

The Pathway to the Kingdom Through Yah's (God's) Holy Days

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Preface

Yah in his infinite love for mankind has given us His Plan of Salvation, a spiritual path way, which allows entrance into His Kingdom to achieve life eternal. Yahshua states that no one can come to the Father except through the Son. To be living in spiritual truth, a believer must have the Father's Holy Spirit. Today a popularly held belief holds that there are many pathways to God. There is no such declaration found in scripture.

Scripture describes the entire scope of mankind's past, present and eternal relationship to Yah (God) as depicted in the Holy Day Feast Day observances. Beginning in spring, the first Passover commemorates Yah calling His nation, Israel, out of the world. Then continuing into autumn, culminating with the final last Great Day, Yah completes His Plan of Salvation offering it to all. This loving gesture by Yah is the final opportunity for mankind to obtain life everlasting with Him on earth. That reason alone makes understanding His Plan of paramount importance in anyone's life!

Leviticus 23:1~2 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 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**.

Introduction

Yah's Plan of Salvation has been given to those chosen by Yah. The Plan's origin is found in the Bible where Yah made a covenant with the Israelites for them to be His people. This event set in motion the way, the spiritual pathway, for mankind to enter His Kingdom. The Plan was inaugurated at Mount Sinai before the Israelites began their walk in the desert for forty years. From that time and for each subsequent year thereafter, Yah commands **all believers** to physically memorialize, rehearse the Mt. Sinai instructions.

The Plan embraces many facets all meshing to aid the believer to achieve profound understanding of Yah's loving purpose for our salvation. Those given this Plan also received the Sabbath Day, a most exclusive sign between themselves and their Creator, setting them apart from all others. Understanding the Plan demands an in depth reading of scripture that affirms the purpose for the calendar of holyday feasts as presented by Yah.

Yet the Word of Yah contained in the Holy Bible has been plagued throughout history with agendas that distort its meaning. Judaism and Christianity are replete with accretions of traditions and doctrines that have altered or in some instances radically changed original biblical verse meaning into outright error. Despite such egregious error, mainline denominations have elevated such misinterpretations as revered truths. This book seeks to remedy this pervasive, sad situation. All scriptural references are exclusively taken from the King James Version of the Bible or otherwise noted. We want each verse to speak its own message, a message sent directly from Yah the Father and His son Yahshua to mankind, not filtered through Judaism or Christianism. **Annual Holydays of Yah (God)!**

"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" (Leviticus 23:2).

Sabbath

"Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an Holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings" (Leviticus 23:3). The Sabbath pictures the sign between Yah (God) and His people. God made the Sabbath for man. It is a sign by which we know that he is our God and we his people. It is a memorial of creation and creation is the proof of the existence of God. Creation identifies God. The Sabbath is a weekly memorial and reminder of God and His power to create! "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" (Genesis 2:2~3).

Passover

"In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S Passover" (Leviticus 23:5).

Passover pictures the death of Christ as the Lamb of God, who shed His blood for the remission of sin for all of mankind. "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 almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 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 entered 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 9:14, & 22~28). "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect" (Hebrews 10:1). As we take the New Testament Passover each year with the new symbols of bread and wine, we renew our vows to God that we want to put sin out of our life and to be a new person in Christ. "And as they were eating, Christ took bread, and blessed it, and breaks it, and gave it to the disciples, and

said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:26~28).

Days of Unleavened Bread

"And on the fifteenth day of the same month (the first month) is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have a 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 a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein" (Leviticus 23:6~8).

As we eat unleavened bread for seven days, we picture the putting on of Christ. We imbibe His nature. His character and His laws. In Leviticus 23:6 God said, we must eat unleavened bread seven days! "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" (Leviticus 23:6). This was a command from Yah (God). The reason being, we need to put Christ into our inward parts. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). "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. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 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 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 6:4~13).

Wave Sheaf Offering

"Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: 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" (Leviticus 23:10,15).

The Wave Sheaf Offering pictures, not the resurrection, but the resurrected Christ being accepted by Yah (God) as the very first human being to be actually born of God...the first fruit of the first harvest of brethren. "Christ saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God" (John 20:17). "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (1 Corinthians 15:20, 23).

Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)

"Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. 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 forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations" (Leviticus 23: 16, 21).

Fifty days after the wave sheaf was offered the Holy Spirit was given to aid the people of Yah. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; 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. 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" (John 14:16~18, 20~21). The Holy Spirit is a power, not a person, the Spirit of Yah the Father, for Yah is Spirit. We can see Christ in Pentecost as the first part of the spiritual first harvest.

Feast of Trumpets

"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" (Leviticus 23:24).

The Feast of Trumpets pictures the return of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. "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). "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called and chosen and faithful" (Revelation 17:14). Unless Christ returns to resurrect the dead, we will never gain eternal life. At that time Christ will begin to set up His Kingdom on this earth.

Day of Atonement

"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. 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 (Leviticus 23: 27, 32).

Atonement pictures Christ as our High Priest going behind the veil into the Holy of Holies, (which is in heaven), to atone for our sins, and to lay the sins of the world on the head of Satan, to send him away for 1000 years. "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison" (Revelation 20:2~3, 7). Atonement means to set at one...to join in one...to form by uniting. We shall not be completely joined in one, and united with Yah until Satan, the accuser of the brethren, the actual author of sin, is taken away. "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying; The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Ingathering (tabernacles) for seven days unto the LORD. On the first day shall be an Holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein" (Leviticus 23:34~35).

This feast pictures Yahshua's marriage to His church during the millennium. To show His plan, God took the yearly material harvest seasons, to symbolically represent the spiritual harvest of souls. This second annual harvest, produced by the "latter rain", comes in the fall. The Feast of Tabernacles or Ingathering is at the turn of the year (beginning of autumn). "Celebrate the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year" (Ex 34:22 Interlinear Bible). Just as the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) pictures the early harvest...this church age, so the Feast of Ingathering pictures the late harvest...the great harvest of people in the millennium! The millennium is the time when the Eternal shall be King over the whole earth. "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zechariah 14:9,16). We see a kingdom, heavenly in origin, principle, and authority, set up on earth, with Jerusalem as the capital and to be established first over His creation.

Last Great Day

"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" (Leviticus 23:36).

The last festival of Yah pictures the final resurrection, when all who have ever lived have the opportunity to learn and live the way of the True God and Christ. "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" (Revelation 20:11~13). This festival pictures the final judgment before the renewed heaven and renewed earth comes from the Father. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15). "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" (Revelation 21:1~3).

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Chapter 1

Grafted In

Before proceeding into a discussion of the Holyday Feasts and their relationship as part of the Plan of Salvation, the definition of what it meant and still means to be "chosen" should be addressed. When Yah gave his Salvation Plan on Mount Sinai the majority were Israelites, directly descended from the original twelve tribes but some were not. This fact is affirmed in the description of those being labeled as "strangers in one's gates" who observed the Passover outside the house of Israel. Yahshua's ministry was exclusively directed to this mixed group which continued beyond His death, up until the stoning of Stephen who had passionately presented to the religious leaders of his time a sweeping indictment of Judaism's ill treatment of prophets that climaxed in the denial and scheming to murder the Messiah (The Book of Acts Chapters 6,7 & 8). After Stephen, non Israelites were evangelized, fully embracing the status of being "Chosen," invited to receive the message of The New Way, being spiritually grafted in as wild olive tree branches into the Native Olive Tree, on a par with native olive branches, the original chosen nation, the Israelites.

In horticulture the term "grafted in" describes a piece of one living plant tissue that contains an actively growing shoot, the scion, being inserted so as to line up with the cambium of another related plant species, the rootstock, in order to produce a new plant that receives life-giving nourishment from the roots of the aforementioned plant. Yahshua used this time honored horticultural method to symbolically represent the spiritual and physical position of gentiles, outside the nation of Israel, who being grafted in as nonnative, wild olive branches became part of and received life giving substance from the original native tree, the twelve tribes, collectively known as the nation of Israel.

To review: This Mount Sinai Covenant, a contract, an oath, includes not only those of the nation of Israel, those being of age able to understand what is being given. It embraces far more including him that stands here with us this day before the LORD our God; "your captains, your elders, your officers, with all the men of Israel, your little ones, your wives and strangers," meaning the participating Gentiles, those joining into the family and also with him that is not here with us this day referencing future generations. These future generations learn to fear, respect Yah through their parent's teachings. They themselves did not make a covenant with Yah on the mountain, but through the promise given to their parents they obtain the gift.

In the Book of Romans Paul sums up the Israelite and gentile condition regarding Yah's covenant.

Romans 11:1~4 I say then, Hath God cast away **his people**? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away **his people** which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the

Romans11:16~21 For **if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.** And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert **graffed in among them**, and **with them partakest** of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were **broken off**, that I might be **graffed in**. Well; **because of unbelief they were broken off**, and thou standest by **faith**. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

Romans11:22~32 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: **otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.** And they also, if they **abide not** still **in unbelief**, shall be **graffed in**: for God is able to **graff them in again**. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is **wild by nature**, and wert **graffed** contrary to nature into a **good olive tree:** how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, **be graffed into their own olive tree?** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that **blindness in part is happened to Israel**, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, **they are enemies for your sakes**: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance (*change*). For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy **through their unbelief**: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in **unbelief**, that he might have mercy upon all.

The fate of Israel was set in motion after accepting the calling out of Egypt. For the nation of Israel there are only two roads to walk. The first consists of a **faithful walk** in covenant with Yah and that walk was not only for them, but for their generations to follow. Their children, following in the parent's footsteps, honor Yah as they have been taught His laws, drawing even closer in relationship with their Creator through the means of the parent's teachings. The other road is the fate prophesied in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 26, describing the faithless and their **falling away**.

Once called into covenant with Yah and proceeding on the walk, the generations that followed, the children and those that attached themselves to the called family, were not called again in their generation to make a covenant with Yah. Once the family line was called, all that partook of the line were part of the promises of the covenant. The generations that followed the first families that came out of Egypt did not personally go up to the mount into covenant with Yah, generation after generation. Nor did each succeeding generation receive the commandment from Yah personally, but were taught through their parents as the promise was inherited.

The same is true with our children who are sanctified through us in our belief in Yahshua. They are already part of the family, part of the wild olive branches grafted in and do not need to apply to join. They need only comply with Yah's righteous requirements to stay grafted in and inherit the blessings.

If you are one of the wild olive branches grafted into the original olive tree, which is referring to Yahshua, you are counted as one with the tree. You are part of the first and only nation Yah has called to be His. As one that is now part of the tree, being grafted in, you are also required just as the original branches to produce fruit. You will be dealt with as one of the original branches and pruned as needed to flourish into becoming a healthy branch on the tree. Your purpose, as are all the branches, is to grow and provide beauty to the Creator. You will be asked to produce fruit, referring to the righteous requirements according to Yah's laws. Some will also be given the opportunity to produce off shoots of their own having been given a faithful head start. As you are made in the likeness of your Creator, ergo they are also made in your likeness, repeating the process.

These off shoots are sanctified through your belief until they are mature enough to discern for themselves. Their fate is not to be grafted in as they already are, but to stay the course and produce fruit. For them there are two choices: One is the **faithful walk**, following in the parent's footsteps and honoring Yah as they have been taught drawing even closer in relationship with their Creator. The other is the fate prophesied by Yahshua describing the faithless and their **falling away**.

Did you get that? The off shoots don't get an opportunity to be grafted in for they are already a part of the tree. They only get the opportunity of choosing a **faithful walk** or **falling away** which is something they never knew before. They are as one born into the nation of Israel needing only to participate.

The parents, who were wild branches that are grafted in, came from outside of the chosen nation. They had to repent, meaning, change their ways to come in line with the teaching of the truth. Once accepted as a natural branch and grafted into the trunk of the tree, their goal is to honor their Creator through their actions.

Symbolically speaking, if one is a branch grafted into the one true tree, and that branch becomes intimate with another, they may join as one according to the law of Yah. Being joined as one, this new branch "family" can produce off shoots in their likeness beginning a family line which would be in the likeness of their Creator. These off shoots are nurtured by the branch from which they came. This nurturing or life giving force is Yah's Holy Spirit passing through the tree into the branches and new off shoots giving them life.

Nowhere does it refer to the new shoots ever being displaced or made to be grafted into the trunk of the tree for themselves. No... they are part of the branch, the family line that is attached to the trunk of the tree. At no time are they required to apply for nourishment; they are part of the branch which is part of the family line attached to the trunk of the tree already partaking of the inheritance.

