# CONNECTING Y'SHUA TO THE SEVEN BIBLICAL FEASTS

"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." It's easy to miss. The cycles of the sun and the moon are given for seasons, and for days and years. But, what are the signs? Y'shua rebuked religious leaders for not knowing. "Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times." Can you discern the signs of the times? Paul assumed you could; "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." For what signs should you be watching?

The yearly cycle of Biblical Feasts is precisely to which Yahweh, Y'shua, and Paul are referring. The Feasts are God's prophetic calendar for mankind's history and future. However, if you don't prioritize their prophetic significance, tragically, you won't be able to tell what time it is; you won't be capable of recognizing the signs of the times. Worse yet, you won't even know what signs to watch for. Let's take a sobering journey through the yearly Biblical Feast cycle, so you can synchronize your calendar. Then, you will know perfectly what day it is!

#### 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 <u>a shadow of things to come</u>, 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

"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... [But] we are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober." (I Thessalonians 5:1-2, 4-6)

# This Week's Journey: we explore the Feasts of Yahweh

- 1. Reconciling the modern calendar with Yahweh's calendar.
- 2. The prophetic imagery in all the Feasts of Yahweh.
- 3. Seeing Y'shua in the Feasts and why they are significant for Christians.
- 4. What the Feasts mean for our future (what are we looking for?)

#### 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 (One lunar cycle-29.53059 days)
- (3) Lunar calendar and solar calendar: **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 be 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 Feasts with the seasons.
  - (b) Passover is always in the first month in the Spring and if you lose 10+ days 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 (used in most of the world) is named after Pope Gregory XIII, who introduced it in October 1582. The calendar spaces leap years every 4th year to accommodate for the 365.2422-day tropical year, determined by the Earth's revolution around the Sun.

## C. The Feast Cycle and the Journey and Destination

- (1) If you can envision one of the great *super-patterns* in the Bible (the Journey and the destination), your understanding of the Bible will explode exponentially. It is the Journey from Captivity —through the Wilderness—and into the Promised Land.
- (2) Now, overlay the journey with the Feast cycle you are about to learn and you get exponentially exponential revelation.
  - a) The narrative at the first *Passover* takes place while Israel is in *captivity*.

- b) As they exit Egypt as a "new born people", they face the wilderness journey during which they receive the law on the day of Shavuot, what Christians know as Pentecost.
- c) Then they journey all the way to the *Promised Land*! Can you see it?
- (3) Watch the Feast Overlay: there are...
  - a) The Spring Feasts
    - 1. Death of the firstborn (Passover)
    - 2. Burial in the Wilderness (Unleavened Bread)
    - 3. Resurrection of a new People/new creation (First Fruits)
    - 4. Giving of the the Law/Holy Spirit (Shavuot/Pentecost)
    - 5. ...and then a Promised Land! What's in the Promised land?
  - b) The Fall Feasts
    - 1. You blow trumpets to go to war (Feast of Trumpets/return of Christ)
    - 2. The nations are judged (Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement)
    - 3. Then a time of rest and rejoicing (Tabernacles) after the nations are conquered.
    - 4. Finally, the Eight Day of Tabernacle (The Millennial Kingdom/Eternity) Simchat Torah/the Joy of the Law
- (4) The journey and destination integrated with the Feasts of the Lord in the New Testament: Highlights of Romans 6, 7, and 8.
  - (a) Captivity in "Egypt"—Passover (Death), Unleavened Bread (Burial), First Fruits (Resurrection): "...as many of us as were

- baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His **death**? Therefore we were **buried** with Him through baptism ....just as Christ was **raised** from the dead ...we also should **walk in newness of life**. ...**united in the likeness of His death**, **certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection**," Romans 6:3-5 NKJV
- (b) Wilderness on the way to Shavuot (Pentecost): "For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. ....For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ..." Romans 7:19-25 NKJV
- condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ...the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ....the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you [note: The giving of

- the law on Mount Sinai was this same feast day that the Holy Spirit indwelled man]. ..." Romans 8:1-9 NKJV
- (d) The Promised Land [and summary of the entire journey]:

