after the Sabbath

- (a) When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest (Barley), you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits...

On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.—

Leviticus 23:10-11

(2) The First Day (After the Sabbath)

- (a) **Now after the Sabbath**, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.... "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Y'shua who was crucified. **He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Matthew 28:1-6**

B. Don't touch me! I Have not yet ascended...

(1) Wait—First, as the priest, I must present the firstfruits offering of the Barley Harvest

(a) **“Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father;** but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My The Almighty and your The Almighty.’”—John 20:15-17

(b) He Had descended to bear all out iniquities, but had not ascended: **MAKE SENSE NOW?**

(a) *“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore He says: **“When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”** (Now this, **“He ascended”**—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, **that He might fill all things.**)”* Ephesians 4:7-10 NKJV

(2) **Priest in Seclusion 3 days** before offering first fruits offering of barley (could not be touched). When these days were over he then went to offer the first fruit offering to The Almighty in the temple.

(a) **Y’shua was in the secluded grave for three days**, and upon rising, told Mary not to touch him...(John 20:17).

(b) **He had to present the first fruits to the father first:** “So in Messiah all will be made alive. **But** each in his own turn:

Messiah, the first fruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him” (1 Cor. 15:22-23).

1. Revelation says, ***“They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as first fruits to The Almighty and the Lamb”*** (Rev 14:4)
2. He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a **kind of firstfruits** of His creatures. (James 1:17-18).
3. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Y’shua’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (Matthew 27:51-52)

C. Now—touch me! I Have not yet ascended...

- (1) Yahshua had ascended to present the firstfruits offering of the Barley Harvest
 - (a) And after eight days...**“Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side.** Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”— John 20:26-27
- (2) Yahshua, as our High Priest makes the Firstfruits offering
 - (a) “Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and **many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of**

the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.” Matthew 27:51-53 NKJV

- (b) “But now Christ is risen from the dead, **and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep**. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. **But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits**, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.”
I Corinthians 15:20-24 NKJV

D. The Counting of the Omer

- (1) The Counting of the Omer: the 50 days from First Fruits to Pentecost. (See [Counting the Omer](#) Document for daily reading leading up to Pentecost)

PENTECOST (SHAVUOT, WEEKS)

5. The Holy Spirit Falls—Seven weeks plus one day following Firstfruits

A. The Original

- (1) Seven Full Weeks and a Day (after the Feast of Firstfruits on the first month of year—right after Passover)
- (a) “You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath (First Fruits), from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering (First Fruits). You shall count fifty days to

the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD. You shall bring from your dwelling places **two loaves** of bread to be waved... Two loaves [**Spirit and Truth**]**—** Leviticus 23:15-17

1. “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in **spirit and truth.**”” John 4:24 NKJV
- (2) The Torah on Mount Sinai (Given in the 3rd month—50 days after Firstfruits.
 - (a) **Exodus 19:1-12** In the **third month** after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt...
 1. There Israel encamped before the mountain,
 2. you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant,
 3. you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
 - a) But you are a **chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation**, The Almighty’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)
 - (b) “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”
 - (c) “**Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses:** at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the **Feast of Weeks**, and at the Feast

of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed." Deuteronomy 16:16 NKJV

- (d) There are three pilgrimage Feasts each year at which time Yahweh's people (if at all possible) should get to Jerusalem to celebrate. Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) is one of them. **And this is exactly what is being obeyed in Acts 2!**

B. 50 days after the resurrection (Firstfruits)

- (1) In Jerusalem (Acts 2) all in one accord
- (a) **Acts 2:1-4** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come,
1. they were all with one accord in one place.
 2. a sound from heaven of a rushing mighty wind,
 3. tongues as of fire.
 4. they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- (b) **Acts 2:5** **And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.**
- (c) 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says The Almighty, That I **will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh**; (Acts 2:17 from **Joel 2:28**)
- a) FORMER AND LATTER RAIN! For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain. (Joel 2:23)

- b) Pentecost in the first century was the former rain outpouring (Spring rain/light rain) of the Spirit; the latter rain is coming outpouring will be the (Fall rain/heavy rain) and is still to come!

TRUMPETS

6. His Return—The New Year? the 1st day of the 7th month (new moon)

A. (Rosh Hashanah) Why new year? (Remember Exodus 12:2 about Passover? “It shall be the first month of the year to you”?)