Once again from the aspect of the new off shoots, there is but two ways to proceed. Follow in the family line attached to the tree of life bearing fruit **walking faithfully**, or **falling away**. Falling away is to wither away, dry up as an old leaf and fall to the ground. Also those that refuse to bear fruit are also pruned by the master gardener as He sees fit.

Hosea 2: 23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them **which were not my people**, **Thou art my people**; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

Joel 2: 28~32 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and **your sons and your daughters shall prophesy**, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before** the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the **remnant whom the LORD shall call**.

I pray when you stand in the presence of your grown children You may never hear a an accusing voice coming up from that clay, "Father, your negligence was my destruction Mother, your lack of praying, the instrument of my damnation

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Chapter 2

The Sabbath

The Sabbath is the first Holy Day that is given for our observance, denoted as a day of rest and sanctioned as a Holy Convocation. The Sabbath, celebrating creation, is the foundation upon which every succeeding Holy Day rests. Yah's Plan of Salvation starts by giving His creation rest and gathering them in a worship of thanksgiving. How could one have a better start?

Leviticus 23:1~3 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 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. Six days shall work be done: but **the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an Holy Convocation**; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

Convocation: Strong's Concordance #04744 mik-raw' from 7121; something called out, a public meeting, the act, the persons, or the place; also a rehearsal: assembly, calling, reading.

The biblical Sabbath is a weekly day of rest, an outward sign of worship, for those that observe its call. Sabbath in the Bible (as the verb Shavath) is first mentioned in the Genesis creation narrative where the seventh day is set aside as a day of rest and is sanctified, made Holy, by Yah (God) in Genesis 2:1~3.

Genesis 1:1~31 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth...And God said, Let there be light: and there was light...And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the **first day**...And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters...And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the **second day**...And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so...And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the **third day**...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... 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. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day...And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven...And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the **fifth day**...And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so...And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth...And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1~3 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the **seventh day God ended his work** which he had made; and **he rested on the seventh day** from all his work which he had made. And God **blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it**: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

The Anglicized term "Sabbath" is in Hebrew Shabbath , Strong's Concordance #7676 as šabbāt, now usually Shabbat, meaning "day of rest."

The definition also has its origin in the scriptures' textual tradition of "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Observation and remembrance of the Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments, the fourth in the original word spoken by Yah to His people on Mt. Sinai.

Exodus 20:8~11 **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD **blessed the Sabbath day**, **and hallowed it.**

The Biblical Sabbath as instructed by the Holy Scriptures is observed and esteemed as been instituted by Our Creator as an everlasting sign between Yah and mankind, a perpetual covenant for the people of Israel and also for proselytes, those grafted into the covenant.

Thus "The Sign," "the observance of the Sabbath Day," the seventh day of the week, during which Yah (God) rested after having completed creation in six days, became the mark, the symbol, the representation, icon, "The Sign" which Our Creator gave us to establish a covenant between His chosen people and Himself as our only God, Our Creator.

Exodus 31:12~17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, Holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Once again this day, in which Yah has set aside from all other days He blessed, sanctified, made Holy and commanded that mankind remember this day out of the seven to have a Holy Convocation, a holy gathering as a perpetual covenant. The observance of this day would be "the sign" between His called out people and Himself, as a covenant forever. Not just in the knowledge of the Day, but the observance of the day as the day the Lord did sanctify as a day of rest for mankind.

"Knowing and not doing results in not knowing at all."

Ezekiel 20:2~3 & 10~12 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying, Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave

them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them my **Sabbaths**, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

Keeping Yah's **Sabbaths**, and choosing the things that please Him by holding true to His Covenant, we are blessed beyond measure. It is an honor and a privilege to serve worshipping Our Creator who provides for our benefit a time for a needed rest allowing us to praise our Creator who is so unappreciated by the overwhelming majority of mankind.

Isaiah 56:1~8 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my Sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

Isaiah 58:13~14 If thou turn away thy foot from the **Sabbath**, from doing thy pleasure on my Holy Day; and call the **Sabbath** a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Each of Yah's Holy Days, also called Sabbaths, is celebrated throughout the year and collectively comprises Yah's Plan of Salvation. During each Sabbath, lasting a full day, 24 hours, we rest from our daily activity to reflect and worship Our Creator.

Yah by giving the Weekly Sabbath has given fifty-two breaths of life, Through them we see and feel His presence

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Chapter 3

The Triumphal Entry: 10th Day of the First Month

In studying the Plan of Salvation one initially encounters a common misconception, an obvious flaw, regarding our relationship to Yah (God). Many believe and passionately declare that they alone found the Lord exclusively through their own efforts and are now guaranteed saved. What does the Word of Yah, the Holy Scriptures say about this widely held assumption? Answer: The scriptures declare something exactly the opposite: **One is called into the knowledge of the Father** and the son Yahshua by the means of The Father's Holy Spirit, not of our own free will. Thus one must first be called by the Holy Spirit, selected by our Heavenly Father in order to hear his message and be blessed by His grace through our faith in Him Ephesians 2:8.

Hence it is this calling and by whom you are called that set the stage for this incredible walk with Our Lord. So the first objective is to find who is doing this calling, the second, who has sealed us, engaged in covenant with us and finally, when is this calling first seen in the Plan of Salvation?

John 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The Son of Man, Yahshua gives us everlasting life; He himself is sealed by the Father to call us into His kingdom. Follow along as the first steps of the Plan of Salvation unfold revealing the Holydays of Yah's salvation.

As foretold in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 23, the first Holyday convocation is the weekly Sabbath followed by the the first proclaimed Feast day of Passover occurring in the first lunar month of the sacred biblical calendar. We start this Holyday with a preparation which shows explicitly who is calling for those to be joined to this Feast. **Please refer to the Triumphal Entry Calendar found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event in the year 30A.D.**

Exodus 12:1~10 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.

Thus the sign of who is being called to this Feast is noted by the blood on the side post and lintel of the door of the houses in which they are called to eat the Passover meal. In Egypt the tenth day of the first month was the time that the lambs were selected by the family and held until the 14th day for the Passover meal. This is the exact time of the month that Yahshua's triumphal entry into Jerusalem occurred. This event is followed by Yahshua giving the new symbols of bread and wine at the same meal with His family, the called out ones, the apostles. Let us set the stage for His arrival through the witnesses given in the scriptures.

Matthew 21:1~11 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

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. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. 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** (*Oh save! an exclamation of adoration*) to the Son of David: **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord**; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, **Who is this?** And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

This event fulfills the prophecy as stated in the Book of Zechariah describing the coming of the Messiah, the King of the Jews, arriving to deliver His chosen nation, those called by His name from bondage. Yet His called ones both denied and rejected their Messiah, then killed Him, causing the abomination that brought about their desolation.

Zechariah 9: 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: **he is just**, and having **salvation**; **lowly**, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the **foal** of an ass.

Reading another witness account of the event in the Book of Mark:

Mark 11:1~11 And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, **whereon never man sat**; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, **Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:** Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the **eventide** was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

Again this event of Yahshua's entry into Jerusalem before partaking of the Passover meal with His disciples is told and recorded in the Book of Luke serving as a witness. Each witness adds to the description of the events taking place, the fulfillment of prophecy occurring before them: Yahshua's selecting those called to partake of the Passover with Him.

Luke 19:28~44 And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of **Olives**, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saving, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within

thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Three witnesses describe the event when Yahshua enters the city being exalted as the savior, **Hosanna** (Oh save! an exclamation of adoration). Yet, in response to their praise, Yahshua weeps over the sight of the city declaring, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes, because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."

At this time many knew about the coming of the Messiah, while even more refused to acknowledge that Yahshua was He through His many miraculous signs. Even during these last moments of His ministry, Yahshua said that He would forgive, if they would turn and repent. But like them, we today all seal our fate by our actions or lack of them. It is also stated that the same rejection will happen at the time of the end. Approximately 2000 years have passed since His return was prophesized, yet most refuse to acknowledge the truth of His second coming that will exhibit Yahshua's wrath rather than Him being a restorer of peace.

Notice the reference to the colt, "whereon yet **never man sat**," upon which Yahshua rode into Jerusalem. This event was fulfilled perfectly as prophesied with Yahshua coming to His own, "behold, thy King cometh unto thee: **he is just**, and having **salvation**; **lowly**, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt **the foal** of an ass."

A colt refers to a **male horse**, usually below four years of age. The term "colt" is often confused with "foal," which refers to a horse of either sex less than **one year of age.** Yahshua is said to be riding a **"foal of an ass."** Why is that so important? This tenth day of the first month is also the time that lambs were to be selected for the Passover meal. This lamb was to be a **male** of the flock of the **first year** (Exodus 12:1~6). Those families which lived in the city selected the lamb on this day and proceeded to bring them into the city where they would be kept until the 14th day. This procedure, the reenactment of this event, was rehearsed every year.

Here we can see Yahshua fulfilling this event as He proceeds into the city riding on a **foal** of an ass, a young male donkey of the first year.

This lamb, Yahshua, was to mark those of the family that were to be redeemed at the upcoming sacrifice of the first born at Jerusalem on the evening of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This mark was their calling, sealing them from the wrath of the death angel that was to strike at midnight.

Also note the fact that riding in on a donkey verses riding in on a horse had significant meaning. At that time and up until the latter part of the Middle Ages, the ability of having a horse was strictly forbidden for the common people. The ruling government outlawed the use of horses by the commoners to insure there would be no uprising by the people. Horses were considered a war machine used to sweep in and attack and were only allowed to be used by the military and the elect. Yet, arriving on a donkey was the sign of peace as is stated: "he is just, and having salvation, lowly, and riding upon an ass." This is the same way that King Solomon entered into the city (1Kings 1:38).

If you remember, even a firstborn colt was to be redeemed at the Passover sacrifice; it could be substituted by a lamb or else its neck was to be broken. Now in contrast, when Yahshua returns again, He is seen riding upon a white horse with His heavenly army, carrying a sword of the wrath of Yah (Revelation 19:11~16). Not what you would call a peaceful entry!

Setting the background for the event, let's now take a look at its timing in respect to the spring Holydays.

Please refer to the Triumphal Entry Calendar found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event in the year 30A.D.

John 12: 1 Then Jesus **six days before the Passover** came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

John 12: 12~19 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh,

sitting on an ass's colt. These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that **these things were written of him**, and that they had done these things unto him. The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

We started by reading that the people were gathering in Jerusalem at that time to worship at the Feast, the spring Holydays. Not only the Jew's but converted Greeks were also gathering, all eager to see and hear Yahshua. The timing of these events started days before the Passover, the time when they were going up to the Feast in Jerusalem. The word **Passover** is used here as a time marker from which **six days** are counted before this event as mentioned in John 12:1.

John 12: 1 Then Jesus **six days before the Passover** came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

There are many different events that are occurring at the time of the Spring Feasts. Three of these events mention the word "Passover," yet each event differs from the other. The Passover starts with the killing and eating of the lamb with its blood on the door post which seals those inside the house that are called. This is followed by on the same night at midnight the "Sacrifice of the Lord's Passover" by the hand of the destroyer who strikes the first born of Egypt. Finally, there's the "Passover Sacrifice of the first born" on the following evening, the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which redeems the called.

The word Passover encompasses all the aspects of the events and their timings as seen in Luke 22:1~, Matthew 26:17~ and Deuteronomy 16:1~. It is the context of the word that defines its reference. We also know that Yahshua did not die on a Holy Day, a high day, but on Passover, in which work could be done, the day **before** the High Day, called the Preparation Day in the year 30A.D.

We also know from the fulfillment of the prophecy stated in scripture that Yahshua was to die on Wednesday, in the middle of the week as stated in Daniel 9:24~27: "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." This confirming of the covenant or testament with His people represents prophecy being fulfilled which is recorded in the Book of Matthew.

Matthew 26:26~28 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the **new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Sin had been atoned for by the sacrifices and oblations in which we are now redeemed by Yahshua's death for us. His death followed by His resurrection after spending three days and three nights in the ground or tomb, is the sign confirming He is the Messiah. He rises from His grave at the end of the Sabbath, the beginning of the first day of the week.

What is being stated here in John 12:1 is that the six days before the Passover are in reference to the Feast the people were traveling to attend in Jerusalem. This is also stated in John 12:12. The Feast of Unleavened Bread starts with the "Passover Sacrifice of the first born," at the end of the 14th day/the beginning of the 15th day, the first day of the Feast. This was the reason for the assembling in the city of Jerusalem. Using that information, by looking at the calendar attached for the year 30 A.D., we see that the first day of the Feast, the 15th day of the first month, occurred on a Thursday. This would agree with the fact that Yahshua died the day before, on Wednesday in the middle of the week, on the 14th day of the first month, fulfilling the prophecy stated in Daniel 9:24~27.

