

# “Yeshua’s Festivals”

## *an overview*

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*Refer to the last page: “How to Interpret Scripture”*

Your notes:

## Whose Festivals are they?

We will start with Leviticus 23:1 through 44; the whole chapter in the Amplified.

We are going to look at a couple of verses at a time.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD [YHVH] spoke again to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The appointed times (established feasts) of the LORD [YHVH] which you shall proclaim as holy convocations--My appointed times are these:

In verse 1, YHVH spoke to Moses. Moses was only a transmitter of YHVH’s Word.

In verse 2, YHVH said, “speak to the children of Israel (אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל).” He did not say to speak to protestants, Catholics, nor to the church, gentiles or even to Judaism. Instead, He said to speak to the children of Israel only. YHVH said, the appointed times (מוֹעֲדֵי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר-תִּקְרְאוּ) you are to “proclaim” as Holy Assemblies (מִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ) and YHVH said, these are My Feasts, My appointments (מוֹעֲדַי).

## The First Holy Assembly is Sabbath

<sup>3</sup> ‘For six days work may be done, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation (calling together). You shall not do any work [on that day]; it is the Sabbath of the LORD [YHVH] wherever you may be.

This states “the seventh day is the Sabbath of complete rest”

It is, שַׁבָּת שְׁבִתוֹן, it contains cessation from labor, sanctification, covenant sign, and joyful worship.

## Spring Appointments (The First Coming)

### Passover and Unleavened Bread

<sup>4</sup> ‘These are the appointed times of the LORD [YHVH], holy convocations [assemblies] which you shall proclaim at their appointed times: <sup>5</sup>The LORD’S [YHVH’s] Passover is on the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight [between the two evenings]. <sup>6</sup>The Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD [YHVH] is on the fifteenth day of the same month; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. <sup>7</sup>On the first day you shall have a holy convocation (calling together); you shall not do any laborious work [on that day]. <sup>8</sup>But you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD [YHVH] for seven days; on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work [on that day].’”

### The Feast of First Fruits

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD [YHVH] spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>10</sup>“Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘When you enter the land which I am giving you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf [a tied bundle of stalks of freshly harvested grain] of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. <sup>11</sup>He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD [YHVH] so that you may be accepted; the priest shall wave it on the day after the Sabbath. <sup>12</sup>Now on the day when you wave the sheaf you shall offer a male lamb one year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD [YHVH]. <sup>13</sup>Its grain offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with [olive] oil, an offering by fire to the LORD [YHVH] for a sweet *and* soothing aroma, with its drink offering [to be poured out], a fourth of a hin of wine. <sup>14</sup>You shall not eat any bread or roasted grain or new growth, until this same day when you bring in the offering to your God; it is a permanent statute throughout your generations wherever you may be.

## The Feast of Weeks

<sup>15</sup>You shall count from the day after the Sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf (tied bundle of grain) of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete Sabbaths (seven full weeks). <sup>16</sup> You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD [YHVH]. <sup>17</sup> You shall bring in from your places two loaves of bread as a wave offering, made from two-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven as first fruits to the LORD [YHVH]. <sup>18</sup> And you shall offer with the bread seven unblemished lambs, one year old, and one young bull and two rams. They are to be a burnt offering to the LORD [YHVH], with their grain offering and their drink offerings. It is an offering by fire, a sweet and soothing aroma to the LORD [YHVH]. <sup>19</sup> And you shall sacrifice one male goat as a sin offering and two male lambs, one year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. <sup>20</sup> The priest shall wave them before the LORD [YHVH] as a wave offering, together with the bread of the first fruits and the two lambs. They are to be holy to the LORD [YHVH] for the priest. <sup>21</sup> On this same day you shall make a proclamation, you are to have a holy convocation (calling together); you shall not do any laborious work [on that day]. It is to be a permanent statute throughout your generations wherever you may be.

<sup>22</sup>“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the edges of your field, nor gather the gleaning of your harvest; you are to leave them for the poor and for the stranger. I am the LORD [YHVH] your God.”

## The Fall Appointments (The Second Coming) Yom Trumpets (Yom Tru’ah)

<sup>23</sup> Again the LORD [YHVH] spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>24</sup>“Say to the children of Israel, ‘On the first day of the seventh month (almost October), you shall observe a day of solemn sabbatical

rest, a memorial day announced by the blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. [שְׁבִתוֹן זְכָרוֹן תְּרוּעָה מִקְרָא-קֹדֶשׁ]

<sup>25</sup> You shall not do any laborious work [on that day], but you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD [YHVH].”

## Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

<sup>26</sup> The LORD [YHVH] spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>27</sup> “Also the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement; it shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble yourselves [by fasting] and present an offering by fire to the LORD [YHVH]. <sup>28</sup> You shall not do any work on this same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement on your behalf before the LORD [YHVH] your God. <sup>29</sup> If there is any person who will not humble himself on this same day, he shall be cut off from his people [excluding him from the atonement made for them]. <sup>30</sup> If there is any person who does any work on this same day, I will destroy that person from among his people. <sup>31</sup> You shall do no work at all [on that day]. It is a permanent statute throughout your generations wherever you may be. <sup>32</sup> It is to be to you a Sabbath of complete rest, and you shall humble yourselves. On the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening you shall keep your Sabbath.” (also see the 16 chapter about Yom Kippur)

## The Feast of Tabernacles

<sup>33</sup> Again the LORD [YHVH] spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>34</sup> “Say to the children of Israel, ‘On the fifteenth day of this seventh month, and for seven days, is the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) to the LORD [YHVH] [חַג הַסֻּכּוֹת שִׁבְעַת יָמִים לַיהוָה].’