(1) Two New Years—former rain and Latter rain—

- (a) *“Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— **The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.**” Joel 2:23 NKJV*

(2) The Feasts of the Lord—Leviticus 23

- (a) Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘In the **seventh month, on the first day of the month**, you shall have a sabbath-*rest*, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation**. You shall do no customary work *on it*; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.’” (Lev. 23:23-25)

1. First day of seventh month- the only feast that happens on the first day of the month- Must Spot moon

2. No one know the day of the hour, must be sober and watching (prepared) to spot the new moon
3. **Noon Moon:** “**At the beginnings of your months** you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish;” Numbers 28:11 NKJV...
4. “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a **new moon** or sabbaths.” Colossians 2:16 NKJV
5. **The Payoff:** “He who **has My commandments** and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and **manifest [show, reveal]** Myself to him.”” John 14:21 NKJV
(Obedience first, then revelation)

B. Times and Season and Thieves

(1) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- (a) “But concerning the **times and the seasons**, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a **thief in the night**. For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then **sudden destruction comes upon them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** You are all **sons of light** and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let

us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **For God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” I Thessalonians 5:1-11
NKJV

1. **times and the seasons (feasts)**
2. Lord so comes as a **thief in the night**
3. **sudden destruction**
4. **you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** ⁵ You are all **sons of light** and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.
5. Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but **let us watch and be sober.**
6. God did not appoint us to wrath! (Note the tribulation concerning Satan’s war against the Saints as detailed in Revelation is not the wrath of God but the wrath of Satan)

(2) No one knows the day or the hour—WATCH THEREFORE

- (a) **““But of that day and hour no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. **But as the days of**

Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. **Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Matthew 24:36-44 NKJV

1. “But of that day and hour no one knows,
2. as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Noah was prepared; those in darkness WERE NOT!)
3. Then **two men will be in the field**: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ **Two women will be grinding at the mill**: one will be taken and the other left.
4. **Watch therefore**, for you do not know what hour^f your Lord is coming. ⁴**But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he**

would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

5. Therefore you also **be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

C. What does it look like to be READY? It looks like Joseph

(1) Faithful and Wise Servant

- (a) **“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.”** Matthew 24:45-46 NKJV

(2) Joseph to Pharaoh:

- (a) **““Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt... “Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine.””** Genesis 41:33, 36 NKJV

1. **Who then is a faithful and wise servant**
2. **whom the master can make ruler over his household**
3. **to give them food in due season (famine)**
4. **Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.”**

(3) Pharaoh to Joseph:

- (a) **“And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?”** Then Pharaoh

said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is **no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house**, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”” Genesis 41:38-41 NKJV

1. select a discerning and wise man
2. and **set him over the land of Egypt.**
3. Reserve food for the **so the land may not perish during the famine.”**
4. **no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house**

D. Last Trumpet blast (He comes)

(1) In a Moment...

- (a) “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this **corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality**, then shall be brought to pass

the saying that is written: “**Death is swallowed up in victory.**”” I Corinthians 15:50-54 NKJV

1. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed
2. WHEN? in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet.** For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
3. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
4. Death is swallowed up in victory.

(2) The Last Trumpet

(a) “The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, **but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel [the seventh and last trumpet], when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished,** as He declared to His servants the prophets.” Revelation 10:5-7 NKJV

1. **that there should be delay no longer,**
2. the days of **the sounding of the seventh angel,** [THE LAST TRUMPET]
3. **the mystery of The Almighty would be finished,** as He declared to His servants the prophets.

YOM KIPPUR— THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

7. **Atonement (judgment/reconciliation) – 10 days of awe; The 10th day of the 7th month**A. **Copies and Shadows of Heavenly Things—Shadow and Patterns**

- (1) **Hebrews Yom Kippur:** what we see in Leviticus serves as the copy and shadow of the heavenly things—so “See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.” **Hebrews 8:1-5**
- (a) We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens
 - (b) a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle
 - (c) every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices so it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.
 - (d) **For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things**
 - (e) **See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain** [from Exodus 25:40].”
 - (f) “... But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, **not without blood, which he offered for himself** and for the people’s sins committed in ignorance;...
- (2) **Hebrews 9:6-7, 11-12** [He as our High Priest Entered Behind the Veil]

(a) **But Christ came as High Priest** of the good things to come, ...
Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."

1. [THE VEIL] Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, (Matthew 27:51)

(3) **Hebrews 9:19-25** [WITHOUT BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION, COPIES OF THE TRUE]-

(a) Moses, according to the law, saying, "This *is* the blood of the covenant which The Almighty has commanded you

(b) **according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.**

(c) **it was necessary that the copies** of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but **the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices** than these.

(d) For Messiah has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are **copies of the true [shadows]**, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of The Almighty for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another.