  "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time

  [Captivity] are not worthy to be compared with the glory

  which shall be revealed in us [Promised Land]. For the

  earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the

  revealing of the sons [Passover] of God. For the creation was

  subjected to futility [Captivity], not willingly, but because of

  Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself

  also will be delivered from the bondage [Exodus/Passover]

  of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God

  [Promised Land]." Romans 8:18-21 NKJV
- (e) The Promised Land must be conquered and judged
  (Trumpets and Yom Kippur). Then God's people can possess
  the ultimate promise of becoming like Christ (Tabernacle
  among us; Marry us and become one!): "Likewise the Spirit
  helps in our weaknesses. ... He makes intercession...
  according to the will of God. ...all things work together for
  good to those who love God, to those who are the called
  according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also
  predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, ...
  Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom

- He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified." Romans 8:26-30 NKJV
- (f) "....Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? **Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors** .. "Romans 8:34-35, 37-39 NKJV

#### **PASSOVER**

- 2. Death—The 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month as the sun is setting (between the evenings)
  - A. Blood of a spotless (perfect) lamb 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 [first year of priesthood/ministry about 30 years of age!].
      - (d) You shall keep it until the **fourteenth day** of the month.
      - (e) Kill it at **twilight** [between daylight and darkness as the sun is 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 [of the 14th becoming the 15th]; 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 feast...
  - (a) <u>1 Cor. 5:7-8</u> 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 [the exact pattern of Exodus 12:1-13]. 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] on the 10th day of the 1st month, the HighPriest went outside the city to pick a lamb without blemish
  - (b) [MESSIAH] Y'shua, the Spotless Lamb of God, rode in on a donkey on the 10th day of the 1st month. (Matthew 21:1-7)
  - (c) [PASSOVER] Once the lamb reached the gate, a priest would cry out, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord".

- (d) [MESSIAH] When Y'shua reached the gate the people began to cry out "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9)
- (e) [PASSOVER] Next, the lamb was taken and tied up on the temple mount to be **examined for the next three days** by the Scribes and Pharisees. Why? To confirm and declare that this lamb was without blemish.
- (f) [MESSIAH] after His triumphant entry, Y'shua went to the temple mount (Mark 11:11). **Y'shua was then examined for three days** until He was declared to be "unblemished" by Pilate who said, "I find no basis for a charge (no fault) against Him" (John 18:38).
- (g) [PASSOVER] on the fourth day it became 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, just as a lamb is quiet before its shearers (Isaiah 53:7-10) 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, Isaiah 53:10)

(j) [MESSIAH] And as the Passover lamb, not a bone was broken (John 19:36). And we was off the cross by evening so he could be in the grave before sundown. (Mark 15:42-47; Matthew 27:57-61; John 19:38-42; Luke 23:50- 56)

# C. Four cups of wine

- (1) When the Passover meal is celebrated, there are four cups of wine to drink. Y'shua would have used the same four cups when He celebrated the Passover. Each cup is representative of one of God's four "I will" promises in Exodus 6:6-7:
  - (a) I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians (cup 1)— Cup of Sanctification—we are brought out from the yoke of slavery.
  - (b) I will free you from being slaves to them (cup 2)— Cup of <u>Judgment</u>—we are freed by God's judgment of the enemy.
  - (c) I will redeem you with an outstretched arm (cup 3) and with mighty acts of judgment.— Cup of Redemption—we are redeemed by God. (The cup shared by Y'shua at the Last Supper)
    - 1. "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

- (d) I will take you as my own people (cup 4), and I will be your God.—Cup of the Kingdom—we are taken as God's people.

