

THE TRUE GOSPEL STORY DECODED

**The Enemy Has Hidden The Full Gospel Of Messiah
And His Fulfillment Of His Father's Seven Holy
Feast Days To Redeem The Set-Apart Saints**

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THE FOOLISH VIRGINS

Maranatha! We long for Messiah's return and the wedding feast. Pastors have taught us that it can occur at any time. In this chapter, I want to show you how Messiah gave us clues that have been overlooked.

In Matthew 25:1-13, Messiah points to His second advent.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew Poole's Commentary on the Holy Bible says:

To these purposes, he takes up this parable, which we shall not so well understand without understanding their usual rites and customs at weddings, which were these:

- 1. Their marriages were ordinarily in the night.*
- 2. They usually had young men that attended the bridegroom and young virgins that attended the bride at her father's house. The young men attended the bridegroom. These were called the children of the bride chamber or the friends of the bridegroom or bride.*

The wedding being at night, there was a need for lamps. When the bridegroom came, the bride maids, who were attending the bride, went forth to meet the bridegroom, with lamps lighted, to conduct him and his companions into the house and to her who was to be the bride. When they were entered, the door was shut, and the marriage proceeded.

Read the following verses with the understanding that the bride is brought to the groom at night.

Paul describes Messiah's return as a thief in the night.

*But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4*

Paul is implying that if you don't understand the proper context of Messiah's return, you're in *darkness*, and His return will be as a *thief in the night*. The oil of Scriptural truth *lights* our way.

Peter points to Messiah's return as a thief in the night.

*But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;** in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 2 Peter 3:10*

Messiah reiterated this warning in the sixth vial of Revelation 16:15.

***Behold, I come as a thief.** Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*

Messiah is saying that His return will catch many by surprise, like a *thief* to those who don't have understanding. He gave us a clue about when He would return for His saints when He said in Matthew 24:36.

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Messiah reaffirmed the clue when He finished His parable of the foolish virgins in Matthew 25:13.

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Most people think that Messiah is proclaiming that it's impossible to know when He will return, but it's declaring the opposite as Messiah is giving us the proper context. Let me explain.

The Scriptural lunisolar calendar is based on the yearly cycle of the sun and the monthly cycle of the moon. A new month starts after the celestial new moon when the dark moon begins to have light on it again. The Feast of Trumpets is the only Holy Feast Day that occurs on the New Moon Day, the first day of the Scriptural month.

The Israelites considered the Feast of Trumpets to be a *hidden day* as they didn't know if the celestial new moon occurred late one day or early the next day. We know the exact minute this takes place with today's technology, but the Jews that Messiah was speaking to *didn't know the day or hour* of the new moon.

The Jews celebrated the Feast of Trumpets over two days and waited to spot the sliver crescent moon after sundown to confirm which day was the New Moon Day.



We can see that Messiah is covertly saying that He will return on the only Holy Feast Day that falls on the New Moon Day, the Feast of Trumpets. By this, we know the context of His return.

We don't know the year, but when we understand the fulfillment of Revelation, we know what will take place before Messiah's return so that we're not in darkness but have the light of Scriptural truth to illuminate our way.

The enemy has worked hard during the last century to deceive the end-times saints, so that they're following a false, futuristic narrative of the fulfillment of the 70th week of Daniel 9 and Revelation. This causes them to be as the foolish virgins, because they don't understand where we're at on the Revelation fulfillment timeline, so that Messiah's return may catch them by surprise.

You can request a free PDF summary of the Revelation Timeline Decoded book, which shows you what's already been fulfilled, where we're at on the timeline and what will happen next as we await Messiah's return @ www.RevelationTimelineDecoded.com

People proclaim that Messiah can return at any time because He's deity. Still, I don't believe that He can, as He's fulfilling His Father's Holy Feast Days in exacting detail, and the fall Feast of Trumpets is the proper context for His return.

Wouldn't it be amazing if Messiah returned when His set-apart saints are outside looking for the sliver crescent moon after sunset to validate the New Moon Day on the Feast of Trumpets? His pure bride, who has Scriptural truth to light her way, would be looking up to the sky at the very time that the heavenly trumpet sounds and Messiah returns. I'm not saying that's how it will play out, but I can only imagine how glorious that would be!

We can see how Messiah points to the fall Holy Feast of Trumpets as the day of His return. Now, look at what the Apostle Paul says about Messiah's second advent.

*Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52*

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

Those verses point to Messiah's return and the timing of it *at the last trump* during the Feast of Trumpets. Scriptural truth lights the way for the wise virgins to be prepared for the grooms return. Maranatha!

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6

THE FATHER'S HOLY FEAST DAYS

The Gospel story is that deity came to dwell among us when Messiah was supernaturally born of a virgin; lived a sinless life; died for our sins as the Spotless Lamb; was dead in the grave; rose again on the third day; caused the Holy Spirit to be poured out on His followers; will return for His Ekklesia of saints; make judgment, and marry His bride.

The point of this book is that the enemy has hidden the full story of our redemption and how the events mentioned above are divine appointments that fulfill our Heavenly Father's seven Holy Feast Days.

The Father gave the Holy Feast Days to show how He interacts with His people and to help us understand His plan of salvation.

They are not '*Jewish feast days*' as some people proclaim, but they are our Heavenly Father's holy convocations.

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

The word '*feast*' is translated from the Hebrew word '*moed*,' which means *appointment*. The word '*convocations*' is translated from the Hebrew word '*miqra*,' which points to *a public meeting, a rehearsal, an assembly, a calling*.

Messiah traveled to Jerusalem during Feast Days to observe them and because many Jews would come into Jerusalem so that He could speak before them.

Messiah came to fulfill the law perfectly, as only He could, as all men sin and fall short of the glory of Yah the Heavenly Father. That doesn't mean that the Father's declarations in the Old Testament have been cast aside. Rather, Messiah came to teach us how to obey His Father's commandments, not for salvation, but out of love and reverence for the Heavenly Father.

Many Christians proclaim that the Holy Feast Days of the Torah were nailed to the cross, so we don't have to observe them, but that is impossible because Messiah fulfilled the Feasts of First Fruits and Pentecost after His death on the cross. And there are still three to be fulfilled.

The concept that we're 'New Testament believers' causes people not to learn that the Father's seven Holy Feast days are divine appointments His beloved Son fulfills to redeem the set-apart saints.

Here are the four feasts that our Messiah has fulfilled:

- The feast of Passover points to the Spotless Lamb, whose blood was shed for our sins and caused the wrath of His Father to pass over us.
- The feast of Unleavened Bread points to the Messiah's sinless life, as *leaven* is a picture of sin in the Bible.
- The feast of Firstfruits points to the Messiah's resurrection on the third day as the first fruits of the righteous.
- The feast of Pentecost represents Him pouring out His Father's Spirit on His followers.