1. [SHADOWS] Col 2:16-17 Let no one, then, judge you in eating or in drinking, or in respect of a feast, or of a new

moon, or of Sabbaths, which are a shadow of the coming things, but the body of the Messiah;

- (4) **[HE WILL JUDGE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH]** He shall call to **the heavens** from above, **And to the earth**, that He may **judge** His people: (Psalm 50:4)
- (a) Y'shua as Judge- The Son of Man Will Judge the Nations
- (b) **[SHEEP FROM THE GOATS]** "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy^[c] angels with Him, then **He will sit on the throne** of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and **He will separate** them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.— Matthew 25:31-46
- (5) **Leviticus:** The High Priest enters into the Holy of Holies, only one time per year, to make atonement for tabernacle, the altar, himself and his family, all the priests, and the people!
- (a) "Tell Aaron your brother **not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil...**Leviticus 16:2 NKJV
- (b) "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, **which is for himself**, and make atonement for himself and for his house...Leviticus 16:6, 11 NKJV
- (c) ""This shall be a statute forever for you: **In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month**, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether a native of your own country or a stranger who dwells among you. For on that day

the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

Leviticus 16:29-30

(6) The command for The Day of Atonement appears with all the other Feasts of The Lord in Leviticus 23 where it is commanded:

(a) “And the YAHWEH SAYS... **these are My feasts.**” Leviticus 23:1-2 NKJV

(b) And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: “Also the **tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement.** It shall be a **holy convocation** for you; you **shall afflict your souls,** and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. And you shall do no work on that same day, for **it is the Day of Atonement,** to make atonement for you before the LORD your The Almighty. For any person who is not afflicted *in soul* on that same day shall be cut off from his people. (Leviticus 23:26-29)

1. **Key Distinctions to look out for:** The High Priest of the Levitical priesthood must FIRST make a sacrifice for his own sins BEFORE he can enter the Holy of Holies. And he must repeat this procedure one time per year and he can only enter ONE TIME PER YEAR. Our High Priest, Y’shua, not of the earthly Levitical line of priests (He was from Judah), but of the heavenly line, Melchizedek, needs no

sacrifice for His own sins first, and need only enter the Holy of Holies ONE TIME EVER, which then makes a way for His people to enter continually!

B. The Priest— Messiah and the Day of Atonement

(7) Hebrews 5:1-6 [MAN VS MESSIAH AS HIGH PRIEST]

- (a) high priest from among men - he himself is also subject to weakness.
- (b) **required** to offer *sacrifices* for sins **for himself AND for the people- TWO ANIMALS**
- (c) So also **Messiah** did not glorify Himself **to become High Priest,**
- (d) “You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”

(8) Hebrews 7:23-28 [MESSIAH, A PRIEST THAT DOES NOT DIE OR NEED A SACRIFICE]

- (a) many priests, because they die
- (b) He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.
- (c) **Therefore He is also able to save!**
- (d) **For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy,** harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;
- (e) does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s

C. The Scapegoat

(9) The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities...

- (a) “He shall take the two goats from the congregation
- (b) cast lots for the two goats: **one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat.**
- (c) bring the goat on which the LORD’s lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering.
- (d) **the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive** before the LORD, to make atonement upon it as the scapegoat ...” Leviticus 16:7-10 NKJV
- (e) “Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head
- (f) **confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins,** putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away [rejected—Is. 53] into the wilderness
- (g) **The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities** Leviticus 16:21-22 NKJV

D. Y’shua our Scapegoat

- (1) **He was bruised for our iniquities...** But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive... confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins...
 - (a) “He is despised and **rejected by men, ... He was bruised for our iniquities; ... by His stripes we are healed. ...And the**

LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all..." Isaiah 53:3-7
NKJV

- (b) "who Himself **bore our sins in His own body** on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— **by whose stripes you were healed.**" I Peter 2:24 NKJV
- (c) "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,**" I Corinthians 15:3 NKJV
- (d) "For He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II Corinthians 5:21 NKJV

TABERNACLES

8. Rest/Millennial Kingdom—The 15th through the 22nd day of the 7th month

A. LEVITICUS 23:33-44

- (1) So that your generations may REMEMBER
 - (a) **fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles *for seven days to***
 - (b) One the first day—Rest
 - (c) On the eighth day—Another rest
 - (d) ***It shall be a statute forever in your generations.*** You shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

- (e) dwell in booths for seven days so **that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths**

B. [MESSIAH] Tabernacled among us (Y'shua- Born on the first day of tabernacles)

- (1) John 1:14 [Tabernacled among us as a TEMPORARY DWELLING]

- (a) And the Word **became flesh and tabernacled among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

- (2) Phil. 2:5-8 [the likeness of a man]

- (a) but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

C. 1000 Year reign—Millennial Kingdom

- (1) **Revelation 20:1-4**

- (a) bound the Devil for a thousand years;
- (b) deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.
- (c) And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years.
- (d) **AT THE END OF THE 1000 YEARS: Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. (Verse 14-15)**