Using the time of the "**Passover Sacrifice**" of the first born and counting back six days earlier from that Thursday, the 15^{th} day, the beginning of the Feast, we arrive at Friday, the 31^{st} of March which is the 9^{th} day of the first month.

Once again, as stated in John 12:1, Yahshua came to Bethany where He had a supper with Martha and Lazarus. This day would be Friday and that meal would be Friday night's supper at the beginning of the Sabbath. John 12:12 states that on the **next day**, which would be the **Sabbath**, the fifth day before the Feast, the people greeted Yahshua as He sits on a colt, the foal of an ass, making His **Triumphal Entry** into Jerusalem. That day would be the 10th day of the first month, a Sabbath as He came to call those to salvation.

Using the calendar of 30 A.D., we can see the moon completing its cycle on the 22^{nd} of March, becoming completely dark and starting anew on the 23^{rd} which would make it the first day of the New Year. From that point, the first day of the month, counting to the tenth day, we see that day falls on this same Sabbath. This is the 10^{th} day of the first month, the same time that the lambs were to be selected. And it is by the lamb's flesh and blood that those who are called are to be **sealed**.

This is the same event that is fulfilled by Yahshua, who was set apart as the selected lamb, sealing those that are called to be redeemed, the called out ones. They are sealed at the Passover meal with the new symbols of the bread and the wine at the beginning of the 14th day, the day before the Feast. They were sealed and selected as His first born to be redeemed by His upcoming sacrifice, "the Passover Sacrifice of the first born," at the end of the 14th /the beginning of the Feast. Just as it was done in Egypt during the first Passover, partaking of a meal by which symbols of blood both mark and seal those inside their houses on that night from the death angel. So again it is also done at this Passover meal with Yahshua and His apostles, being marked and sealed by the new symbols of bread and wine confirming the covenant with them.

Luke 22: 1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

Luke 22:7~20 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the **passover** must be **killed**. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the **passover**, **that we may eat**. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where **I shall eat the passover with my disciples**? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there

make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the **passover**. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, "With **desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer**" (before the death angel strikes): For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. 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.**

Note the entire Feast is being referred to as the Passover in verse 1, not just the event occurring on the beginning of the 14th. Luke gives insight of an event called Passover with Yahshua speaking about a lamb that is **killed and eaten**. Notice also Yahshua instructs the disciples to seek the good man of the house to find where there is the guest chamber "that we may eat." This would associate with the instruction to eat the Passover in your house. There is no mention of bringing this lamb to the temple to be sacrificed and eaten there.

Yahshua eats this Passover with His disciples that He selected and gives the new symbols of the bread and wine depicting His body and blood as the collective sign to seal, marking them for their redemption to come. This redemption by His body and blood that is to be shed was to come after this Passover meal with the called out ones, those sealed, marked, and sanctified, as stated in verse 15: "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you BEFORE I suffer." This correlates to the event that happens on the beginning of the 14th day with the killing and eating of the selected lamb given as a token sign upon those that are called to be redeemed. Also stated is the fact that "I have desired to eat this Passover with you BEFORE I suffer." Before I suffer is referring to the act of the death angel that is to strike Yahshua at midnight. At that gathering He institutes the symbols of the bread and wine, referring to His body and blood that seals them from that death to come.

Please refer to the Triumphal Entry Calendar found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event in the year 30A.D. Now, let us read about the vision given to Ezekiel on the same day, the 10^{th} day of the first month, showing that what is prophesied to happen has now been revealed to us.

Ezekiel 40:1~4 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither. In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south. And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man (Yahshua), whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand (*plum line*), and a measuring reed (*ruler*); and he stood in the gate. And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

Though Israel, during the time of Ezekiel's ministry is experiencing the wrath of Yah for their behavior, Yah is a God of vision and speaks to us of things that must be prioritized as our goal. He proceeds to show Ezekiel entering into the land of Israel and going to Yah's new, future temple on the 10^{th} day of the first month. Notice the similarities to the triumphal entry which is happening on the same day. He proceeds to show Ezekiel measuring this temple built by Yahshua during His millennial rule.

Ezekiel 43:1~3 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the **east**: And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and **the earth shined with his glory**. And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

Notice these are the same Yahshua appearances shown to Ezekiel in earlier visions mentioned in Ezekiel 1:3~4, & 28; 3:23; 8:4; 9:1 & 5.

Ezekiel 43:4~12 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is **toward the east**. So **the spirit took me up**, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory

of the LORD filled the house. And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places. In their setting of their threshold by **my thresholds**, and their post by **my posts**, and the wall between **me** and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcases of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever. Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern. And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them. This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

Ezekiel shows Israel the new temple and the ordinances, meaning the rituals and offerings to be performed at the temple **once again**. Remember, these are the ordinances that were nailed to the cross when Yahshua died.

Colossians 2:14 "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." This is what Yahshua fulfilled by His death on Wednesday in the middle of the week as stated once again in Daniel 9:27 "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 sacrifices and the priestly line ceased after Yahshua declared to be our High Priest and ascended to the Father. Now, returning and preparing the earth for the Father's kingdom to come, the new earthly sanctuary and its service are **once again reinstated** to accept our burnt offerings and peace offerings. Ezekiel is asked by Yah to show Israel the purity of its form in comparison to what it is now.

Ezekiel 43:18~21 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; These are the **ordinances** of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer **burnt offerings** thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon. And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD, a **young bullock for a sin offering**. And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it. Thou shalt take the bullock also of the **sin offering**, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, **without the sanctuary**.

Note the similarities to the instruction already given regarding the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the offering required given in Numbers 28:16~25.

Ezekiel 43:22~27 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock. When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the LORD. Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves. And when these days are expired, it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

This seven day Feast to Yah that cleanses the temple (before proceeding into the future and beyond) is similar to the seven day Feast of Unleavened Bread that purges ourselves of the leaven of pride, the sin in our lives.

Why do we celebrate and rehearse all the Feast days as prescribed in His word? Answer: They show the "**Plan of Salvation**" to those who are marked, those sealed for redemption.

Let us all find ourselves there!

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Chapter 4

Three Events of Passover

Coming from the tenth day of the first month where the lambs are selected that sanctify, sealing those that are being called, we enter into the first of Yah's Holydays, Passover.

Leviticus 23:4~8 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. 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.

Passover is observed at the beginning of the 14th day, **after sunset** of the 13th day of the first month (Abib or Nisan), using the Creator's lunar calendar that places Passover in the early spring, March or April of each year. Passover occurs on the anniversary of the Eternal's deliverance of Israel from Egypt by a great plague-killing Egypt's firstborn. Passover also pictures our Savior, the Messiah, being betrayed, arrested and killed, lost to His chosen people as the lamb of God in the year 30A.D., His blood shed for the remission of sin for all of mankind.

Please refer to the Passover Chart found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event happening in the Old Testament and then in the New Testament in the year 30A.D.

Hebrews 9:14 & 22~28 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 almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 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.

As we commemorate the New Testament Passover each year with the new symbols of bread and wine, we renew our vows to Yah, (God) that we are His called who do purge ourselves of sin out of love for our Creator. By these symbols of remembrance, we partake of unleavened bread and wine, read scripture and sing hymns in solemn celebration of our Deliverer and Redeemer. By this we remember our repentance, baptism, and acceptance of the Savior's sacrifice and His presence in our lives. This is the next step, after being called, for us to participate in the Plan of Salvation.

Please allow yourself to see the many aspects of Passover, and how the word Passover is depicted in the scriptures **three** different ways showing **three** different events at **three** different times.

- 1. The Passover
- 2. The Sacrifice of the Lord's **Passover**
- 3. The Passover Sacrifice of the First Born

During the time of this Spring Feast there are three events that mention the word "Passover," yet each event is different, separated, yet related to the others. The Passover specifically involves the killing and eating of the lamb with its blood placed on the door post. Later on the same night at midnight follows the "Sacrifice of the Lord's Passover" that involves a moment in time when the destroyer literally "passes over" and strikes the first born of Egypt. Finally, still on the same day as it ends, follows the "Passover Sacrifice of the first born" that includes our Lord, Yahshua, occurring late in the day after three pm (the ninth hour) right before sunset, the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This event, known as the "Night to be Much Observed," is memorialized in the Old Testament as the time Israel is freed from Egypt. All three **"Passover"** events have been melded into the traditions we observe. Yet the differences within each respective description reveal a depth that gives profound meaning to the season. Please give yourself the opportunity to see and hear the differences.

Deuteronomy 16:16 ~17 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, and in the **Feast of Weeks**, and in the **Feast of Tabernacles**: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty: **Every man** shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

Three times a year **every man** is to appear before Yah with offerings according as the Lord has blessed him:

- The Firstborn offering (The Feast of Unleavened Bread)
- The First Fruit offering (The Feast of Weeks or First Harvest)
- The Ingathering offering (The Feast of Ingathering or Tabernacles) the Second Harvest gathered at year's end.

1. The Passover:

Exodus 4:22~23 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my **firstborn**: And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy **firstborn**.

Exodus 11:4~7 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the **firstborn** in the land of Egypt **shall die**, from the **firstborn** of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the **firstborn** of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the **firstborn** of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that **ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.**

Yah is distinguishing His soon to be called out ones from the rest of the world, while also making a distinction between the **firstborn** as separated from those of the nation as a whole. The firstborn is the focus of this study.

Exodus 12:1~10 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: (meaning flocks, Lev 1:10) And ye shall keep it up until (meaning before) the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening (twilight). 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** (once again meaning before the dawn); and that which remaineth of it **until the morning** ye shall burn with fire.

Note that the timing of this event starts with the keeping of the selected lamb up until the 14^{th} day, that's the end of the 13^{th} day, the word until signifying "before." The one lamb per family is selected on the 10th day and held up until, meaning before the beginning of the 14^{th} day. just as all days start at evening, at sunset. The lamb is to be without blemish, a male of the first year from the sheep or the goats. Note it's not a firstling from the flocks and herds as stated in Deut 16, but a male of the first year. At that time it is killed and eaten by all in that family and or with a neighbor at their house. "They shall eat the flesh in that night," shows that on the night of the 14th, for the day starts at evening, it is to be eaten with unleavened bread and note with bitter herbs (also in Nu 9:1~14 verse 11, which describes a second opportunity to observe the Passover in the second month). The lamb or goat is to be eaten in haste with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Notice there's no reference of this lamb being sacrificed or offered in sacrifice for any reason. As stated, it is **killed** and **eaten** by the family, not individually. This is also a reference to the members of the ecclesia or church participating as a group, a family united together, not individuals.

A Biblical day starts at sunset, from evening to the following evening at sunset constituting a 24 hour block of time. Thus a simple example of the word "until" meaning "before" would be saying to your child that he could stay out and play until 6:00pm. You would expect him back before 6:00pm not at 6:59pm. Context, context, up until refers to before, as in the keeping of the lamb up until the 14th day, which is prior to, not including the 14th day starting at sunset. Yet the killing and eating of the lamb would move seamlessly from the sunset ending the thirteenth day into the fourteenth day of the first month, on the date mandated by Yah for the Passover.

The word kill # 07819 means to slaughter, kill, shoot out, slay. Webster's dictionary defines it as to put to death, deprive of life, put a end to, extinguish, cause to stop, ceases operations. Examples: Gen 37:31 and Lev 3:2. Each event shows the act of killing. Whether it is for food, vengeance or war, it's the act of depriving life. A sacrifice may have a killing, but every killing is not a sacrifice. Killing and sacrificing are not the same, hence different words.

Exodus 12:11~14 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** (*a sign*) **upon the houses where ye are** (*where one is eating the killed lamb*): and **when I see the blood** (*the sign*), 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 forever**.

Why was the lamb or goat to be eaten in haste? The answer: Because "it is the LORD'S Passover." For He, the Lord, would pass through the land of Egypt "this night" and will smite all the firstborn in the land "this night," the night of the 14th. This act of striking all the firstborn in Egypt that were not sealed happens some six hours after the killing and cleaning then roasting and eating of the lamb. The blood from the lamb that was killed and eaten provided the sign on their door posts as being sealed from the wrath to come. Fear of the destroyer coming at midnight caused families to complete their meal in haste and be ready with staff, preparing to depart (start packing), for they would be leaving in the morning as instructed by Yah through Moses.