Here are the fall feast days which are yet to be fulfilled by our Messiah:

- The feast of Trumpets represents His return for His bride when trumpets are blown and the elect are caught up with Messiah.
- The feast of Atonement occurs ten days after the Feast of Trumpets, when Messiah will make judgment.
- The feast of Tabernacles occurs fifteen days after the Feast of Trumpets when we celebrate the wedding feast and dwell with Messiah and His Father forever.

We don't have to sacrifice a lamb on Passover anymore, as the Spotless Lambs' blood was shed to atone for our sins. But we are called to remember what our beloved Messiah did for us on that special day.

On Passover, I read passages about Messiah being delivered up to be killed. I read about Him being mocked and beaten by the Jewish leaders and then scourged by the Roman soldiers, made to wear a purple robe and a crown of thorns. I read how He was led to Golgatha to be crucified next to two sinners, one who repented and was saved, the other who mocked Messiah and was left lost in His sins. I read about His painful sacrifice and how He said '*it is finished,*' and bowed His head and died.

I observe communion on Passover as Messiah commanded in Luke 22:19.

And having taken bread, having given thanks, he brake and gave to them, saying, 'This is my body, that for you is being given, this do ye--to remembrance of me.'

This is what it means for a set-apart saint to observe Passover, and it is not the same thing as Easter, which has associations with the pagan fertility goddess Ishtar, thus the rabbits and the eggs.

Let me clarify a passage in Colossians 2:16-17 that people cite to proclaim that we don't need to observe the holy feast days anymore.

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

The Apostle Paul is writing to gentile believers, and he's telling them not to let the Jews judge their observance of the feast days. The Jews didn't believe that salvation was for the gentiles, let alone that they should observe the Father's Holy Feast days so that they would have mocked the gentile believers.

In declaring His Feasts, Yah says that His ordinances are to be kept forever. That means that they didn't end when Messiah died for our sins.

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

And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. Exodus 12:17

In Colossians 2:17, the Apostle Paul proclaims that the Holy Feast Days are *a shadow of things to come*, future tense, as Messiah is still in the process of fulfilling them.

Satan doesn't want you to know the truth of the Holy Feast Days. He caused Emperor Constantine to forbid the followers of Messiah from observing them anymore. And he has used the Roman Church to hide them and replace them with Easter and Christmas.

Sadly, most Christians today still follow the man-made doctrine of the Roman Council of Nicaea, as they don't understand the profound things that took place in the fourth century when the enemy caused saints to fall away from the Scriptural faith.

Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:7

THE FALLING AWAY OF 2 THESSALONIANS 2

Hopefully, you can now see how Yah the Heavenly Father's Holy Feast Days are divine appointments, which Messiah is fulfilling to redeem His set-apart saints.

But that leaves the question, how did we get to this point that we celebrate Roman man-made holidays of Easter and Christmas, and most pastors don't teach that the true Gospel message is that Messiah is fulfilling the Father's Holy Feast Days to redeem the set-apart saints?

After centuries of using the pagan Roman Emperors to kill Messiah's Ekklesia of saints, Satan found that the more he persecuted the saints, the faster Messiah's church grew. So he changed strategies and had Emperor Constantine stop the persecution in 313 AD, which undoubtedly endeared the Emperor to the saints.

Then at the *Council of Nicaea*, Satan had Constantine and the Roman bishops codify Romanism, the false Roman Christian religion, which includes man-made traditions which take the place of Scriptural truth.

To switch from observing God's Holy Feast Days to pagan-based holidays, Constantine issued creeds for Christians who would partner with Rome.

Remember that during the previous centuries, the followers of Christ had endured relentless persecution from Rome. Now they were being exalted to positions of power and treated well, so they were susceptible to compromise.

Constantine declared: *I renounce all customs, rites, legalisms, unleavened breads and sacrifices of lambs of the Hebrews, and all the other feasts of the Hebrews, sacrifices, prayers, aspirations, purifications, sanctifications, and propitiations, and fasts and new moons, and Sabbaths, and superstitions, and hymns and chants, and observances and synagogues.*

Absolutely everything Jewish, every Law, rite and custom and if afterwards I shall wish to deny and return to Jewish superstition, or shall be found eating with Jews, or feasting with them, or secretly conversing and condemning the Christian religion instead of openly confuting them and condemning their vain faith, then let the trembling of Cain and the leprosy of Gehazi cleave to me, as well as the legal punishments to which I acknowledge myself liable. And may I be an anathema in the world to come, and may my soul be set down with Satan and the devils.

Furthermore, any follower of the 'Jewish Messiah' who wished to join this 'holy community' was compelled to adopt different rules and customs. Subsequently, special creeds were drafted, to which the Christian would have to swear such as: *I accept all customs, rites, legalism, and feasts of the Romans, sacrifices. Prayers, purifications with water, sanctifications by Pontificus Maximus (high priests of Rome), propitiations, and feasts, and the New Sabbath "Sol dei" (day of the Sun), all new chants and observances, and all the foods and drinks of the Romans. In other words, I absolutely accept everything Roman, every new law, rite and custom, of Rome, and the New Roman Religion.*

In other words, they had to switch to the Roman man-made traditions to be a part of the Roman church and not be persecuted. During the 4th century, many Christians accepted these terms from Constantine, compromising their faith, fulfilling the 'falling away' that Paul warned about in 2 Thessalonians 2.

Other gatherings like the *Council of Constantinople*, which Emperor Justinian held, continued to reinforce these false, man-made doctrines, which helped to hide the true Scriptural faith.

The harlot church of Rome has promoted these man-made, unscriptural doctrines for the last 1,600 years. And sadly, most Protestant Churches still promote them, citing the Roman Councils' declarations as authoritative.

But in Revelation 18:4, Messiah said, *And I heard another voice out of the heaven, saying, 'Come forth out of her, My people, that ye may not partake with her sins, and that ye may not receive of her plagues.*

He's telling us to come out of the man-made teachings that originated from Rome's harlot church. He's commanding us to return to the ancient path of Scriptural truth.

Easter is associated with the pagan fertility goddess Ishtar, which is why rabbits and eggs are part of the holiday. The Feast of Firstfruits and Easter are not the same thing!

WAS THE LAW NAILED TO THE CROSS?

Many Christians proclaim that the Holy Feast Days of the Torah were nailed to the cross, so we don't have to observe them, but that is impossible because the Feasts of First Fruits and Pentecost were fulfilled after Messiah's death on the cross. And there are still three to be fulfilled.