THE LAST GREAT DAY

9. Eternity— “On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation”

A. WHAT IS THE EIGHTH DAY? It is the Last Great Day

- (1) Simchat Torah (the joy of the Law)—the end of the Torah reading cycle
 - (a) Tabernacles is 7 days but verse Lev 23:36 says... ON THE 8TH DAY
- (2) Prepared for the Wedding supper
 - (a) Revelation 19:6-9 for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”
- (3) 8 Equals Eternity- New Heaven and Earth (the actual wedding supper)—Revelation 21:1-5
 - (a) Now **I saw a new heaven and a new earth,**
 - (b) **New Jerusalem, coming down** out of heaven from The Almighty, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**
 - (c) “Behold, the tabernacle of The Almighty *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. The Almighty Himself will be with them *and be* their The Almighty. ⁴ And The Almighty will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain,
 - (d) the former things have passed away
 - (e) Behold, I make all things new.”
- (4) The New Heaven and Earth— Matthew 5:17-19
 - (a) “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

(b) till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

(5) Name- New Name (Y'shua circumcised and named on the 8th day)—Revelation 2:17

(a) "To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it*."— Revelation 22:3-4

(b) His name *shall be* on their foreheads. (BABY NAMED ON THE EIGHT DAY)

1. On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Y'shua, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. (Luke 2:21)

B. The Last Great Day in the New Testament

(1) John 7

(a) Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand... John 7:2

(b) On the last **day, that great day of the feast**, Y'shua stood and cried out, saying, "**If anyone thirsts**, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will **flow rivers of living water**." John 7:37-3

1. During the Feast, the High Priest would take a golden pitcher of water from the Pool of Silaom and return to the Temple and pour it out in a ceremony. (Water Libation)

(2) Again- the 8th day in Revelation just as He taught at the Feast

- (a) **Revelation 21:6** And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. **I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.**
- (b) **Revelation 22:1-2** And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of The Almighty and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month.

HANUKKAH

10. Not a biblical feast but certainly acknowledged by Y’shua

A. **Festival of Light (Dedication)**

- (1) Y’shua acknowledges Hanukkah
 - (a) John 10:22-23 Now it was the **Feast of Dedication** in Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³ And Y’shua walked in the temple, in Solomon’s porch.
 - (b) **Y’shua’ Dedication Luke 2:22-24**: And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “EVERY firstborn MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE **CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD**” - **dedicated**)...(From Exodus 13:2)
- (2) Lights of the world

- (a) Then Y'shua spoke to **them** again, saying, "I am **the light of the world**. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have **the light of life**." (John 8:12)
- (b) "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Compare a solar year to a lunar year:

- A. How does the discrepancy affect the calendar?
- B. How are they both related to the four seasons?
- C. How are they both related to the annual Biblical Feast cycle?
- D. How is the discrepancy rectified every few years?

2. Passover

- A. What three Biblical Feasts are related to the Passover?
- B. What do each of those represent prophetically, and how are they fulfilled in Y'shua?
- C. How is each Feast located on the calendar?

- D. What was special about the timing of these Feasts the year Y'shua was crucified and how was the timing a confirmation of Y'shua's own words?
- E. Why is Passover still relevant at present and for our future?

3. Pentecost

- A. What is the prophetic significance of Pentecost?
- B. How do you find Pentecost on the Biblical Feast calendar?
- C. Why were the disciples all together, along with so many other visitors to Jerusalem, in the first century when "Pentecost" happened?
- D. How is Pentecost related to the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai and what was the Festival called back then?

4. Trumpets

- A. How do you find the Feast of Trumpets on the Calendar?
- B. Why is this holiday celebrated as the "New Year" (Rosh Hashanah) in Judaism?
- C. Why is it prophetically significant for Christians?
- D. How does it relate to Paul's and Y'shua's words in:
 - (1) **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11:** *"But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief?"*
 - (2) **1 Corinthians 50:50-54:** *"For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed?"*
 - (3) **Matthew 24:36-44:** *"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming?"*

5. Yom Kippur

- A. How do you find Yom Kippur on the Calendar?
- B. How is it prophetically significant for Christians?
- C. Why do you think we are commanded to fast on this day each year?
- D. How does the shedding of Y'shua's blood relate to this day?
- E. Why is understanding the two priesthoods so important to understand Yom Kippur?
- F. How is the Church involved with Yom Kippur at the end-of-the-age?

6. Tabernacles

- A. How do you find the Feast of Tabernacles on the Calendar?
- B. How is it prophetically significant for Christians?
- C. How is the birth and life of Y'shua related to this Festival?
- D. How might it be significant to our understanding of being sojourners living in the temporary dwellings of our bodies?

7. The Last Great Day

- A. How do you find the Last Great Day on the Calendar?
- B. How is it prophetically significant for Christians?
- C. How is it related to the Feast of Tabernacles and what did Y'shua teach about in John 7:37-38?
- D. How then, in light of that teaching, was Y'shua a fulfillment of that special day, and how does it signify our future eternity?

- E. What took place on this special day when Y'shua was an infant and what same thing will take place for us on the same day in the future?