  (The cup specifically NOT shared at the Last Supper)
  - 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. The Blood of the Lamb

- (1) Y'shua as the Lamb of God
  - (a) "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)
  - (b) **Messiah was Spotless:** Pilate three times: "I find no fault in Him." (John 18:38; 19:4, 6)
  - (c) **Lamb of the First year:** He began *His ministry at* **about thirty** years of age. (Luke 3:23); From thirty years old, a priest may enter the service to do the work in the tabernacle of meeting. (Numbers 4:3)
  - (d) **Sheds His Blood:** For **this is My blood** of the new covenant, which **is** shed for many for the remission of sins. (Matthew 26:28)

- (e) **Blood for remission:** And according to the \*law almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission.** (Hebrews 9:22)
  - \*"For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'"

    Leviticus 17:11 NKJV
- (f) **Eat His body, the Flesh of the lamb (Exodus 12:8):** 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) **The Preparation day:** The Last Supper was not the Passover
  - (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** [Still!], 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)

- \*High Day: a Sabbath related to a Biblical Feast, not the weekly Sabbath. A high day may fall on any day of the week. In this case it is the Sabbath of the first day of Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:4-8). Unleavened Bread (prophetic of Burial), begins as the sun sets on the evening we eat the Passover!
- (d) **BURIAL:** So there they laid Y'shua, because of the Jews' **Preparation** *Day*, for the tomb was nearby. (John 19:42) STILL Preparation Day!
- (3) Firstborns vs. Non-firstborns (Blood shall redeem the firstborn)
  - (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—(authentic 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 (authentic 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 fait 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... will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God..." Romans 8:18-22 NKJV
  - \*Sufferings: "If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, ...then you are illegitimate and not sons." Hebrews 12:7-8 NKJV
  - \*Revealing of Sons: Passover language. Who are the true (firstborn) sons, and who are not? Who needs the blood to be redeemed and who will, *in time*, grow into mature adults who will, *in time*, be accountable as true sons?

#### UNLEAVENED BREAD

3. Burial—The 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month (grave time must fit into any part of this widow)

#### 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 time to let it rise!
- (2) Unleavened Bread (because leaven is sin!)
  - (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) "A little leaven leavens the whole lump." Galatians 5:9 NKJV
  - (c) Don't give 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..." Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

- ""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 (Again, 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) <u>Died</u>: about the **ninth hour (3PM)** Y'shua cried out "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" ... 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 HOUR PERIOD) \*Wednesday night to Thursday night...
    - 2. 6PM-6PM (SECOND DAY-24 HOUR PERIOD) Thursday night to Friday night...

- 3. 6PM-6PM (THIRD DAY-24 HOUR PERIOD) 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 PROPHESIED!
- 5. \*How do we know that the Passover (the crucifixion and subsequent burial) began on a Wednesday that year?
  - a) The only way the Feast of Firstfruits (see next Section) can begin exactly three days and three nights after Passover, is when Passover beings on a Wednesday. *The day of First Fruits (prophetic of resurrection) is located by going to the first day following the first weekly Sabbath following Passover.* It always begins as the sun sets on the 7th day becoming the first day of the week!
- 6. And that is why Y'shua said, ... "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 [\*weekly Sabbath not Feast Sabbath—Dr. Jeff] the priest shall wave it.— Leviticus 23:10-11
    - \*Special Clarification (put on thinking cap!): why can we be certain that this command is referring to the Weekly Sabbath (Saturday) and not the Sabbath of the Feast (the first day of Unleavened Bread)? The math is simple! We use First Fruits to find Pentecost (The Feast of Weeks or Shavuot). Pentecost, by definition, is 50 days after First Fruits and it is located (by command) by counting seven sabbaths and day. You can't get exactly 50 days unless you start counting on the WEEKLY SABBATH! If you begin counting on the FEAST DAY SABBATH, which can fall on any day of the week, you can't arrive on Pentecost precisely 50 days after Firstfruits, unless Yearly Feast falls on a Friday Night every year (which obviously does not happen!)
- (2) The First Day (after the Weekly 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

\*He is not here! He already rose! But when did He rise? All of Christendom assumes He rose in the morning simply because He was NOT there in the morning. But, when we go back to the math, His words that told us He would spend three days and three nights in the grave, and KNOWING what time He went into the grave (at night), the only correct assumption is that He as not there because He rose THE NIGHT BEFORE (Saturday night)!