Messiah declares in Matthew 5:17-19:

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Messiah came to fulfill the law, as no sinful man can. He came to fulfill the prophecies that foretold His ministry.

We aren't to believe that Yah the Heavenly Father commanded His people to obey His Ten Commandments, but then He sent His Son to proclaim that we don't have to obey them anymore!

Messiah affirmed this truth in the book of Revelation

*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, **which keep the commandments of God**, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*
Revelation 12:17

*Here is the patience of the saints: here are **they that keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Jesus.* Revelation 14:12

The apostle John affirmed these truths:

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 1 John 3:21

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 1 John 5:2-3

When you read Matthew 5, you see that Messiah took observing the commandments to the next level.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Matthew 5:21-22

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. Matthew 5:27-28

Messiah came to teach us how to obey His Father's commandments out of love, not to earn salvation. Obeying the commandments is proof of our belief and love.

Since Messiah has poured His Father's Spirit onto believers, we are empowered to keep the laws. Jeremiah 31:31-34 points to Messiah coming to confirm the everlasting covenant to those who love the Father and seek to obey His commandments.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

We obey the commandments out of love for our Heavenly Father saving us through His beloved Son.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. John 15:10

People proclaim that Messiah just told us that we need to love the Father and to love others and that we don't have to adhere to the Ten Commandments.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

In Matthew 19:17-19, Messiah emphasizes keeping His Father's commandments.

And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Messiah taught us to love Yah and others, which summarizes the Ten Commandments, as the first four are about loving and obeying Yah, and the remaining six are about loving people and not sinning against them.

Romans 13:8-10 says Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The written record of our transgressions, which testify against us and condemn us to death, was nailed to the cross by the Passover Lamb as His one-time atonement paid for our sins.

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:10-15

We don't have to obey the ceremonial law that the priests carried out to sacrifice a lamb, offer burnt offerings.

People say that they don't have to obey the Ten Commandments, yet believers can't think it's okay to take the Father's name in vain, kill people, commit adultery, steal, or bear false witness?

WHO IS A TRUE ISRAELITE?

The enemy has tricked the end-times saints into not understanding who they are!

There has always been a remnant of those who believe in the Father by faith and seek to obey His commandments out of love for Him.

The remnant of Israelites stayed true to Yah the Heavenly Father, while most Israelites whored themselves with pagan god worship and disobeyed Yah.

The remnant of Jews during Messiah's ministry believed in Messiah's atoning work for their sins, while the majority of Jews rejected Him and were left lost in their sins.

The Ekklesia of Messiah, His church, is built on the foundation of His apostles of the House of Israel and the House of Judah. Three thousand were redeemed for the kingdom on the Holy Feast Day of Pentecost, and more were added daily.

Today, a remnant of people in the world have a covenant relationship with the Father through the Son, but many people are Christians by name only.

There are no separate dispensational periods for Jews and gentiles, for Messiah came for the House of Israel and for the gentiles to graft them into the true vine.

Messiah came to fulfill the plan of Yah to redeem the set-apart saints.

Hebrews 9:1 shows that the first covenant of Sinai was based around the physical temple.

Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

Hebrews 9:11-12 shows that Messiah created the new temple, made without hands.

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Hebrews 10:9-10 shows that Messiah fulfilled the Sinai covenant.

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The law was written on stone tablets. Now it's written on our hearts, and the Spirit enables us to obey it.

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them. Hebrews 10:16

When you read the book of Revelation, you see that the bride of Messiah is symbolically called *Heavenly Jerusalem*.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. Revelation 21:2-3

John proclaims that the bride of Messiah is the holy city, the *New Jerusalem*:

Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. Revelation 21:9-10

The city of Yah is no longer the physical city of Jerusalem, but the *Heavenly Jerusalem*, which His set-apart people populate.

But, ye came to Mount Zion, and to a city of the living God, to the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of messengers, to the company and assembly of the first-born in heaven enrolled, and to God the judge of all, and to spirits of righteous men made perfect, and to a mediator of the renewed covenant—Jesus, and to blood of sprinkling, speaking better things than that of Abel! Hebrews 12:22-24

Abraham was not focused on earthly Jerusalem as his inheritance but rather *Heavenly Jerusalem*.

For he (Abraham) looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Hebrews 11:10

The writer of Hebrews recalled the belief of Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Sarah; and then proclaimed:

But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Hebrews 11:16

Hebrews 13:12 tells us that Messiah did not die in the city of Jerusalem; rather, He died outside of the city.

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible says *That he might consecrate them to God, and make an atonement for their sins, he suffered without the gate at Jerusalem, as the sin-offering was consumed without the camp when the tabernacle abode in the wilderness. Perhaps all this was typical of the abolition of the Jewish sacrifices, and the termination of the whole Levitical system of worship. He left the city, denounced its final destruction, and abandoned it to its fate; and suffered without the gate to bring the Gentiles to God.*

Hebrews 13:13 tells us that we are not to seek out or pray for the physical city of Jerusalem, for it has been condemned.

Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible says, *Let us leave this city and system, devoted to destruction, and take refuge in Jesus alone, bearing his reproach-being willing to be accounted the refuse of all things, and the worst of men, for his sake who bore the contradiction of sinners against himself, and was put to death as a malefactor.*

Coke's Commentary on the Holy Bible says, *When the apostle said, Let us go forth unto him without the camp, he speaks as if we were in our wilderness state, traveling toward the place of our rest. In the wilderness the Jews were obliged to dwell in tents, and had no fixed place of abode; we who believe in Christ, are but strangers here, traveling to the heavenly Jerusalem.*

Hebrews 13:14 declares that the physical city of Jerusalem is not the city that we should seek after.

For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible says, *Here is an elegant and forcible allusion to the approaching destruction of Jerusalem. The Jerusalem that was below was about to be burnt with fire, and erased to the ground; the Jerusalem that was from above was that alone which could be considered to be permanent. The words seem to say: "Arise, and depart; for this is not your rest: it is polluted:" About seven or eight years after this, Jerusalem was wholly destroyed.*

Heavenly Jerusalem has always been the destination of the hearts of Yah's people.

Messiah and the saints form the temple in which Yah the Heavenly Father dwells, as He does not dwell in a temple made with hands.

Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? Acts 7:48-49

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands. Acts 17:24

The true temple is made by His hands.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22

The followers of Messiah are the stones that build up the walls.

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner. 1 Peter 2:4-7

The light of the Father and Son illuminates the temple from within so that their light shines through the clear walls to illuminate all around it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Revelation 21:23

Messiah became the High Priest of His temple.