Picture what was happening: At midnight cries of death are heard from the Egyptians throughout the land mourning their first born dead. Fear falls upon the Israelites as they await their fate. Are they to feel the wrath of the death angel or the retribution from the Egyptians? They are dressed, ready, waiting to flee at first light. Do you think you would be sleeping through this event if it was happening in your neighborhood? Are you that assured of your standing with Yah?

Note that scripture says it's the "Lord's Passover." Naming the "Lord" as the owner of this event is a direct reference as to who is doing the passing over, whose Passover it is. Nowhere does scripture state that it's the Israelites' Passover. The word Passover is derived from two words.

Passover #6452 means to skip over, leap, hesitate and #6453, means pretermission – to overlook, exemption, immunity, excluded, to be **sanctified**. In the act of being **passed over**, they are being **marked** with the blood from the lamb on their doorpost, being overlooked, exempted, as being spared the wrath of the destroyer.

But the real question remains: Who or what sanctified them? The selected lamb was killed and eaten according to the number of people in the family and or their neighbor next to his house. The lamb's blood was put upon the door posts of their homes as a sign of what house was to be passed over, not sacrificed as a cleansing offering. Nor does this selected lamb satisfy the requirement of Dt 16:16 which states that each man is required to bring an offering to Yah as he is able, showing that each man does not have a lamb, but one per family group.

The word **sanctified** #06942 means to be made, pronounced or observed as clean (ceremonially or morally): consecrate, dedicate, **hallow**, holy, purify.

That is why scripture says it is the "Lords Passover" for it was The Lord that set apart Israel as His firstborn; He is the one that sanctifies. The blood of the killed lamb was a token, "a sign" upon the houses wherein they were, **a mark** upon them as being the ones **to be** separated, to be sanctified, as His firstborn. This will be made clearer as we proceed.

The timing for the killing of the selected lamb is stated as "ve shall keep it up until (meaning before) the fourteenth day" and "shall kill it in the evening." Evening is translated "twilight" meaning between the two lights. To be between the two lights, both lights, the sun, the greater light and the moon, the lesser light, must be present. Otherwise the definition could mean anytime if only one of the lights was stipulated to be present. But when both lights are present, fitting the definition of the word "twilight," between two lights, the meaning is fulfilled. Both the moon and the sun are present at the beginning of the 14th day of the month, at evening for approximately 2 hours. Examining a sun/moon chart will verify that this is the only time that both bodies of light are plainly visible at the same time during the month: As the sun is setting in the west, the moon is rising in the east and both can be visibly seen at that time for approximately 2 hours. This is the time of twilight that the lambs were to be killed at one's house. For details of the moon and its phases on this date please write for the study, "Phases of the Moon."

Also notice in Exodus 12:14: **This day** shall be unto you for a **memorial**, the day that He, the Lord, **passed over** your houses and spared you. And ye shall keep it a "**Feast to the LORD**" throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a Feast **by an ordinance forever**. Ordinances are the regulations associated with how a given memorial is to be kept. This event takes place from sunset on the 14th, the time of the killing of the lamb, to midnight on the 14th day of the first month. (Numbers 9:1~14) A **memorial** in memory of this event is to be kept as a Feast to the Lord. (Lev 23:5) This Feast day known as **Passover** is the first of Yah's seven Holy Days.

Scripture says it is to be a **Feast to the Lord**, a memorial by an ordinance forever of this event happening on this day, the 14^{th} day of the first month. A feast does not just consist of a killing of the animal but also the eating and memorializing of the event that happened on that night, the beginning of the 14^{th} day, with the death angel striking at midnight on that night.

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If we push the eating which is commemorated with the new symbols of the bread and the wine to memorialize this event and celebrate it on the next day, one is no longer on the 14th day of the first month. We have just lost a feast day, one of seven stipulated in Book of Leviticus, chapter 23, the first being Passover on the 14th day of the first month.

Exodus 12:21~29 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 basin, 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(before dawn). For the **LORD** will **pass through** to **smite** the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel (*the sign*), 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 forever (a memorial of this event). And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land (denoting they hadn't entered it yet) 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 ve by this service? (A memorial of this event). 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.

In the above passage the word **Passover** is being used twice, yet each time in a different context. One is saying the Israelites are to kill the **Passover**, referring to the lamb, and eat it according to your families, not offering it in a sacrifice, but to kill it and eat it as they stay in their houses until morning. The Israelites are to observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever, as a memorial in memory of this event happening to them on this night of the 14th, similar to what was stated in verse 14 and also in Numbers 9:1~14.

2. The Sacrifice of the Lord's Passover:

The second usage describes when the Lord **passed over** the Israelites' houses at midnight where they were **marked** with the blood of the killed lamb. The meaning also embraces the reason "why" the Israelites are to observe this ordinance as a remembrance, **a memorial**. "That ye shall say, "it is **The Sacrifice of the LORD'S Passover** who smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, and **delivered our houses**."

The word **sacrifice** derived from #2077, means a slaughter, the victim or the act: an offering and #2076: to slaughter, as an animal; to kill, offer, to slay. (Webster's dictionary defines it as the act of offering something to a deity, in propitiation or homage, ritual, forfeiture of something of value for another).

The word is not just associated with animals, but victims in general or the act of slaying or slaughter, or offering. People were also sacrificed to pagan gods, as was Abraham in obeying Yah to sacrifice his son Isaac, testing Abraham's faith.

By reading carefully one can determine whose sacrifice it is. "It is The Sacrifice of the LORD'S Passover." Once again the Lord, being the owner of the sacrifice of the event, is using the word Passover. If the blood from the lamb that was killed and eaten was a token to mark the Israelites, to sanctify them, setting them apart as holy from the destroyer that strikes at midnight, what was the sacrifice, the slaughter, slaying in propitiation of the Lord's Passover for skipping over, overlooking – exempting them in their houses that night? The contrast from marking, sealing the Israelites to then becoming an offering follows: The "Sacrifice of the LORD'S Passover" involved the killing and offering of 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. This **Sacrifice** was done by the Lord... for us...not by us. The Israelites had no part of this Sacrifice. They were told to stay inside their houses away from its wrath until morning.

Though the word Passover is used in both occasions, the word holds different contextual meanings of two different events. This fact will be elaborated as the study proceeds.

Continuing, scripture shows the Israelites leaving Egypt in the morning of the 14th with their **flocks** and **herds** while plundering the Egyptians to complete the command to go a three days journey into the wilderness to worship with offerings unto Yah. Exodus 3:18

Exodus 12:40~42 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the **end** of the four hundred and thirty years, even the **selfsame day** it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

Note the time frame: Its now the end of the 14th day, after sunset, the beginning of the night of the 15th day in which they are now leaving Egypt, for it is this **night** that they **come out with their flocks and herds.** A full day (24 hours), have passed from the night that they killed the lamb and ate it and were marked by its blood. The blood served as a miraculous sign, protecting them from the death angel which had come during that night of the 14th and killed all the firstborn of Egypt as a sacrifice for their release. The morning of the 14th finds the Israelites leaving their houses departing from Egypt as the Egyptians are burying their dead and giving to the Israelites valuables as plunder. The Israelites finish the day at the border of Egypt as the new day starts. It is at this night, the beginning of the 15th that they leave Egypt. It is this time that is to be remembered as the night they came out of bondage, "a night to be much observed."

Exodus 12:43~50 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the **ORDINANCE OF THE PASSOVER**: There shall no stranger eat thereof: **But every man's servant that is bought for money**, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. **In one house shall it be eaten**; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; **neither shall ye break a bone thereof. All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.** And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. One law shall be to him that is **homeborn**, and unto the **stranger** that sojourneth among you. Thus did **all** the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

Ordinance #02708 chuqqah: appointed, custom, manner, statute...meaning how it is to be kept.

The ordinance of the Passover states: In **one house** shall it be eaten; neither shall ve break a bone thereof, and all the congregation of Israel shall keep it. Every man's servant is to take the Passover. For the mark or sealing by this sign protects those from the wrath of the death angel...Yah's anger against sinners. This ordinance, custom, is for all to partake of, all those that are called into His family. It not only seals the owner of the house, the head of the family, but all of his possessions, meaning his family and his servants as they partake of it. Here it stipulates that "All the congregation of Israel shall keep it." Note: "One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourned among you." So it's telling us that all those in the family are to take of it, even those that are of a man's possession, his family and his servants (slaves) as well as those strangers that agree to live under the law of Yah with him. Nothing is mentioned of a home-born applying for a position or being required to be baptized prior to taking the Passover; they fall within the umbrella of being the man's possessions, as would the case of a servant being required to participate.

Exodus 12:51 And it came to pass the **selfsame day**, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel **out** of the land of Egypt by their armies.

Note that it said earlier that Israel sojourned to Egypt and dwelt there four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the **selfsame day**, it came to pass they went out. In other words, 430 years earlier on this self same day, the beginning of the 15^{th} day of the first month, the Israelites came into Egypt on a Feast day. Also worth noting: Abraham also went into the covenant of circumcision with Yah on the day before the self same day, (Passover) Genesis 15~17.

3. The Passover Sacrifice of the First Born:

Exodus 13:1~4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **Sanctify unto me all the firstborn**, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine. And Moses said

unto the people, **Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt**, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. **This day came ye out in the month Abib.**

Two things stand out here: Moses is told to **sanctify**, meaning set apart as holy unto Yah all the **firstborn** of man and beast of Israel and at the same time, to associate the day with the remembrance that on **this day they came out of bondage**, Egypt. Please note that it's not all of Israel that is to be **sanctified**, set apart, but only the **firstborn** that are being **redeemed** for a special purpose. Remember, the time frame occurs on the evening of the 15th day at night when Israel comes out of Egypt, "a **night to be much observed.**" One cannot regress to the preceding evening of the 14th to sanctify an event that has already past.

Exodus 13:5~16 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters. And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eves, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt. Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year. And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee, That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be the LORD'S. And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.

Verse 14 And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, **What is this?** that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand **the LORD brought us out from Egypt**, from the house of bondage:

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew (*Sacrificed*) all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore..."I Sacrifice to the LORD" all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem. And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

This sacrificing of the firstborn is bound to a seven day feast to the Lord being shown to their sons as a reminder, saying, "This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt" stating "therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that opens the matrix, being males but all the firstborn of my children I redeem."

This event is the first time that a **sacrifice** is being done by the Israelites to Yah.

This sacrifice involves the firstborn of beast and the firstborn of man to be redeemed, meaning being substituted by a lamb that is to be sacrificed for them. This act happens after the killing of the lamb and its blood being put upon the door posts, after the destroyer came at midnight killing all the firstborn of Egypt. It occurs as stated to the sons, at the time they came out of Egypt, again, a different event at a different time.

Note the different reasons told to the sons. Compare the meaning of this event on the 15^{th} to the event that took place earlier on the preceding evening, on the 14^{th} at the Passover:

Exodus 12:26~27 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**.

At the "Sacrifice of the Lord's Passover" meaning The Lord's slaughter, when He, the Lord, slew all the firstborn of Egypt at midnight on the 14th while delivering, protecting, separating those sealed in their houses by the sign of the blood on the door posts. Please note whose sacrifice it was: "it's the Lord's sacrifice." He, the Lord, is claiming ownership, not the people.

Contrast this event which happened on the evening of the 14th to the next evening at the beginning of the 15th day, (seen in Exodus 13:14) the Feast of Unleavened Bread when the children of Israel declare:

"We are sacrificing the firstborn," "for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt." Here the Israelites are stated as the owner of this sacrifice.

These are two different events at two different times with two different meanings by two different owners of two different sacrifices.

After the blood of the killed lamb **marking** those chosen to be sanctified or set apart...the first born Israelites, comes the first sacrifice, that of the "Sacrifice of the Lord's Passover." This sacrifice of those slain, slaughtered, or victims offered in sacrifice, are the firstborn of the Egyptians. This act on our Lord's part constitutes the beginning of the covenant or agreement with Him: "You will be my people and I will be your God." The killed lamb's blood was the symbol given, a seal, a sign of protection, not the sacrifice, for the sacrifice was Yah's. Following these highly visible events comes the sacrifice by the Israelites, occurring after they have been marked and called out, dedicating their firstborn of beasts to Yah for bringing them out of slavery from Egypt. It is at this time that the firstborn of Israel are redeemed by lambs offered in sacrifice, by the Israelites for having been brought out of bondage.

This is the first time Israel is seen "sacrificing" anything to Yah as a group, nation, or congregation.