# B. <u>Don't touch me! I Have not yet ascended...</u>

- (1) Wait—First, as the priest, I must present the firstfruits offering of the Barley Harvest to the Father!
  - (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 God and
    your God."—John 20:15-17
  - (b) He Had descended to bear all our iniquities, but had not ascended: MAKE SENSE NOW?
    - 1. "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) The **Priest is in Seclusion 3 days** before offering the firstfruits offering of barley (he could not be touched). When these days were over, he then went to offer the first fruit offering to God in the temple.
  - (a) **Y'shua was in the secluded grave for three days**, and upon rising, He told Mary not to touch Him...(John 20:17).
  - (b) Yahshua, as our High Priest had to present the first fruits to the father first: "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For ...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
    - 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 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** [as His firstfruits offering] and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (Matthew 27:51-52)

#### C. Now—touch me!

- (1) Yahshua had already 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

## 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. <u>The Original</u>
  - (1) Seven Full Weeks and a Day (after the Feast of Firstfruits in 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, 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**, God'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)
      - 4. **Marriage:** "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." (Ex. 19:8)
- (3) Pilgrimage Feasts

- (a) ""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
  - 1. There are three 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.
  - 2. 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 (keeping the Feast)
  - (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. (Because...Three times a year you shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses...Feast of Weeks..." Deut. 16:16
  - (c) 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says Yahweh, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; (Acts 2:17 from Joel 2:28)

- 1. 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)
- 2. Pentecost in the first century was the former rain outpouring (Spring rain/light rain) of the Spirit; **the latter rain outpouring is coming and** 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—the Spring Feast Cycle & the Fall Feast Cycle
    - (2) The Feasts of Trumpets—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—it is the only feast that falls on the first day of the month—you must pay attention to spot the new moon.

- 2. No one knows the day of the hour; you must be sober and watching (prepared) to spot the new moon!
- 3. **Noon Moon:** "At the beginnings of your months you shall present ..." 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. Obedience yields revelation: 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**, ..." I Thessalonians 5:1-11 NKJV

- 1. Times and the seasons—Biblical Feasts
- 2. The Lord comes as a **thief in the night to suddenly destroy**
- 3. **Destroy who? You, brethren, are not in darkness,** so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. **You are all sons of light;** not of the night nor of darkness.
- 4. <u>Therefore</u> let us not sleep, as others *do*, but **let us watch** and be sober.
- 5. God did not appoint us to wrath! (Note: the tribulation experienced because of Satan's war against the Saints, as detailed in Revelation, is NOT God's wrath 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,...Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ..." Matthew 24:36-44 NKJV
    - 1. But of that day and hour no one knows...
    - 2. **Of that day and hour no one knows...Why?** Because Trumpets is the only Biblical Feast you must watch out for.

- You must look for the spotting of the new moon on the first day of the month!
- 3. 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!)
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Therefore you also **be ready** [sober and watching], 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 is the faithful and wise servant?
- 2. Who can he make ruler over his household?
- 3. Who can give the people food at a time of need (famine)?
- 4. What about that servant? "Blessed is that servant whom his master finds doing these things when he comes [at the last trumpet blast!]."
- 5. Who? Joseph (and those acting like him!)

## (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. Set him over the land of Egypt...
  - 3. He will reserve food so the land and people do not perish during the famine.
  - 4. There is no one as discerning and wise as him.

5. He will rule be over the king's house.

# D. <u>Last Trumpet blast (He comes)</u>

- (1) In a Moment...
  - (a) "....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. It's a mystery; Not everyone will die, but all be changed!
    - 2. WHEN? in a single moment in time (on that one day we should be sober and watching for), at the last trumpet blast.
    - 3. The trumpet sounds; the dead raise; you receive your new incorruptible body; your mortality becomes immortality.
    - 4. Death is swallowed up in victory!
- (2) When is that Last Trumpet? When is that mystery complete?
  - (a) "...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. The day the last angel blows his Trumpet...
- 2. The mystery of God is over!