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens. A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. Hebrews 8:1-2

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Hebrews 9:11-12

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. Hebrews 9:24

The saints are the priests of Messiah's kingdom.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

The early believers were rewarded for their faithful service, even unto death.

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:6

Lest you think that I am teaching dispensationalism or replacement theology, I am simply declaring that the true fulfillment of Yah's plans began in the 1st century; when the true High Priest (Messiah) setup the true kingdom of heavenly Jerusalem, the true temple of Yah and the true priests.

Many Jews believed in Messiah and were saved, and they played a huge role in the Early Church. But many rejected Him and delivered Him up to be killed, and they were desolated and removed from power.

Romans 2:28-29 tells us that a Jew is one inwardly whose heart is circumcised.

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

Romans 9:6-8 declares that Abraham's fleshly descendants are not the children of Yah.

For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

Romans 9:27 declares that true Israel is made up of the believing remnant.

Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved.

Galatians 3:7 tells us that ONLY those of faith are the children of Yah.

Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

Galatians 3:16 tells us that the seed of Abraham is Messiah.

Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "and to your Seed," who is Christ.

Galatians 3:28-29 tells us that followers of Messiah (Jew and Gentile) are Abraham's seed who receive the promises made to Abraham.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Paul is telling us that a *true Israelite* believes by faith and inherits the promises made to father Abraham. Everyone who believes in Messiah by faith are the *Chosen People of God*.

Sadly, the witness of Christians caused Jews to stumble, as they're celebrating Roman man-made holidays, which are based on the worship of pagan gods, rather than celebrating the Heavenly Father's Holy Feast Days.

THE FEAST OF PASSOVER

The Feast of Passover takes place on the fourteenth day of the first month of the Scriptural calendar, which is in spring. It points to Messiah as our Spotless Passover Lamb whose blood was shed for our sins.

Recall the story of Abraham, who took Isaac up to sacrifice him as part of a test of faithfulness by Yah the Heavenly Father.

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. Genesis 22:7-8

Abraham and Isaac understood that Yah would send a Spotless Lamb to atone for their sins. They looked forward to that day; we look back on that event.

Leviticus 23 gives the most comprehensive record of how Yah commanded the Israelites to observe seven feasts. They remind the Israelites of what He did for them in the past.

These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover. Leviticus 23:4-5

And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD. Numbers 28:16

For example, when the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt, Yah had them put the blood of a sacrificed lamb over the lintel and doorposts of their home on the day of Passover.

Exodus 12:1-14 records the narrative of finding a spotless lamb on the tenth day of the first Scriptural month, inspecting it over the next few days, and then sacrificing it for the atonement of their sins.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall

take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

The narrative continues as Passover was observed in Egyptian captivity.

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in

the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. Exodus 12:21-31

The Israelites' homes that had this *mark* were passed over, but on the homes without the *sign*, the firstborn of each family was killed by the wrath of Yah.

By this, they understood that the promised Messiah would come and atone for their sins so that the wrath of the Heavenly Father against sinful people would pass over them.

Look at what Yah declares in Exodus 12:14:

And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

The Strong's Hebrew Dictionary word for *memorial* is 2146 *zikrown* which means; *a memento (or memorable thing, day or writing):—memorial, record.*

The Strong's Hebrew Dictionary word for *ordinance* is 2708 *chuqqah* which means; *appointed, custom, manner, ordinance, site, statute.*

It's an appointed time that the Israelites of Yah are to celebrate forever!

Isaiah 53 foretold Messiah the Passover Lamb being afflicted to pay for our sins.

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Daniel 9:27 foretold that Messiah would come to *confirm* the covenant made to Father Abraham, which needed to be ratified by His blood.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.

The need for temple animal sacrifices ceased to be needed, as Messiah's one-time sacrifice on Passover paid the price for all of our sins.

This was the answer to Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9:4 when he referred to the everlasting covenant of mercy.

And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments.

Romans 15:8 says: *Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to **confirm the promises made unto the fathers.***

The everlasting covenant was given to Father Abraham and believed by Isaac, Jacob/Israel, David, etc. They all looked to Messiah coming to confirm the everlasting covenant of faith with His blood.

Galatians 3:17 says: *And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul **the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ**, that it should make the promise of no effect.*

In that verse, we see that Messiah came to *confirm the covenant* that existed before the Sinai Covenant, the everlasting covenant made to Abraham. We see the exact language of Daniel 9:27, that *he, Messiah, confirmed the covenant*.

In Hebrews 9:15-17, the covenant delivered to Abraham is identified as the *everlasting covenant* that Messiah mediated and *confirmed*.

And for this cause he is the mediator of the (re)new(ed) testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

Messiah is the testator of the everlasting covenant, the One who made it and agreed to *ratify/confirm* it with His blood as the Spotless Lamb. As the testator, it only came into full effect when He died.

It's like making a will that gives promises to those who will inherit them, but it's not put into effect until the will-maker dies.

The writer of Hebrews says that Messiah is not only the One who validated that covenant but also was its author!

Hebrews 12:2 says: *Looking unto Jesus the author (originator) 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.*

As the author of the covenant, He needed to *finish (confirm, complete, ratify)* the *everlasting covenant* with His blood to put it into full effect.

Hebrews 12:24 says: *And to Jesus the mediator of the (re)new(ed) covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

It's saying that Messiah is the mediator of the everlasting covenant, who agreed to come and ratify it with His blood as the Spotless Lamb.

Hebrews 13:20 says: *Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.*

And there we see that Messiah came to shed His blood to *confirm the everlasting covenant.*

When you read the Gospels, you see that Messiah spent most of His time in Galilee and only came into Jerusalem for His Father's holy feast days.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. Luke 2:41

John the Baptist identified the Passover Lamb of Yah who would die for our sins.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:29

And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! John 1:36

The Apostle John records Messiah's visits to Jerusalem to observe Passover.

John 2:23 records: *Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.*

John 6:4 documents another Passover: *And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.*

John 11:55-57 points to His last Passover: *And the passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast? Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him.*

Messiah came into Jerusalem at His *appointed time* to die for the sins of the set-apart saints.

You can read the story of Messiah eating communion with His disciples, being betrayed by Judas Iscariot, being captured and interrogated, scourged and crucified in Matthew 26-27, Mark 14-15, Luke 22-23, and John 18-19.

Yah commanded the Israelites that they should select a male lamb without blemish on the tenth day of the first Scriptural month, which was to be sacrificed on the fourteenth day to atone for their sins. They were to inspect the lamb during this time to confirm that it was without blemish.

Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. Exodus 12:3-5

Just as the Israelites selected the spotless lamb on the tenth day of the first Scriptural month, Messiah, the Spotless Lamb of Yah, rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. Matthew 21:4-5

And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. Matthew 21:8-9

Messiah was presented to the Jewish high priest for inspection.

Matthew 26:59-60 says that the Jewish high priest didn't find fault in Messiah. Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none.

So the Jewish leaders sought to get Pilate to convict Messiah of a crime.

Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. Luke 23:4

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. Luke 23:13-15

When Pilate found out that Messiah was a Galilean, which is Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Messiah to Herod. Luke 23:14 records his assessment.

Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him.

By the witness of Scripture, we see that the Jewish high priest, Pilate, and Herod all inspected Messiah and found Him to be without accusation, without blemish.

Just as the blood of the sacrificed spotless lamb was applied over the door and lintels while the Israelites were captive in Egypt, to save themselves from the wrath of Yah which was poured out on the Egyptians; so too does the blood of the Spotless Lamb of Yah mark us so that the wrath of Yah is not against us.

Paul still observed the feast of Passover.

But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus. Acts 18:21

1 Corinthians 5:7 points to Messiah, our Passover Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

1 Peter 1:19 proclaims *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

Ephesians 1:3-7 says, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.*

Hebrews 9:13-16 says, *For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself **without spot** to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.*

Revelation 5:9-13 says *And they sung a new song, saying, **Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;***

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

*Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain** to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

Revelation 12:11 says, *And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

Revelation 13:8 says, *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in **the book of life of the Lamb slain** from the foundation of the world.*

Praise our Heavenly Father for sending His beloved Son, the Spotless Lamb, to atone for our sins on the Holy Feast Day of Passover. Let us remember what Messiah endured on this day for our salvation.

You can remove any leavened bread from your house so that you don't eat it during the seven days of observance of the Feast Day of Unleavened Bread.

Use this time to repent of sins, leaven in your life to prepare for the Holy Feast Day of Unleavened Bread.

During the day of Passover, you remember what Messiah went that day.

Messiah was impaled on the cross at 9am, three hours after the day started. He died six hours later, at the 9th hour, at 3 pm.

“And it was the third hour, and they impaled Him.” Mark 15:25

“And when the sixth hour came, darkness came over all the land until the ninth hour.” Mark 15:33

“And at the ninth hour Yahusha cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Ĕli, Ĕli, lamah shebaqtani?” which is translated, “My Ĕl, My Ĕl, why have You forsaken Me?” And Yahusha cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.” Mark 15:34, 37

- In the early morning, He was betrayed
- He was mocked, hit, spit on, and scourged
- He was placed on the cross at 9 am
- Remember Him at 3 pm when He died.

If possible, meet with like-minded people in the evening to celebrate what Messiah did for us on Passover when He confirmed the everlasting covenant with His blood as the Spotless Lamb. Eat a normal meal beforehand. You can mimic Messiah, who humbled Himself and washed His disciples' feet.

Messiah said to remember His sacrifice with communion on Passover day.

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. Luke 22:17-20

In 1 Corinthians 11:23-29, the Apostle Paul reminds people to observe communion during Passover, not out of tradition but to do it out of reverence for Messiah

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a High Sabbath on the fifteenth day of the first Scriptural month and is celebrated for seven days. It points to Messiah's sinless life as leaven is a picture of sin in the Bible. It's a day of reflection for believers to purge transgressions from their life.

The Israelites were commanded not to add yeast to their bread when they fled Egypt. They were not to eat leavened bread during the seven-day observance, lest they be cut off. Leading up to the holy feast of Unleavened Bread, the Israelites were to clean their home and remove any leaven. This gave them time to analyze their lives, recall sins and pray for forgiveness. And the blood of the Passover Lamb atoned for their sin.

Exodus 12:15-20 says:

Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

Leviticus 23:6-8, 15 says:

And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

Numbers 28:18-19, 25 says:

In the first day shall be an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work therein: But ye shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: they shall be unto you without blemish: And on the seventh day ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

Yah, the Heavenly Father, has aligned many events with His Holy Feast Days.

Messiah was born on the fall Holy Feast Day of Tabernacles, which is on the fifteenth of the seventh month, as He came to *dwell among us*. The Gospels make a point of declaring that John the Baptist was born six months before Messiah.

I suspect that John the Baptist was born on the Holy Feast day of Unleavened Bread, which is on the fifteenth of the first month, as his role was to prepare the way for Messiah by convicting people of their sins (leaven), preaching repentance, and pointing to the Spotless Lamb who would atone for their sins.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins. Luke 1:76-77

Early in Messiah's ministry, when He came to Jerusalem for the spring Holy Feast Days, He cleaned out the *leaven* from His Father's house.

And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. John 2:13-17

Messiah used *leaven* as a picture of sin and its corrupting nature on a few occasions.

Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. Matthew 16:6

How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. Matthew 16:11-12

And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." Mark 8:15

When Messiah entered Jerusalem for the last time, He cleansed the temple again to remove the leaven.

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased. Matthew 21:12-15

These passages proclaim the sinlessness of our beloved Messiah, which made him the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

*He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because **he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.** Isaiah 53:8-9*

*To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Corinthians 5:19-21*

*Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.** 1 Peter 1:18-19*

*For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own*

body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:21-24

*Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. **For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16*

Messiah declared that He is the Bread of Life.

I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. John 6:48-51

The Apostle Paul celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. Acts 20:6

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 tells us to purge the leaven of sins from our lives and to keep the Holy Feast Day of Unleavened Bread.

*Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: **Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.***

Praise our Heavenly Father for sending His beloved Son in the flesh to have the capacity to sin, yet was without blemish when He was in the grave on the second day.

You can remember the Holy Feast of Unleavened Bread by purging leaven from your home in the days leading up to it. Then refrain from eating leavened bread during these seven days of the feast.

More than the discipline of removing leavened bread from your house and diet is the focus of reflecting on the sin in your life and seeking to remove it.

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.
1 Peter 4:1-2

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. Romans 6:6-13

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:17-23

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth
What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Ephesians 4:21-26

Praise our beloved Messiah who fulfilled the demands of the Sinai Covenant as no man could. He was sinless so that His blood atonement for our transgressions covers them and hides them from the Father as if they are buried in a tomb forever.

FIRSTFRUITS

The Feast of Firstfruits takes place on the 16th day of the first Scriptural month. It was celebrated by waving a sheaf of ripened grain before the Heavenly Father to symbolize the season's first harvest. Messiah's resurrection on the Feast of Firstfruits represents our future resurrection to be with Him forever.

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, and he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. Leviticus 23:9-11

Passover is on the 14th day of the first Scriptural month. The next day is the Holy Sabbath Feast of Unleavened Bread. Then the 16th day is the Feast of Firstfruits.