Summarizing: Now seen is the Israelites' firstborn offering, that redeeming sacrifice of thanksgiving for their release from bondage on the following evening as they exit Egypt. Each subsequent event shows a different victim involved. First is a male lamb of the first year eaten at their houses, then the firstborn of every Egyptian male and beast killed. Finishing with an offering from Israel of their firstborn of flocks and herds, "to be a token upon their hand, and for frontlets between their eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt."

Also note in Exodus 13:5~16 scripture says, "When you come to the land that He promised; you shall do this sacrifice of the first born." The feast is called the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The unleavened

name refers to being freed from the bondage of sin, released to partake of His blessings. It is not until entering the Promised Land that Israel is truly blessed being freed from bondage. It took 40 years of correcting and practice, eating only manna, before the Israelites were truly blessed, being unleavened of the sin from within. This process began by initially discerning what sin was as defined through the law, and then being shown the way to repentance before redemption.

In Exodus 13:8~9 notice and compare the similarities of the **sign** given on the 15th with the sign given earlier on the 14th day of the first month, "And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me **when I came forth out of Egypt**. And it shall be for a **sign** unto thee upon thine **hand**, and for a memorial **between thine eyes**, that the LORD'S **law** may be in thy mouth."

There is a remarkable resemblance of how the structure of the human body exemplifies the sign of Israel's deliverance. Looking at this physically, the hand and arms hang down parallel on either side of us as pillars, and the area of our head between the eyes referencing the upper section connects the two "pillars" or side posts together.

Compare this picture with the form of the sign given to the Israelite earlier in Exodus 12:7, "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" Exodus 12:13. "And the blood shall be to you for a **token** (a sign) 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."

See the similarities of the two side posts as the hands and the upper post, as between the eyes! Now compare this resemblance with the name of Yah and the letters of His name found in the Tetragrammaton.

The Hebrew letter (het) makes the same door-like symbol. H (het) means the breath of Yah. It's the same letter that was added to the names of Abram (Abraham) and Sarai (Sarah). Genesis 17:5&15 !!!!

Observe the different types of victims involved in these three different events: the first is a male lamb of a first year killed at their houses, second is the firstborn males of man and beast in Egypt slaughtered by Yah, and thirdly an offering by Israel of their firstborn from their flocks and herds.

Exodus 34:18~19 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib **thou camest out** from Egypt. All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy **cattle**, whether **ox** or **sheep**, that is male.

Numbers 3:11~13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine; Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the LORD.

Please refer to the Passover Chart found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event happening in the Old Testament and then in the New Testament in the year 30A.D.

To review: What day did Yah **mark** those that were to be set apart, "sanctified," hallowed as the firstborn of Israel? Answer: On the 14th day before He smote the firstborn of Egypt at twilight, between the two lights: the setting sun with the concurrent rising of the moon, the lamb was killed and its blood was placed on the door posts as they were eating of its flesh before midnight, before the destroyer smote all the firstborn of Egypt. Then only did He mark those to be hallowed and "sanctified" as the firstborn of Israel. It's not just the blood that marks and seals them, but eating the lamb that constitutes an agreement of both parties to participate in this new relationship.

Numbers 8:13~18 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and **offer them for an offering unto the LORD.** Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and **the Levites shall be mine**. And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for an offering. For they are wholly given

unto me from among the children of Israel; instead of such as open every womb, even **instead of the firstborn of all the children of Israel**, have I taken them unto me. For all the firstborn of the children of Israel are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself. And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel.

Here in the Book of Numbers and elsewhere, Yah replaces the firstborn from every tribe of Israel with the Levites who were to serve Him as the **called out ones**, being **hallowed**. This blessed position can also be ours, as ones grafted in, **if**...being called, so chosen, we remain faithful.

Numbers 33:1~5 These are the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these are their journeys according to their goings out. And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the **fifteenth day** of the first month; **on the morrow after the passover** the children of Israel went out with an high hand **in the sight** of all the Egyptians. For the Egyptians buried all their **firstborn**, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments. (*Referring to the slaughtered, the Lord's sacrifice*). And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.

Israel starts its travels from Rameses, Egypt, and exits the country to pitch tents in Succoth on the 15th day, on the morrow, meaning **the day** after the Passover. Prior to this event, during the daylight hours of the 14th in full sight of all the Egyptians as they are burying their dead, the Israelites are traveling, making their departure from Egypt. The Egyptians were preparing for burial those who had died during the night of the 14th, after the death angel struck at midnight.

Deuteronomy, Chapter 16, sheds much light and also some confusion on the subject matter if interpreted incorrectly. Many start the event of Passover in verse 1 of Chapter 16. Yet Chapter 16 is describing the events mentioned previously in Chapter 15. Starting at the beginning of the subject matter, let us bring the whole picture into view. Deuteronomy 15:19~23 All the **firstling** males that come of thy **herd** and of thy **flock** thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the **firstling** of thy **bullock**, nor shear the **firstling** of thy **sheep. Thou shalt eat it before the LORD** thy God year by year **in the place which the LORD shall choose**, thou and thy household. And if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, **thou** shalt not **sacrifice it** unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean person shall eat it alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart. Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

Note: The firstlings of the herds and flocks are being offered in sacrifice at this time verses a male lamb of the first year. These firstlings from the herds and flocks are to be sacrificed and eaten "before the LORD in the place which the LORD shall choose" as opposed to being in the respective homes of the Israelites with bitter herbs as stated in Exodus 12:8 and Numbers 9:11.

Deuteronomy 16:1~8 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. Thou shalt therefore Sacrifice the Passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there. Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there anything of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning. Thou mayest not **Sacrifice the Passover** within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee: But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt Sacrifice the Passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents. Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

Again, the **Sacrifice** is from the **firstlings** of the **herds** – meaning cattle or oxen **and flocks** – meaning sheep or goats Leviticus 1:1~16. This is the same offering that is required on the 15th day of the first month which is the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread as stated in Numbers 28:16~25. **There is no Passover cow or holy-cow**!

The context of Deuteronomy 16 in its entirety is referencing only the three Holyday Feasts: the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Ingathering. There is no mention of Atonement, Trumpets, the Wave Sheaf offering or the event on the beginning of the 14th of the first month called Passover. Yes, the word Passover is being used...but it's describing the event of the "Passover Sacrifice of the firstborn" that happens at the end of 14th, the beginning of the 15th, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This event occurs at the place that Yah chooses to place His name, with an offering from the firstborn of your flock and herd. This offering never occurs at one's home with a year old lamb exclusively selected from the flock on the 10th day of the month.

This event is commemorating the time that Israel came out of Egypt, the day after the Passover, as described in Numbers 33:3~4, the day after they were sealed. We must always check the definition of the word with its context. Remember the definition of **Passover** and Sacrifice:

Passover #6452 meaning to skip over, leap, hesitate and #6453, meaning pretermission – to overlook, exemption, immunity, excluded, to be sanctified. The act of being passed over, they being marked with the blood from the lamb on their doorpost, being overlooked, exempt, as being spared the wrath of the destroyer.

Sacrifice #2077 meaning a slaughter, the victim or the act: an offering and #2076: to slaughter, as an animal; to kill, offer, to slay. (Webster's dictionary defines it as the act of offering something to a deity, in propitiation or homage, ritual, forfeiture of something of value for another).

Once the Israelites are released from the bondage of Egypt, an offering is requested from them through their **firstborn** in homage to Yah that they were spared from death by the destroying angel which afflicted all the firstborn in the land. And when is this event to happen? **"Thou** shalt Sacrifice the Passover (the Passover Sacrifice of the firstborn) at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt" Deuteronomy 16:5~6, the day after the Passover, Numbers $33:3\sim4$. At the going down of the sun, would be the end of the 14^{th} day and the beginning of the 15^{th} day of the month. This time frame would correlate with the evening sacrifice that the Israelites would be taught to observe in the future correlating with the daily morning and evening oblations at the temple.

Hopefully, this study will shed light on long standing diverse beliefs on this subject: the early 14th, late 14th/15th Passover. But with Yah, all is possible.

In review: The event called Passover on the 14th involves marking those that are to be the firstborn...first fruits, the called out ones that are selected, sealed for a calling. At midnight on the 14th, the death angel or destroyer is sent to kill all the firstborn of Egypt, whether man or beast, **"It is the Sacrifice of the LORD'S Passover."** The Israelites are delivered, sanctified by the seal or mark on their dwellings while in their houses that night and told **not to come out until morning** after death has past. They are saved from the wrath of the destroyer that night and are given passage to flee from Egypt, from the bondage of sin, in the morning. As they make their way out of the land, they are instructed to offer in **Sacrifice** all their **firstborn** of beasts, **firstlings** of their **herds and flocks** that were spared from the hand of the destroyer, and also to redeem the **firstborn** of man, meaning to buy their lives back by redeeming them with a Sacrifice through the life of a lamb. This sacrifice is called "**The Passover Sacrifice."**

The penalty for sin is death (all have sinned) and to be released from sin, a penalty must be paid. The Egyptians sinned in not allowing the Israelites freedom from bondage. They paid the penalty, having all their first born slaughtered by the destroying angel of Yah. Thus for the Israelites to gain freedom from sin, they too are required to pay the penalty. A sacrifice is required from both man and beast, a sacrifice from the herd and flock of beasts and **a lamb substitute for the firstborn of man spared**. The difference between the Egyptians and the Israelites lies in that the former is taken and the latter is given up freely. Just as it is told to us, judge yourself and ye shall not be judged. The judgment is going to happen, but at whose hand and at what cost? As this Sacrifice is completed, the Israelites are released from bondage and given passage to a new life out of the oppression of Egypt. At that moment they are freed from bondage...but not free from future sin.

Continuing now in the New Testament, the study will endeavor to bring the rest of the story into focus.

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Our Redeemer **Yahshua** *fulfills the entire historical order of events. His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the Sabbath before Passover correlates to the lamb being selected on the* 10th *day of the first month as recorded in Matthew* 21:1~17, *Mark* 11:1~11 *and Luke* 19:28~40.

The lamb's blood and the eating of its flesh, His body and His blood, substituted by the symbols of the bread and wine, are given to His called out ones partaking of the **Passover** (often referred to as the Lord's Supper) on the beginning of the 14th day of the first month as recorded in Matthew 26:20, Mark 14:17 and Luke 22:15.

The disciples are selected and **marked** from the wrath of the destroyer that is to come at midnight. They are **marked**, **sealed** with the new symbols of bread and wine, representing our Lord's body and blood. This happens in a large upper room in the city, correlating to what was originally done in the Israelites' houses at the first Passover in Egypt...**not at the temple**.

There is no mention of Yahshua partaking of the bread and wine during this New Testament gathering (Passover) given that night in order to save Himself from the destroyer. Instead, at midnight when Yahshua is with His disciples in the garden, He is taken for the first time. This is the time of the destroyer, similarly to the time of **"the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover"** Matthew 26:57, Mark 14:53, Luke 22:54 and John 18:13. The destroyer strikes the unsealed firstborn, Yahshua, and scatters those that are sealed, marked to be released from bondage. Once again, it's the Sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, God the Father, Yah, as stated in Matthew 26:42~45 "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, **but as thou wilt**." It's Yah the Father who is doing the striking on His first born Son of this world.

During that night, Yahshua is questioned and in the morning stripped of His belongings, just as the Egyptians were also spoiled, stripped of their earthly possessions in the morning. At midnight, the destroyer is seen in Egypt slaughtering the Egyptian firstborn for their sins, for holding the Israelites in bondage, refusing the release of the innocent in slavery. Their penalty for sin is death. Yet with Yahshua there was no sin to be found, He was innocent as recorded in Matthew 26:59~60, Matthew 27:3~4, Matthew 27:23~24.

Ergo the flogging, mocking and cursing, allowed His life to be initially spared at midnight from the death angel. His disciples who were sealed by the symbols of the bread and wine earlier that evening are seen at midnight in the garden, scattering, running and hiding from death's hand. Yahshua goes on to fulfill the redemption offering for all the firstborn and those that are to be called, as He is crucified at the end of the 14th day, the beginning of the 15th day, the time of **"The Passover Sacrifice" of the first born**, to start the Feast of Unleavened Bread beginning with the first born offering, being freed from sin, to becoming Unleavened.

The last recorded statement reveals the timing of His death, sometime after the ninth hour, after 3:00pm as stated in Matthew 27:45, Mark 15:33 and Luke 23:44. At that time of the season, at the end of the 14th day of the first month of the year, the sun sets at approximately 6:00 pm. The evening oblation at the temple would be occurring also before the end of the day, at evening, before the new day, meaning before sunset at the end of the 14th day and right before the beginning of the 15th day. This is the same time the Israelites state, "therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that open the matrix (the firstborn), being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem" Exodus 13:15.