<sup>35</sup> The first day is a holy convocation (calling together); you shall not do any laborious work [on that day]. <sup>36</sup> For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD [YHVH]. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD [YHVH]. It is a festive assembly; you shall not do any laborious work [on that day].

<sup>37</sup>‘These are the appointed times (established feasts) of the LORD [YHVH], which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to present an offering by fire to the LORD [YHVH], a burnt offering and a grain offering, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its own day. <sup>38</sup>This is in addition to the [weekly] Sabbaths of the LORD [YHVH], and in addition to your gifts and all your vowed offerings and all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD [YHVH].

<sup>39</sup>‘On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month (nearly October), when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD [YHVH] for seven days, with a Sabbath rest on the first day and a Sabbath rest on the eighth day. <sup>40</sup>Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick (leafy) trees, and willows of the brook [and make booths of them]; and you shall rejoice before the LORD [YHVH] your God for seven days. <sup>41</sup>You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD [YHVH] for seven days in the year. It shall be a permanent statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. <sup>42</sup>You shall live in booths (temporary shelters) for seven days; all native-born [Ephesians 2:12, gentiles graphed into the commonwealth of Israel] in Israel shall live in booths, <sup>43</sup>so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am the LORD [YHVH] your God.’” <sup>44</sup>So Moses declared to the Israelites the appointed feasts [times] of the LORD [YHVH].

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## ***“How to Interpret Scripture”***

### ***Three things to always apply when studying Scripture:***

1. *Contextually* – study Scripture within the context of the entire Bible.
  2. *Literally* – read Scripture literally – what do the words actually mean.
  3. *Historically* – understand Scripture within its historical/chronological context.
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## *The character of Yeshua according to His Word:*

1. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, & forever,” [Heb 13:8; Malachi 3:6]
  2. “God is not a man that He should lie,” [Num 23:19; Heb 6:18]
  3. Do not add or subtract from the Scriptures, [Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19]
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## *Key Scriptures to Interpret the Bible*

Matt 28:18-20 – this is after His resurrection.

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus [Yeshua] came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:6-8 – after Yeshua’s resurrection, He spoke to His disciples about the restoration of Israel.

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord [YHVH], will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

John 4:22-24 Amplified Bible

<sup>22</sup>You [Samaritans] do not know what you worship; we [Jews] do know what we worship, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit [from the heart, the inner self] and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 3:36 – the book of John stated that obedience is key to eternal life:

<sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

James 1:25

<sup>25</sup>But he who looks carefully into the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and faithfully abides by it, not having become a [careless] listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he will be blessed *and* favored by God in what he does [in his life of obedience].

James 2:12

<sup>12</sup>Speak and act [consistently] as people who are going to be judged by the law of liberty [that moral law that frees obedient Christians from the bondage of sin].

1John 2:3-6 - the Apostle John asked, “Do you really know God?”:

<sup>3</sup>And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his

commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup>but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup>whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. [Note: Yeshua perfectly kept the Torah; likewise, we also need to &, thereby, stop sinning.]

James 2:19-24

<sup>19</sup>You believe that God is one; you do well [to believe that]. The demons also believe [that], and shudder *and* bristle [in awe-filled terror--they have seen His wrath]! <sup>20</sup>But are you willing to recognize, you foolish [spiritually shallow] person, that faith without [good] works is useless? <sup>21</sup>Was our father Abraham not [shown to be] justified by works [of obedience which expressed his faith] when he offered Isaac his son on the altar [as a sacrifice to God]? <sup>22</sup>You see that [his] faith was working together with his works, and as a result of the works, his faith was completed [reaching its maturity when he expressed his faith through obedience]. <sup>23</sup>And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND THIS [faith] WAS CREDITED TO HIM [by God] AS RIGHTEOUSNESS *and* AS CONFORMITY TO HIS WILL,” and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup>You see that a man (believer) is justified by works and not by faith alone [that is, by acts of obedience a born-again believer reveals his faith].

John 12:47-50

<sup>47</sup>If anyone hears My words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge *and* condemn the world [that is, to initiate the final judgment of the world], but to save the world. <sup>48</sup>Whoever rejects Me and refuses to accept My teachings, has one who judges him; the *very* word that I spoke will judge *and* condemn him on the last day. <sup>49</sup>For I have never spoken on My own initiative *or* authority, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *regarding* what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup>I know that His commandment is eternal life. So the things I speak, I speak [in accordance with His exact instruction,] just as the Father has told Me.”

### Timeline

Pre-30AD - <i>Rabbinic tradition</i>	30AD – <i>Resurrection / Pentecost</i>	40AD – <i>Peter’s vision &amp; Cornelius (Acts 10)</i>	50AD – <i>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)</i>	325AD – <i>Council of Nicaea</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oral Law</li> <li>○ Customs of Moses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to <u>Jews</u> <i>only</i> who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Pentecost</li> <li>○ Outpouring of Holy Spirit on <u>Gentiles</u> <i>only</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Acts 10</li> <li>○ Jerusalem Council – discussion about Gentiles’ salvation &amp; circumcision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Under the auspices of Constantine</li> <li>○ Only Gentile bishops were allowed – Jews could not attend</li> </ul>