We see how Messiah rose on the third day, just like He foretold many times. He did not say that He would rise on the fourth day, as some supposed that He had to be in the grave for three full days and three full nights. Jewish tradition assigned any part of a day to a full day.

Using the imagery of a grain of wheat going down into the ground, Messiah said:

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. John 12:24

Messiah died that He might bear a harvest of redeemed souls for His Father. He was buried in a garden, which seems very fitting.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. John 19:41

Did Messiah wave a sheaf of wheat before the Father when He rose again? That would be amazing!

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20 describe Messiah rising again on the third day.

Matthew 28:1-10 gives the narrative of the women finding the empty tomb.

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Peter and John raced to the tomb to witness that Messiah had risen.

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. John 20:1-9

Peter and John made a profound observation about the cloth that was on Messiah's face, which was set aside by itself. First, it's proof that thieves did not take away His body in a hurry, as everything lay in such order and decency. But the setting aside of the napkin cloth has a more significant meaning.

In Hebrew tradition, the napkin placement was a sign to the servant so that they understood if the master was done eating or not. So the servant would wait out of sight until the master gave the signal.

If the master wadded up the napkin and tossed it on the table, it meant that he was finished; so the servant knew that it was okay to clear the table.

But if the master got up from the table, folded the napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant understood that the master was not finished and that he would be back.

Messiah, by placing His head napkin neatly to the side, tells us that He'll be back. HalleluYah!

These verses point to Messiah victoriously rising again, which is key to our faith:

Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Acts 2:24

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Acts 2:32

And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. Acts 3:15

Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. Acts 3:26

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. Acts 4:10

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Acts 5:30

Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly. Acts 10:40

God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Acts 13:33

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17:31

But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead. Romans 4:24

*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like **as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.** Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. Romans 6:4,9*

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. Romans 7:4

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Romans 8:11

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. Romans 8:22-23

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. Romans 14:8-9

And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 1 Corinthians 6:14

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

*But now is **Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **But every man in his own order:***

Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. 2 Corinthians 4:14

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. Ephesians 1:19-23

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. Colossians 2:12

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. 1 Thessalonians 1:10

Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel. 2 Timothy 2:8

Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. 1 Peter 1:21

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. James 1:17-18

*John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and **the first begotten of the dead**, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Revelation 1:4-5*

Messiah is the fulfillment of the Feast of Firstfruits, and just as He was resurrected, we have the promise of being resurrected to be with Him and the Heavenly Father forever.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Day of Pentecost occurs in the summer, seven Sabbaths, fifty days after the spring feasts. It points to the harvest of souls for the kingdom as Messiah sent His Father's Spirit on the disciples, which led to 3,000 Jews being redeemed for the kingdom on Pentecost.

Leviticus 23:15-22 says:

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD. Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 16:9-10 commands:

Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

During His multiyear ministry, Messiah foretold that He would send the Comforter.

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke 11:13

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:16-26

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. John 15:26-27

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. John 16:7-11

After His resurrection, Messiah made appearances over forty days and then told His disciples not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the day of Pentecost.

We can read in Acts 2:1-18 how the Spirit was poured out on the disciples on the Day of Pentecost and how the Gospel was preached, causing 3,000 Jews to believe in the Messiah on that day.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

In Acts 20:16, Paul strove to make it to Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost.

For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

Again, in 1 Corinthians 16:7-8, Paul speaks about observing the Day of Pentecost.

For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit is given to the followers of Messiah to seal them for the Heavenly Father.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Romans 8:26

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Corinthians 1:22

Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. 2 Corinthians 3:3

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 5:5

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13-14

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Galatians 4:4-6

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:12-14

He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 4:8

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13

And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. 1 John 3:24

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 1 John 4:13

We can celebrate the Day of Pentecost by reading these verses and giving thanks to the Ruach (*breath*) Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, our Advocate, who guides us.

GATHERING IN THE FRUIT OF THE HARVEST

From Messiah's first advent when He died for our sins on the feast of Passover, was sinless in the grave on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and rose against on Feast of Firstfruits; to His pouring out His Father's Ruach Spirit on the summer feast of Pentecost; until His return on the fall feast day of Trumpets, His judgment on the Day of Atonement and His marriage to His bride on the Holy Feast of Tabernacles; we see Messiah working to gather in a harvest of souls for His Father's kingdom.

This historical narrative is given in the book of Revelation, which speaks of what Messiah's Ekklesia of saints face from the first century until Messiah's return.

Revelation 12 describes the Roman Emperors being used by Satan to try to wipe out Messiah's Ekklesia of saints during ten persecution periods that lasted until 312 AD. That's 280 years from when Messiah died, which mimics the human gestation period, as the birth of the earth church was painful, especially the last period from 303-312 AD.

The Revelation 13 *sea beast* narrative describes the Satan-empowered *antichrist beast* Popes of Rome who banned and burned the Scriptures and persecuted the saints during the Dark Ages. They were so relentless that in May 1514, they proclaimed that all of Christendom was under their authority, and there were no *witnesses* left against them.

And then 3 ½ years later, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses which sparked the Protestant Reformation and brought the saints back to life. The Reformers proclaimed the Gospel, and there was a great harvest of souls for the kingdom as Catholics were redeemed by faith in Messiah alone.

The harvest continued as the Reformers translated the Scriptures into English, German and other languages. The timely advent of the printing press led to the *little book* of Revelation 10, the printed Bible, which was spread around the world through Bible Societies. The harvest expanded through worldwide missions and through the time of the Great Awakening, when millions were redeemed for the kingdom.

I pray that in these end times that the truth of prophecy fulfillment is proclaimed around the world, which proves the validity of the Bible and the deity of Messiah. I pray that this casts the *antichrist beast* Pope and *false prophet* Jesuit Superior General, the white pope and the black pope, down from power; to set the captives free for a glorious harvest of souls in the end times.

THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS

The Feast of Trumpets takes place on the first day of the seventh Scriptural month, which is usually in September on the Roman calendar. It represents Messiah's return for His bride when trumpets are blown and the elect is gathered to Him. We should praise Him as we eagerly await His return for us.

Leviticus 23:23-25 says,

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Numbers 29:1 says,

And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

Messiah pointed to His return in John 6:38-40.

*For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and **I will raise him up at the last day.***

Paul describes Messiah's return in 1 Corinthians 15:51-57.

*Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall 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 shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul describes Messiah's return in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

*But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

As you saw in *The Foolish Virgins* chapter, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 and 2 Peter 3:7-12 point to Messiah coming as a thief in the night, meaning His return will catch many people by surprise as they don't understand the proper context of His return.