Deuteronomy 16:6 "thou shalt Sacrifice the Passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt."

The Passover Sacrifice occurring at the going down of the sun would be at the end of one day and the beginning of a new day. And it is stated that the Israelites came out of Egypt by night on the day after the Passover, on the 15th day, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Now Yahshua is that **firstborn sacrifice**, "The Passover Sacrifice," that redeems us from the bondage of sin, releasing those that are called to be His firstborn.

Numbers 33:3~4 And they **departed** from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians. For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.

Once again, at the time of the **Passover**, the beginning of the 14th day, the called out ones are **marked**, sealed to be **sanctified**, to be made holy by the symbols of the bread and wine. They are spared the death of the first born which comes at midnight called, "**The Lord's Passover Sacrifice**." The end of the 14th day culminates with the firstborn offering for redemption, the beginning of the Feast. Redemption is afforded us by **Yahshua's** offering which is done for us by His grace which brings us out of the bondage of sin, putting believers on the first leg of the Plan of Salvation, "**The Passover Sacrifice of the first born**." From here, believers are to purge self from sin and await the gift of the Holy Spirit as a down payment to our inheritance, a promised reward, according to our faith...the action of our belief.

For Yahshua to be the **redeeming sacrifice** for us, that perfect lamb substitute, He Himself would also have to be a firstborn. Did you get that? To be a lamb substitute for redemption on that night, He would have to be a firstborn to fulfill the requirement as a **redeeming sacrifice.** This is the requirement of the **"The Passover Sacrifice"** heralding the start of the Feast of Unleavened Bread which is in contrast to the stipulation of the evening before that a male of the **first year** be killed and eaten sealing those to be redeemed.

There is no mention of a 33 year old lamb sacrificed anywhere, nor a first born male being an infant of the first year crucified for our sins. Thus Yashua could not be the Passover lamb killed to seal those that are called, but in truth is the **"The Passover Sacrifice of the first born"** redeeming those that are sealed.

Matthew 1:25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her **firstborn son**: and he called his name JESUS.

Luke 2:7 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.

Romans 8:28~30 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them **who are the called** according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the **firstborn among many brethren**. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also **called**: and whom he **called**, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified.

Hebrews 11:27~28 *speaks of Moses:* By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he **kept the passover**, and the **sprinkling of blood**, lest he that **destroyed the firstborn** should touch them.

The writer of Hebrews speaks of Moses as keeping the Passover, (the early 14th) with the sprinkling of blood, referring to the blood on the door posts of Israelite houses. This sign protected them from the wrath of the destroyer of the firstborn that occurred at midnight of the 14th some 6 hours later.

Colossians 1:12~15 & 18 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath **delivered us** from the **power of darkness** (*the destroyer*), and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have **redemption through his blood**, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn of every creature**: Verse 18 And he is the head of the body, **the church**: who is **the beginning**, **the firstborn** from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Paul relates that believers have been delivered from the power of the destroyer (which occurred at midnight) and now have access to redemption through Yahshua's blood given as the "firstborn sacrifice" after being sealed at the Passover.

Hebrews 9:11~13 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:

The sacrifice of **bulls** from the herds and **goats** and **lambs** from the flocks are the offering given at the end of the 14th day, the beginning of the 15th day, at the beginning of the Feast. It occurs at the place in which He chooses to place His name, **the temple**, at the time of the **"Passover Sacrifice"** with the high priest redeeming the firstborn that had been sealed.

Hebrews 9:15 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.

There is no mention of any redemption for sins done by any means by the Israelites when they were in Egypt including the selecting, killing, and eating of a lamb with its blood on the door posts of their houses. This act was the **token of a seal** for the called ones who were selected to be redeemed. No high priest was seen in Egypt. Redemption, release from the bondage of sin of the called, comes after, at the tent of meeting, the temple with the high priest present to serve at the sacrifice to redeem the firstborn.

Luke 22:1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

Luke 22:7~20 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the **Passover** must be **killed**. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the **Passover**, **that we may eat**. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where **I shall eat the Passover with my disciples**? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there

make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the **Passover**. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, "**With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you "before" I suffer**" (*before the death angle strikes*): For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. 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**.

Note the entire Feast is being referred to as the Passover in verse 1, not just the event occurring on the beginning of the 14th day. Luke gives insight of an event called Passover by Yahshua in which a lamb is killed. Notice also Yahshua instructs the disciples to seek the good man of the house to find where there is the guest chamber "that we may eat." This would associate with the instruction to eat the Passover in your house.

There is no mention of bringing this lamb to the temple to be sacrificed and eaten there.

Yahshua eats this Passover with His disciples that He selected and gives the new symbol of the bread and wine depicting His body and blood as the signs to **seal** them for their redemption to come. This redemption by His body and blood that **is to be shed** was to come **after** this Passover meal with the called out ones, those sealed, marked, and sanctified, as stated in verse 15: "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you **before I suffer.**"

This correlates to the event that happens on the beginning of the 14th day with the killing and eating of the selected lamb given as a **token** sign upon those that are called to be redeemed. Also stated is the fact that "I have desired to eat this Passover with you "before" I suffer." Before I suffer is referring to the act of the death angel that is to strike Yahshua at midnight. At that gathering He institutes the symbols of the bread and wine, referring to His body and blood that seals them from that death to come.

1 Corinthians 5:7~8 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.

Paul here refers to Christ as our **Passover sacrifice of the first born**. Note the remarks of purging out old leaven which refers to the command for the Feast of Unleavened Bread to rid self of leavening, and to **keep the feast** that starts on the beginning of the 15th day.

Once again we see three important events, all using the word Passover, and each having diverse and singular purposes. The first event called **Passover**: the **marking** or **sealing** of those that are to be redeemed. The second event being: **The Sacrifice of the Lord's Passover**, Yah's angel of death sent at midnight. The third event: the act of redemption by way of His sacrifice for us all...**The Passover Sacrifice of the first born**.

Final note: Nowhere in Scripture is the word **Passover** referred to as being a day. The day of Passover is called a "**preparation day**." **Passover** is actually a moment in time with its origin based on the event that occurred at midnight on the 14th day of the first month as the death angel "**passed over**" Israelite houses in Egypt.

Matthew 27:62 Now the next day, that followed the **day of the preparation**, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

Mark 15:42 And now when the even was come, because it was **the preparation**, that is, the day before the Sabbath, (*meaning a high day, a feast day*).

Luke 23:54 And that day was **the preparation**, and the Sabbath drew on.

John 19:14 And it was **the preparation of the Passover**, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

John 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was **the preparation**, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (**for**

that Sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

John 19:42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' **preparation day**; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

Thus there are many events that contain the word "Passover," that speak of the diversities bringing about the calling, sanctifying and redeeming of the firstborn. Each event's description specifies which Passover reference is being described. The context in which the word is being used speaks volumes.

John 8:31 \sim 32: Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him...**If** ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Thus Passover, the first of Yah's Holydays shows the calling out of those being selected to partake of our walk with the Creator. Being redeemed from our sins and the power this world holds, we are called to come and prepare ourselves to follow in His likeness to serve Him as kings and priests in His Kingdom. As we continue on from the first Feast of Passover, we now enter into the second of seven consecutive feasts, the Feast of Unleavened Bread whose meaning as part of the Plan of Salvation will become more evident to our calling.

That which we should value in ourselves and in one another Is the dignity of Yah's Image And the great price by which we were bought

Chapter 5

Feast of Unleavened Bread: Purpose of Calling

As we begin the second Holy Day Feast, Yah reveals its meaning and why we are to memorialize this event each year as a constant reminder of whom we are and why we are called.

Leviticus 23:4~8 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. 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.

Unleavened bread symbolically represents a body that is pure, sincere and truthful, not elevated or puffed up, not prideful, but humble, without sin. Yahshua exemplified pureness by using His body as an example of being the bread of life given to feed others, affording us to live eternally. As God brought Israel out of Egypt, we also are to come out of sin by the hand of Yahshua. We are called out of this world as **first fruits** to share His kingdom. We are to have this double reminder instilling how we are here and why we are here.

Romans 8:28~30 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the **called** according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed** to the **image of his Son**, that he might be the **firstborn** among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also **called**: and whom he **called**, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified, them he also **glorified**.

God (Yah) has called us, and we are destined as the firstlings of his flock, the Church of the Firstborn, called out "for a purpose." In the Old Testament the Levites were called to the priesthood to serve at God's temple to minister to the people, instructing them in the matters of God's will. The Levites served at His temple and in the surrounding tribes, teaching and preaching of Yah's will, the law. Also there were prophets called from time to time for the purpose to serve as ministers of truth. Now both the physical temple and the Levitical priesthood are no longer here to minister to Yah's people. Yet there are still priests and prophets and many temples in which Our Lord's Spirit resides.

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

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, **but Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 2:1~3 And you hath he quickened, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the **lusts of our flesh**, **fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

What is Paul telling us here? We were dead in life, "like dead man walking," because we had sin attached to us. We walked blindly following the teachings of Satan in lust, allowing the desire of our hearts to fulfill our wants, to selfishly satisfy our flesh and mind.

Ephesians 2:4~10 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were **dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, And hath raised us up **together**, and made us sit together in heavenly places **in Christ** Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us **through Christ** Jesus. For by grace are ye saved **through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:** Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We are made alive through Christ, now partaking of the heavenly blessings through Christ, for all life is through Christ. And we may partake of those riches now and in the age to come through Christ. The grace in which we are saved is the gift afforded us by Yah, as we demonstrate **our faith** in Christ...**through our actions**. Ephesians 2:11~13 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past **Gentiles in the flesh**, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and **strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God** in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were **far off** are **made nigh by the blood of Christ**.

Notice the preceding verse tells us that we were outsiders without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope without God. We as gentiles, had no way to atone for our sins, and had no inheritance as did those of Israel. We were called strangers with no hope of eternal life without Yah.

Ephesians 2:14~18 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might "reconcile both unto God" in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have "access by one Spirit unto the Father."

Yahshua has now made us one, Jew and gentile, breaking down the wall that separated us from salvation. The temple curtain was torn from top to bottom, giving us access to Him. Yahshua also abolished the law **contained in ordinances** that was a **shadow** blocking atonement over sin which in effect did not afford either of them the Spirit of Yah. Now both, Jew and gentile can be **reconciled** unto Yah, and can receive His guiding Spirit, through Christ. Prior to His death only the Jews had the ability to have their sin covered by Yah through the sacrificial system. We the gentiles who were afar off and the Jews which were near, now collectively have the ability to be reconciled and have access to the Father, to come boldly to the throne by the same Spirit through Christ's, the final offering.

Ephesians 2:19~22 Now therefore ye are no more **strangers** and **foreigners**, but **fellowcitizens with the saints**, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God through the Spirit.**

Now we are fellow citizens according to the laws of that nation, following its constitution to live at peace. His Holy Spirit lives and shines in the habitation which is us! He made a **promise** and He intends to keep it, no matter how long it takes or what He must do to achieve it. That promise is found in the **covenants**. There is more than just one covenant that Yah made with man. There's the covenant with Noah, with Abraham, with Moses and the people, with David and with Phinehas etc. Yah makes promises... promises He keeps.

Of course, not all covenants are unconditional. The covenant with Noah is unconditional. The sign of that covenant is still with us today. When you see the rainbow, you can think of the unfailing promise of God. The covenant with Abraham is unconditional. God made that promise to Himself, it can never be broken, changed or annulled. The descendants of Abraham, the Israelites, will be His chosen people forever and He will bring about the blessing for the entire world through them and bless them with the Promised Land as their inheritance.

Then there's the covenant with Moses at Mt. Sinai, where God establishes His covenant with the nation of Israel. This covenant is conditional...really more like the constitutional contract for His people. In other words, the promise is conditional based on the Israelites following Yah's way as The Way for one to be chosen and placed into this covenant. The covenant with Moses comes with the condition of... If. If ...the people obey the commandments and instructions in Yah's laws, He would then establish His nation through them. God would then bless them in all things as they fulfill the purpose of His calling. The covenant is one of **righteousness** on the part of the people...If they would follow.

Deuteronomy 6:1~25 verse 25 "And it shall be **our righteousness**...**if** we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us."

God wanted to turn the people into a blessing, a light to shine the way, so that the nations of the earth would see the great works of God through the children of Jacob and be drawn to Him. The purpose of the Mosaic Covenant is Evangelism, preaching The Way through example, with one's action being a light.