#### YOM KIPPUR— THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

# 7. Atonement (judgment/reconciliation) – 10 days of awe; The 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month

## A. Copies and Shadows of Heavenly Things—Shadow and Patterns

- (1) **Hebrews and Yom Kippur:** what we see in Leviticus serves as the <u>copy and shadow</u> 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 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 offers gifts and sacrifices so it is necessary He do so as well.
  - (d) If He was on earth, He would not even be a priest. But, because the earthly priest offers gifts according to the law; (to serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things), the heavenly priest would have do the same to cast that shadow!
  - (e) That is why... **you must make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain** [from Exodus 25:40].

- (f) "... Into the Holy of Holies 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** (Christ, 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) <u>Hebrews 9:19-25</u> [WITHOUT BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION, COPIES OF THE TRUE]-
  - (a) Moses, according to the law, "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. (Remember Lev. 17:11)
  - (c) *it was* necessary that the copies be purified with these [animals], but the heavenly things with better sacrifices.
  - (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 God 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 of coming things] 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 [substance is] of Christ... [let no one except Christ and the body of Christ do the judging!]
- (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
    - 1. **[SHEEP FROM THE GOATS]** "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then **He will sit on the throne** of His glory. 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) One Time Per Year: 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 God... (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.
- 2. 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

- (1) Hebrews 5:1-6 [MAN VS. MESSIAH AS HIGH PRIEST]
  - (a) High priest from among men —subject to weakness.
  - (b) **Required** to offer *sacrifices* for sins **for himself AND for the people-TWO ANIMALS**
  - (c) **Christ** did not glorify Himself **to become High Priest**,
    Instead..."You *are* a priest forever According to the order of
    Melchizedek"

# (2) <u>Hebrews 7:23-28</u> [MESSIAH, A PRIEST THAT DOES NOT DIE OR NEED A SACRIFICE]

- (a) Many priests, because they die...
- (b) Christ 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) Unlike those earthly high priests, He does not need daily sacrifices for His own sins, before he sacrifices for the sins of the people.

# C. The Scapegoat

- (1) The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities... Leviticus 16:7-22
  - (a) Take the two goats from the congregation
  - (b) Cast lots: **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...
  - (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) "He bore our sins in His own body...— by whose stripes you were healed." I Peter 2:24 NKJV
  - (c) "...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**, ..." II Corinthians 5:21 NKJV

#### **TABERNACLES**

8. Rest/Millennial Kingdom—The 15<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (The Festival of Joy)

#### A. <u>LEVITICUS 23:33-44</u>

- (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.

(e) That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in temporary dwellings (booths, tabernacles).

# B. [MESSIAH] Tabernacled among us (Y'shua—Born on the first day of Tabernacles)

- (1) John 1:14 [a TEMPORARY DWELLING]
  - (a) And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us...
- (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; deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.
  - (b) And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a 1000 years.
  - (c) 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 Lev 23:36 says... ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY
    - (2) Prepared for the Wedding Supper

- (a) <u>Revelation 19:6-9</u> 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... prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
  - (c) "Behold, **the tabernacle of God** *is* **with men**, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people...
  - (d) The former things have passed away...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 8<sup>th</sup> 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) Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand... John 7:2
  - (a) 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. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will **flow rivers of living water**." John 7:37-3
    - 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. 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) <u>John 10:22-23</u> Now it was the **Feast of Dedication** in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Y'shua walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.
  - (b) Y'shua's Dedication <u>Luke 2:22-24</u> 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 [dedicated] TO THE LORD") (From Ex. 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

# Feast Link

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## This Week's Journey as we explored the Feasts of Yahweh

- 1. Reconciling the modern calendar with Yahweh's calendar.
- 2. The prophetic imagery in all the Feasts of Yahweh.
- 3. Seeing Y'shua in the Feasts and why they are significant for Christians.
- 4. What the Feasts mean for our future (what are we looking for?)

#### **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-theage?

#### 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 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?