Those who don't understand the context of Messiah's return, on the fall Holy Feast of Trumpets, will be caught by surprise. Those misled by the false, futuristic explanations of prophecy fulfillment, which are so popular today, don't have the oil of Scripture truth to light their way in these dark times.

Despite what the false prophecy teachers proclaim, most of the prophecies in Revelation have already been fulfilled during the last 1,900 years; and we're in the sixth vial today. In this context, Messiah reiterated this warning in the sixth vial of Revelation 16:15

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

You can request a PDF summary of the Revelation Timeline Decoded book, which shows what has already been fulfilled during the last 1,900 years, where we're at now on the fulfillment timeline, and what will happen next as we await Messiah's return on the home page of the website. www.RevelationTimelineDecoded.com

Do no regular work on the Feast of Trumpets and present an offering made to Yah by fire. We can celebrate it by blowing a shofar, trumpet, or making a loud shout.

We can come together to fellowship, celebrate, and praise, as it represents the fall harvest of souls in the end times.

It's a ten-day countdown, collectively called '*the days of Awe*,' a most solemn and holy time as we prepare for the Day of Atonement.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

From the Feast of Trumpets unto the Day of Atonement is the *Ten Days of Awe* to prepare our hearts for this most solemn day when we will stand before our Righteous Judge to give an account. We should most earnestly repent of our sins, the sins of our nation, and the sins of the church. We should be sorrowful at how the enemy has deceived men and pray for their salvation.

The Israelites of Yah fast and refrain from work as they live out a day of mourning for sin. After the confession of sin, all we can do is throw ourselves at the feet of our Intercessor, who paid the price for our sins.

Leviticus 23:26-32 says:

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

For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

Numbers 29:7 says:

And ye shall have on the tenth day of this seventh month an holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall not do any work therein:

Messiah proclaimed in Matthew 25:31-46:

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Sadly, many will hear the words *'depart from me, ye cursed.'* In Matthew 5:23-26, Messiah advises us to settle with others before we're delivered to a judge. How much more important is it for us to be in right standing before the Heavenly Father before the coming day of judgment?

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

Here are verses about the coming day of judgment:

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:10-12

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. 1 Corinthians 4:5

Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 2 Timothy 4:1-5

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Hebrews 9:24-28

Revelation 20:4, 11-15 foretells the white throne judgment:

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Thankfully, the written record of our sins has been nailed to the cross.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:13-15

What we've done in the flesh will be burned up at the judgment. Only what is done in the Spirit for the glory of our Heavenly Father and Messiah will remain.

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Here are the crowns that will be bestowed on the saints:

The Imperishable Crown - *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 1 Corinthians 9:24-25*

The Crown of Rejoicing - *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? 1 Thessalonians 2:19*

The Crown of Righteousness - *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8*

The Crown of Glory - *And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 1 Peter 5:4*

The Crown of Life - *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12*

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Revelation 2:10

The Day of Atonement is when the high priest of Israel entered the Most Holy place of the temple to apply the atoning blood of the sin offering for the whole nation.

And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness. Leviticus 16:7-10

Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness. Leviticus 16:15-16

And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness. Leviticus 16:20-22

Only the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies, and the other priests would wait silently. When the high priest was done offering the sacrifice for the nation, he would say, *'it is done.'* Just before Messiah died as the blood sacrifice for the nation of Israelites, those who have a covenant relationship with the Father through the Son, He proclaimed, *'it is finished.'*

So we see how Messiah fulfilled the role of the first goat, which was presented to the Heavenly Father as a perfect sacrifice. Messiah entered into the heavenly sanctuary with His blood which atones for the sins of the set-apart saints. Hebrews 9:11-14 says:

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

We see how Messiah fulfilled the role of the scapegoat, as the sins of the people were transferred onto Him. And as those sins were sent out into the desert via the scapegoat, so has Messiah sent our sins away completely, never to be held against us again.

On this solemn occasion, the high priest wore fine white linen instead of the rich colors of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet. His white robe would appear stained with blood from the sacrifice.

In Revelation 19:11-14, we see Messiah, our high priest, wearing a white robe with blood on it, representing His blood sacrifice to atone for our sins.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

It's a day to mourn for our sins and the people's sins; to repent so that we're dressed in fine linen, white and clean; and then to celebrate that our High Priest has paid the price for our transgressions and nailed the written record of them to the cross.

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

The Feast of Tabernacles takes place on the fifteenth day of the seventh Scriptural month and is celebrated over the next seven days until the twenty-first of the month. It points to the wedding feast of the bride to Messiah, so we should celebrate what will take place on this day when we will live with the Heavenly Father and Messiah forever.

It's a joyous feast, in stark contrast to the *Ten Days of Awe*, leading to the Day of Atonement. We celebrate the gathering of the fruit harvest and Yah's blessing in our life. It points back to when the Israelites lived in tents, *tabernacles*, when Yah brought them out of Egypt. Leviticus 23:33-55 says:

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day: Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

Numbers 29:12 says:

And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days.

It's amazing to see how the Holy Feast Days are divine appointments, not just to one event but to many. The first was that of Messiah's birth when He came to dwell among us. The word 'dwelt' in Greek means 'to abide in a tabernacle.'

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. John 1:1-5

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. John 1:14-15

Matthew 1:23 points to the deity of Messiah coming to dwell with men.

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

In Luke 2:7-20, we see that Messiah was born in a booth, a *tabernacle*. The Jews would travel to Jerusalem and live in booths during the Feast of Tabernacles. But amazingly, our beloved Messiah was born in an animal booth, as He is the Spotless Lamb who was sent to atone for our sins.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

We see the observance of the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles in that after the seven days, Messiah was circumcised on the eighth day.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. Luke 2:21-24

The name *Jesus* points back to *Joshua*, *Yeshua* in the Aramaic, which means 'Yah is salvation.' And we see Simeon prophesy that destiny.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

***For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,** Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. Luke 2:25-33*

John 7:1-14 describes Messiah going to the Feast of Tabernacles.

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly.

If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him. Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews. Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

During Messiah's ministry, He sought to convey to the Jews that He is the Anointed One who fulfills the Father's Holy Feast Days. At the end of the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the temple was gloriously illuminated by many golden lampstands. Messiah sought to relate His fulfillment of this Holy Feast day, saying:

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

On the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles, they praised the Heavenly Father for His bounty and asked Him to provide rain for the crops in the coming year. The first ceremony was called the 'pouring out of water' or the 'drawing out of water.'