Yah's intention and method has not changed. The goal has always been to bring all nations into the covenant of promise **through obedience** so they might enjoy peace, hope and fulfillment with God. The Gentile once lived outside the promise given to Israel, but now they are no longer strangers. They have been grafted into the covenants of promise. God's intention is to bring the strangers into the same house. Not a new house, but one which was and is established as His house, first given access to by His chosen people the nation of Israel. Meaning, God fully expects those who come to live in the promise are fully established under the same constitution as the one given to His children as set down at Mt. Sinai.

The nation of Israel as a whole rejected His blessing and went on to establish a religious system apart from Yah's laws. Yet the requirements or conditions one must live by according to His will have and will not change. It's stated that in His future Kingdom to come, He will write His laws in our hearts and mind. This act shows the law was certainly required then, as well as now, and will be required in the future...IF we are to live with Him in His kingdom forever.

2 Corinthians 5:17~21 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.

The ministry of reconciliation is given to us. We stress this fact in His message to us that all can receive reconciliation through Christ. The word **reconciliation** means to restore, to find favor, to atone for past errors which are done through the life of Yahshua. Now we are to be

ambassadors for Christ, to go forth with His message of reconciliation for the transgression of sin through Christ's offering, afforded us by Yah.

"Hearers...it's time to be Doers," it's time to be a light, and to get out from behind the wall of insecurity. Fear is a tool of Satan's to hold us back from becoming who we're called out to be. Stated in the last word of the Book of Revelation is the fate of the fearful and unbelievers: the same fate awaiting the abominable and idolaters.

Revelation 21:6~8 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. **He that overcometh** shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the **fearful**, and **unbelieving**, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

If we are to say that He lives in us, we must cleanse ourselves of our past sins and eat of that true bread showing forth His light in us. Yah is less concerned with what has passed than with what comes next. He is the God who **was**, who **is** and who **is to come**. It's time for us to see ourselves in the same way. I was a sinner, I am called to be His now, and I better get a move on if I'm planning to be with Yahshua when He returns.

As we now see our purpose of our calling, let us move on to view the first time this Feast was enacted, celebrated by the Israelites, as they leave the bondage of Egypt as recorded in the Book of Exodus.

Let him that desires to see eternity make haste the gift of grace given, Every moment of delay takes away from the value of this gift

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Chapter 6

Wave Sheaf Offering

This important step in Yah's Plan of Salvation literally depicts the winter barley harvest as the first growth, His increase, His earliest harvest after waiting all winter. The sheaf physically represents the first fruit of this earliest harvest, with a very important symbolic meaning that will be explained regarding the nation of Israel.

The **firstfruit** is the first of the new grain, the substance or the bread of life without leaven, fresh and new, not puffed up. The first fruits mark the beginning of the great harvest to come, for all to follow in suit. The wave sheaf offering is required unto God before the harvest is reaped or gathered, and offers a blessing through His grace. It is also an offering of thanks to God for the newness of the grain, the harvest containing the substance of life before we partake of its present and future blessings. The same principle applies today when we give thanks before a meal. In the Old Testament the grain, the substance of the bread, represented life, the unleavened bread depicted bread without impurity, not puffed-up or containing anything that could ever elevate or add impurity. The New Testament states that Christ is this new life, the bread of life, pure, unleavened bread without impurities, without sin.

Leviticus 23:9~11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a **sheaf of the firstfruits** of your harvest unto the priest: **And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you:** on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD. And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin. And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a **statute for ever** throughout your generations in all your dwellings. In ancient Israel during the days of Unleavened Bread, at the time of the spring Holydays, the Israelites were commanded to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of the barley harvest to be waived by the Priest before the Lord for His acceptance. This first fruit presentation is the bringing of a sheaf, a hand full of the first crop, before the gathering of one's harvest. The wave sheaf offering consisted of an omer of barley having been cut at the beginning of the spring harvest that represented the very first of the firstfruits.

This event symbolically represents the Israelites leaving Egypt during the days of Unleavened Bread as they journey into the wilderness to have a Feast onto Yah. They are seen as being Yah's first harvest, those called out of bondage. This event is well documented in the next chapter, "Three Day Journey into the Wilderness" as well as in the associated calendar found in the appendix that shows the 18th Day of the first month, as a Sunday during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Please refer to the Feast of Unleavened Bread Chart found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event happening in the Old Testament and then in the New Testament in the year 30A.D.

The Wave Sheaf Offering

Exodus 14:15~20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, **that they go forward:** But **lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand** over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the angel of God, which went **before** the camp of Israel, removed and went **behind** them; and the pillar of the **cloud** went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the **camp of the Egyptians** and the **camp of Israel**; and it was a **cloud and darkness to them**, (*Egyptians*) but it gave **light by night to these**: (*Israel*) so that the one came not near the other all the **night**.

Yah instructs Moses to stretch out his hands over the sea and go forward. Why is this action significant? First, when does Moses stretch out his hands, and when does Moses proceed to go forward? These points seem trivial but read further. Take note what scripture says: that an **angel of God**, which went **before** the camp of Israel, removed and went **behind** the pillar of the **cloud**. And it came between the **camp of the Egyptians** and the **camp of Israel**; and so that the one came not near the other "all the night." Thus both camps remained separated by divine intervention. Thus all that night meant the end of the Sabbath into the first part of the first day of the week, Sunday, one full day. To reiterate, the Lord protected them for one full day as they encamped by the sea **that night**, the beginning of first day of the week, Sunday. He stretched forth his hand over the sea that night, but it's not until **the morning**, Sunday morning, that Moses and the Israelites go forward. Let's read on and see.

Exodus 14:21~25 And Moses **stretched out his hand** over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind **all that night**, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that **in the morning** watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the **pillar of fire** and of the **cloud**, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

Did you get that? It was at the end of the Sabbath, "that evening," the beginning of the new day, when Moses stretches forth his hand to start the water to recede by the force of the east wind. It wasn't until the "early morning" that the Egyptians are seen chasing the Israelites into the sea with the walls of water on each side.

Exodus 14:26~31 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Stretch out thine** hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of

Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. **Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians**; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Here it is, the morning offering of the Wave sheaf, the first offering to be accepted by Yah before partaking of the new harvest in the new land. Out stretched hands offering that morning, the first fruit, the nation of Israel as Yah's chosen. As stated "the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians." The nation of Israel, the seed of Abraham, is seen as the first of the first fruits coming out of bondage to serve Yah.

Numbers 33:8 And they departed from before **Pihahiroth**, and passed through the midst of the sea **into the wilderness**, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

The Lord brings Israel first out of the land of Egypt, then to the edge of the wilderness, and lastly through the Red Sea. Moses and the nation of Israel come to the other side, called the **wilderness of Shur**, in the **morning** at the time of the **Wave Sheaf Offering**, on the day after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. They became the first fruit of God's creation being offered as the **first** of the called out ones. The Israelites were used to initiate the start of His Plan of Salvation. This is also the first reference to fulfilling the instructions to go three day's journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to Yah.

Exodus15:1~21 The song of Moses and Miriam the prophetess.

The event is celebrated with praise as the **Wave Sheaf Offering**, which is the offering of the first of the first fruits. Remember the law has not yet been given, so sin that is both hidden and of ignorance is not accounted for until acknowledged. From here it is stated that they **journey three days into the wilderness** of Shur to fulfill the original mission given to them from Yah: to bring their offerings before Him. Again this same commemoration of Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread with the Wave Sheaf Offering is seen in scripture as Yah records the historical events as the Israelites enter the Promise Land for the first time.

Joshua 5:1~12 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised. For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey. And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day. And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna anymore; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Note carefully the instructions given in the Book of Leviticus, Chapter 23, about what day this will be. It's the day after the Sabbath that falls within the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Leviticus 23:9~11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be **come into the land** which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: **on the morrow after the sabbath** the priest shall wave it.

Yah is specifying what day they would be coming into the Promise Land; on a Sabbath. That Sabbath was also the Passover in that year, thus they were not to partake of the harvest of the land until the day after the Sabbath that falls within the Feast. Only then did they first present the wave sheaf offering on the first day of the week.

Thus these are the first two wave sheaf offerings depicted in scripture for our admonishment. Both events establish the beginning of a new season for His chosen. Firstly, as the Israelites leave the bondage of Egypt and secondly when they entered the Promise Land for the first time. The Wave Sheaf is an acknowledgment of thanksgiving to our Creator for the blessings He has bestowed on us before partaking of the life given. The offering of the sheaf, the first fruits to Him, is the dedication, the vow and pledge we bring to Him.

This most important event also involves the pivotal time in Yahshua's life, the year 30 A.D., when He came as the Messiah to His chosen nation. Now we see that it is Yahshua instead of barley being the first fruit who ascends to His Father, His God and our God to be accepted as the first of the firstfruits chosen to serve as both our King and High Priest.

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John 20:11~18 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, **Touch me not**; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, **I** ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Yahshua tells Mary Magdalene not to touch Him as He had not yet ascended to His Father. He augments His statement by saying He will ascend to His Father to present Himself as the first of the firstfruits chosen to serve in Yah's Kingdom. From the early morning of the first day of the week until the evening of the same day, a change has been made in our Lord. He was untouchable in the morning hours, due to His not having ascended to His Father but by evening while meeting with His disciples in the upper room, Yahshua instructed them to touch Him, thus indicating that a change had occurred. He had ascended to the Father as the wave sheaf offering and was accepted by Yah. The acceptance of Him as an offering sanctioned the harvesting of the first fruits.

1 Corinthians 15:20~23 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.

Paul clearly links the resurrection and the firstfruits. Christ was the only human resurrected from the dead to eternal life; He was and is the **first of the first fruits**. The Book of Corinthians states, "every man in his own order, we have Christ being first and His called, His chosen, His firstfruits after Him when He returns, at His Second Coming.

With the wave sheaf offering begins the count to the Feast of Weeks. Seven Sabbaths of weeks and the day after the seventh Sabbath is our next Feast day, the Feast of Weeks, in the Plan of Salvation.

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Chapter 7

Three Day Journey into the Wilderness: (*The last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread*)

Yah (God) instilled in Moses to request that the Israelites and their animals go on a three day journey into the wilderness to worship Him. Yah knew Moses' three day request to Pharaoh who was hardened by Yah would meet resistance. Pharaoh's denial would become the catalyst for the eventual Israelite exodus from Egypt. The newly called nation of Israel finally departs Egypt on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the second of Yah's Holy Days. On the last day of this seven day feast, the Israelites are seen commemorating a memorial, a holy convocation, feasting, offering sacrifices of thanks to Yah.

Leviticus 23:6~8 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.

The reason for leaving Egypt was "to hold a Feast to Yah, to give sacrifices and burnt offerings before Him." It's the fulfillment of this event that brings about the Passover and the exodus from Egypt on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. But where is the last day of the Feast mentioned, and where are the sacrifices and burnt offerings done before Our Creator? The answer is found in the instructions Yah gives to Moses as to "when" and "where" to hold this Feast unto Him. For those that have eyes to see, let them read on to see.

Please refer to the Feast of Unleavened Bread Chart found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event happening in the Old Testament and then in the New Testament in the year 30A.D.

Exodus 3:16~20 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the

Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, **three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.** And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

Exodus 5:1~3 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may **hold a feast** unto me in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, **three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God**; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

Exodus 10:21~26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, **serve the LORD**; only let your **flocks** and your **herds** be stayed: let your little ones also go with you. And Moses said, Thou must give us also **sacrifices and burnt offerings**, that we may **sacrifice unto the LORD our God**. Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

Three times it is stated that the reason for leaving Egypt was to hold a Feast unto Yah, to give sacrifices and burnt offerings before Him. This was to be performed through a **"three day journey into the wilderness."** This Feast occurs **after** the Passover at the beginning of the 14th day, and after the death angel struck at midnight on **that** night and also after leaving Egypt on the night of the 15th called "the Night to be Much Remembered" referring to the first day of the Feast of

Unleavened Bread. This event was to happen **after** a three day journey, after Yah had brought them out of the affliction of Egypt.

By taking a look at the timing of these events we can see them and ascertain their meanings. Starting from what we have already learned from the Passover studies, which sets the 14th day of the first month in the middle of the week, a Wednesday, the same day Christ started the Passover.

As we proceed, please refer to the "Feast of Unleavened Bread chart" attached in the appendix to assist in following the timing of the events. The chart shows both the timing of the first Passover and Feast presented here in this study, and also correlates them with the event happening at the time of Christ's ministry.