Arnold Fructenbaum writes concerning this: *In this ceremony, the priests marched from the Temple Mount down the Kidron valley to the pool of Siloam, where pitchers were filled with water. The priests marched back up the Temple Mount, singing the Psalms of Ascent, Psalms 120-134, as they ascended the fifteen steps into the Temple Compound. The priests then poured out the water into the large Laver in the Temple Compound. This was followed by great rejoicing. The Jewish rabbis said 'He who has not seen the rejoicing at the pouring out of the water has not seen rejoicing in all his life'. The rabbis interpreted the pouring out of the water as a symbol of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the whole nation of Israel in the last days.*

Isaiah 12:2-6 points to Yah saving through Messiah:

*Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. **Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.** And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.*

The Jews were rejoicing about the fulfillment of the symbolism of the Feast of Tabernacles, but sadly many of them rejected the Anointed One who was sent to them as the fulfillment.

Recall Messiah's conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4.

There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

*Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but **the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***

During the time of the Feast of Tabernacles, Messiah said to the Jews:

*If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) John 7:37-39*

Messiah was proclaiming that He's the fulfillment of this ceremony. And He proved it out by healing the man who was born blind. He caused the man to wash in the pool of Siloam, the very place where the Jews went to get the water for their ceremony.

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. John 9:1-7

In John 14:23, Messiah points to the Yah's Spirit dwelling, *tabernacling*, in us.

*Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and **make our abode with him.***

In Acts 18:19-21, we see Paul going to Jerusalem to observe the Feast of Tabernacles.

And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

2 Corinthians 5:1-4 points to a future body, tabernacle. This body is a temporary tabernacle filled with the Spirit, but we will *tabernacle* with the Heavenly Father and Messiah one day.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

1 Timothy 3:16 points to Messiah coming to tabernacle in a fleshly body.

*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was **manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

2 Peter 3:12-13 points to our dwelling on a new earth.

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

In 1 John 1:1-4, John reiterates that deity came to *dwell* in the flesh.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

Revelation 19:7-9 points to the bride being made ready for the wedding to Messiah.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 21:1-6 points to the tabernacle of Yah.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Joshua (Yeshua) was the high priest that led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Now Yeshua the Messiah is taking His saints into the Promised Land. The Feast of Tabernacles points to the final harvest of souls and the celebration to come.

We celebrate this feast day for seven days, from the 15th to the 21st. Some people set up tents in their back yards to dwell in, or go camping in the wilderness in remembrance of what the Israelites did, that Messiah came to dwell in the flesh, that the Spirit of Yah tabernacles inside of us, and that someday we will dwell in the presence of Yah the Heavenly Father and our beloved Messiah.

THE FEAST OF DEDICATION

The Feast of Dedication, the Feast of Lights, isn't one of the Heavenly Father's Holy Feast days, but it directly ties into one of them.

We'll first look at why the Israelites observed the feast and then how it points to Messiah, how He's fulfilling it, and how we can celebrate it.

In Daniel 8, we see Grecian leader Antiochus Epiphanes, who was called a *little horn* because he was much less than Alexander the Great, who was called a *notable horn*.

And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. Daniel 8:9-14

Antiochus Epiphanes, the *little horn*, leader of the Seleucids, the *vile person*, surrounded Jerusalem with his armies and killed tens of thousands of Jews. He defiled the sanctuary and caused the daily sacrifice to be taken away for 2,300 days. His persecution of the Jews began in 171 BC, and the temple was cleansed in 165 BC.

The Jews memorialized this event with the Feast of Dedication, the Feast of Lights because they had recaptured the temple and cleansed it. They illuminated the temple with lights from many menorahs. It was a glorious spectacle!

Now let's apply the symbolism to Messiah. He was born on the fall Holy Feast Day of Tabernacles; some say that it took place on September 11 of the pagan Roman calendar. This means that He was conceived nine months earlier, around the 11th of December. This is the time of the Feast of Dedication, the Feast of Lights, and here's where it gets interesting.

Science has shown that there is a flash of light when a woman's egg is impregnated, When Mary was supernaturally impregnated, there would have been a flash of light when Messiah, *the Light of the World*, was formed.

John 10:22 points to Messiah being in Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication, showing that He revered this feast day.

And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

Revelation 21:22-24 points to when there is a new heaven and earth when there will be no need for a sun, as Messiah is the light of the world.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

This brings us full circle as John 1 points to Messiah being the light of the world.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

John 3:16-21 points to the light that has come into the world.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

In John 12:44-50, he points to Messiah as the light come into the world.

Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

1 Corinthians 4:45 points to Messiah our Judge.

For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 points to the light of the Gospel.

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 1:8-10 points to the life and the light.

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

We can light candles and celebrate the Feast of Dedication, the Feast of Lights, as Messiah is the Light of the World which illuminates the temple, His Ekklesia of saints.

HEAVENLY CALENDAR VS. PAGAN ROMAN CALENDAR

The enemy has pushed aside the Scriptural calendar to impose upon the world one that's only based on the sun. But the Scriptural calendar is lunisolar, as the sun dictates the start of the year and the moon dictates the start of the months.

Genesis 1:14 proclaims that the sun and moon are for seasons, days, and years.

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.

The Scriptural calendar is not compatible with the pagan Roman calendar. This is by the design of Satan, who controls the Roman beast kingdom and has used Emperors and Popes to reform the calendar.

The Roman calendar starts in the middle of winter when the length of daylight is the shortest, and some plants and animals are dormant. The Scriptural calendar starts in spring when plants are starting to bloom, when bears come out of hibernation, etc. So we see the heavenly rhythm played out in the creation.

The Roman day starts in the middle of the night when it's dark. But a Scriptural day starts when the sunlight overtakes the sky to push away the darkness.

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:16-18

It's outside of the scope of this article to explain the Scriptural calendar, determine when a year starts, when the month starts, and the timing of the Holy Feasts days.

You can use www.TheScripturalCalendar.com website studies to learn more about the Scriptural calendar and how to follow it.

SUMMARY

I pray that this study helps you see the full Gospel message of how Messiah is fulfilling His Father's Holy Feast Days to redeem the set-apart saints.

There is much glory in seeing how events have been orchestrated to line up perfectly with the Feast Days, in seeing how our beloved Messiah traveled to Jerusalem to observe them, the lessons that He taught during them, and how they point to Messiah's return for His bride to tabernacle with her forever.

There is joy and celebration in understanding the proper context of Messiah dying for our sins and rising again and knowing the Holy Feast day that represents His returning for His bride.

Revelation 19:5-9 points to the bride *making herself ready*, being *white* because she has come out of the enemy's man-made doctrine.

And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Maranatha, we long for that day! Until then, let us fight the good fight against the enemy and help others come out of Babylon so that they can be pure and holy for our beloved Messiah!

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16

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Shalom, David