First Month: Abib (first month of the New Year)

Exodus 12:2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

10th Day of the First Month: (Sabbath)

Exodus 12:3 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:

14th Day of the First Month: (Wednesday) Passover

Exodus 12:6 And ye shall keep it **up until** (meaning before) the **fourteenth day** of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. (Between the two evenings or between the two lights, twilight, at the beginning of the 14^{th} day of the first month).

Exodus 12:29~36 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. Also take your **flocks** and your **herds**, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. And

the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men. And the people took their dough **before it was leavened**, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they **borrowed** of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they **spoiled the Egyptians**.

15th Day: (Thursday) First day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread Exodus 12:37~42 And the children of Israel journeyed from **Rameses** to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and **flocks**, and **herds**, even very much cattle. And they baked **unleavened** cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not

leavened; because they were **thrust out of Egypt**, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual. Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was **four hundred and thirty years**. And it came to pass at the **end** of the four hundred and thirty years, even **the selfsame day** it came to pass, that **all the hosts** (*meaning His army*) **of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt**. It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

Note: The children of Israel came out of Egypt 430 years after they went in, on the self same day, meaning the 15th day of the first month on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. That is the same day that the sons of Jacob went into Egypt 430 years earlier. How exacting is Yah's Plan! Does He have a specific plan and is sticking to it or what? There is a meaning for everything.

Exodus 13:3~4 And Moses said unto the people, **Remember this day**, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. This day came ye out in the month Abib.

Numbers 33:3~4 And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month;.... on the morrow

after the Passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians. For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments. And the children of Israel removed from **Rameses, and pitched in Succoth**.

Yah leads Israel out of Egypt on the 15th day of the first month. At evening, at night, at the beginning of the new day, the 15th, the day after the Passover, the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. They leave from Rameses and travel to Succoth on this day.

16th Day: (Friday)

Exodus 13:20~22 And they took their journey from **Succoth**, and encamped in **Etham,...** in the edge of the wilderness. And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Numbers 33:6 And they departed from **Succoth**, and pitched in **Etham**, ...which is **in the edge of the wilderness**.

Note: Their journey leads them to the edge of the wilderness, meaning where the wilderness begins, where it starts, but not yet crossing into it. Like coming to the border or a bridge, but not yet crossing over. Can you hear the impatient voices emanating from the back, "Are we there yet?"...no, not yet, in a little while.

17th Day: (Saturday...Sabbath)

Exodus 14:1~2 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they **turn** and **encamp** before **Pihahiroth**, **between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon**: before it shall ye **encamp by the sea**.

Notice that it's the Sabbath day of rest. The Lord has picked the perfect spot to rest for the Sabbath, a picturesque beach front property between the mountains and the sea to encamp for the day at the edge of the wilderness. A nice gentle off shore breeze is possibly blowing while being shadowed by the surrounding mountains. Does Yah know how to set a table for the Sabbath or what?

Also note that they are to turn back again, meaning that they are not proceeding forward out of the reach of the Egyptians into the wilderness, but enticing them. And note that the place is in front of Baalzephon, which we will see is called the place of the Evil one. Yah also shows He knows how to kick a little dust in their face on the way to make His point. Yet as He is planning to show Israel the way out by His power, He is also enticing the Egyptians to come and see His glory...at their own expense!

Exodus 14:3~9 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be **honoured** upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so. And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.

Yah says "He will be honored upon Pharaoh" by hardening Pharaoh's sensitivity, meaning that Yah's Power will be revered by Pharaoh and the Egyptians. They encamp by Pihahiroth, which means mouth of the gorges, before Baalzephon.

Baalzephon: # 1189 (in the sense of cold) (an Egyptian form of Typhon, the destroyer); Baal of winter; Baal-Tsephon, a place in Egypt:--Baal-zephon from which comes the word typhoon.

Exodus 14:10~14 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the

word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD**, which he will shew to you **today**: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen **today**, ye shall see them again no more forever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Numbers 33:7 And they removed from **Etham**, and turned again unto **Pihahiroth**, which is before **Baalzephon**: and they **pitched before Migdol**.

Perchance the Israelites are demonstrating a familiar trait found in all of us, for as soon as a trial comes in their new walk, the Israelites long to be back in bondage rather than face the trial by placing their trust in Yah's hands. Just as the parable of the seed in Matthew 13 shows, when trials come, most shrink back to their former self rather than fight, standing in faith for a new life. Now take His hand and watch!

Please refer to the Feast of Unleavened Bread Chart found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event happening in the Old Testament and then in the New Testament in the year 30A.D.

18th Day: (Sunday) The Wave Sheaf Offering

Exodus 14:15~20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the And I. behold, I will harden the hearts of the midst of the sea. Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went **behind** them; and the pillar of the **cloud** went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, (Egyptians) but it gave light by night to these: (Israel) so that the one came not near the other all the night.

Yah instructs Moses to stretch out his hands over the sea and go forward. But, did you notice the time frame as to when Moses stretches out his hands compared to when he actually moves forward? Take note what it says, that an **angel of God**, which went **before** the camp of Israel, removed and went **behind** them and also the pillar of the **cloud**. And it came between the **camp of the Egyptians** and the **camp of Israel** so that the one came not near the other "all the night." Thus both camps remained separate. All that night had to mean the end of the Sabbath into the first part of the first day of the week, Sunday. Remember, first there is night and then there is day equating to one full

day. The Lord protected them as they encamped by the sea **that night**, the beginning of first day of the week, Sunday. He stretched forth his hand over the sea that night, but it's not until **the morning**, Sunday morning, that Moses and the Israelites go forward. Let's read on and see.

Exodus 14:21~25 And Moses **stretched out his hand** over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind **all that night**, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that **in the morning** watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the **pillar of fire** and of the **cloud**, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

Did you get that? It was at the end of the Sabbath, "that evening," the beginning of the new day, when Moses stretches forth his hand to start the water to recede by the force of the east wind. It wasn't until the "early morning" that the Egyptians are seen chasing the Israelites into the sea with walls of water on each side.

Exodus 14:26~31 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Stretch out thine** hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the

LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Here it is, the morning offering of the Wave sheaf, the first offering to be accepted by Yah before partaking of the new harvest in the new land. Out stretched hands, become the offering that morning for the nation of Israel being elevated as the first fruit, as Yah's chosen people. As stated "the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians." The nation of Israel, the seed of Abraham, is seen as the first of the first fruits coming out of bondage to serve Yah.

Numbers 33:8 And they departed from before **Pihahiroth**, and passed through the midst of the sea **into the wilderness**, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

The Lord brings Israel out of the land of Egypt to the edge of the wilderness, then through the Red Sea. Moses and the nation of Israel come to the other side, called the wilderness of Shur, in the morning at the time of the Wave Sheaf Offering on the day after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. They were the first fruit of God's creation being offered as the first of the called out ones. They are the start of His plan in coming to salvation through Him. This is also the first reference to fulfilling the instructions to go three days journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to Yah.

Exodus 15:1~21 The song of Moses and Miriam the prophetess.

The event is celebrated with praise as the **Wave Sheaf Offering**, which is the offering of the first of the first fruits. Remember the law has not yet been given, so sin that is both hidden and of ignorance is not accounted for until acknowledged. From here it is stated that the Israelites journey three days into the wilderness of Shur to fulfill the original mission given to them from Yah, to bring their offerings before *Him*.

Three day journey in to the wilderness:

Exodus 3:18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, **three days' journey into the wilderness**, **that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God**.

Exodus 5:1~3 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may **hold a Feast unto me in the wilderness**. And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, **three days' journey into the desert**, and **sacrifice unto the LORD our God**; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

Exodus 15:22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out **into the wilderness of Shur**; and they went **three days in the wilderness**, and found no water.

19th Day: (Monday) first day of journey in the wilderness

20th Day: (Tuesday) second day of journey in the wilderness

21th Day: (Wednesday) third day of journey in the wilderness, the last day of the 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread

Exodus 15:23~24 And when they came to **Marah**, they could not drink of the **waters of Marah**, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called **Marah**. *{Meaning that is Bitterness}* And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

Numbers 33:8 And they departed from before Pihahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went **three days'** journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

Well, are we there yet...? Where's the party, when does it start? Three days out into the wilderness and now they're out of water. They're in desert far from the banks of the Red Sea and too far out to go back without any water. And if water was the only thing needed, how would one then retrace back across the Red Sea for food and fresh water without having Yah's power nor ships or a bridge?

Does Yah know how to get our undivided attention, or what? So you want to be first fruits do you? Well, not so fast, there are some instructions and a few ground rules that **first** must be agreed upon before proceeding.

Exodus 15:25 And he (*Moses*) cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

After quenching their thirst, Yah gives instructions and rules to the Israelites so they could understand what is required at His Feast. The first requirement Yah provides is a statute (note singular) and an ordinance (also singular). This is the first time the word statute is being used in the scriptures. Before this event, Yah had not given Israel any of His laws. But now Yah gave them His laws for their benefit at the beginning of this Feast starting with Passover.

Statute #02706. *khoke from 2710; an enactment; an appointment of time, space, quantity, labor or usage, appointed, bound, commandment, convenient, decree, due, law, task.*

A statute is a law that is given, a command or decree to be carried out, that is associated with the **timing of the Feast** and to whom it's for.

Ordinance #04941. mish-pawt' from 8199; properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or (participant's) divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style, ceremony, charge, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, manner of law, manner, measure, due, order.

Ordinances are the requirements that are associated with the ceremony of the event, the customs, fashion and form that occur during a feast and designate who performs these rights, privileges or customs. Remember the example already given, the first time the word ordinance is ever used in the scriptures.

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** forever.

Exodus 12:17 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** forever.

Exodus 12:24 And ye shall observe this thing for an **ordinance** to thee and to thy sons forever.

Exodus 12:43 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the **ordinance** of the Passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:

Exodus 13:10 Thou shalt therefore keep this **ordinance** in his season from year to year.

So the first thing that Yah does is to set the requirements for the Feast. Recall that Moses hadn't been told **how** to worship before Yah. Moses merely told Pharaoh that he had to take all the livestock because he didn't know what was required until he got to his destination.

Exodus 10:21~26 verse 26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

Yah is setting down a statute and an ordinance as guidelines as to how this Feast is to worship Him. Also notice in Ex15:25 it says, "He proved them," meaning to see their heart by way of a test of "the bitter waters." Yah first shows them His heart by "making the water sweet," showing His grace. At this time some ground rules for this new relationship are set forth with the purpose of this day defined: to worship Yah for Him having released them from the bondage of Egypt. Exodus 15:26~27 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt **do** that which is right in his sight, and wilt **give ear** to **his commandments**, and **keep** all his **statutes**, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that **healeth** thee.

On this day not only does He "made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there proved them," He also communicates with them about the covenant that they will soon be able to enter. All are conditional upon one word: "IF"...if they are willing to "give ear" and if they "do" and if they "keep" His commandments and statutes. This agreement is based on both parties keeping their part of the agreement, with the reward of a healing from Yah.

At the end of the three day journey into the wilderness to sacrifice unto the Lord, He changes bitter water into sweet, and starts to give His laws to the children of Israel on the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Offerings from the Israelites are given and accepted by Yah. With the business of the day out of the way, let the healing begin.

22thDay: (Thursday)

Exodus 15:27 And they came to **Elim**, where were **twelve wells of water**, and **threescore and ten palm trees**: and they encamped there by the waters.

Numbers 33:9 And they removed from **Marah**, and came unto **Elim:** and in Elim were **twelve fountains of water**, and **threescore and ten palm trees;** and they pitched there.

A new life is started out of sin, out of Egypt with 12 springs of water, one for each of the 12 tribes of Israel, and with 70 palm trees representing the seventy elders to shepherd them on their way.

Exodus 24:1 And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and **seventy of the elders of Israel**; and worship ye afar off.

Exodus 24: 9~11 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and **seventy of the elders of Israel**: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the

nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

The next event in the progression of the feast days is the Feast of Weeks that not only depicts the giving of the law on Mt Sinai which served as the internal compass to the truth of his laws but was concurrent to the time the Holy Spirit was given in the New Testament as the eternal guide to truth. In the Old Testament after the Israelites received the Commandments from the Mt. Sinai which became their compass, they made a covenant with Yah on this day, while the New Testament describes the Holy Spirit given to indwell within each believer, guiding all into all truth, first the physical, then the spiritual.

Everything has a purpose in its time. All is revealed...if we take the time and effort to look closely. The mysteries are revealed as we get to know Yah.

The key to know how He thinks... Is to walk as He walks

Selah!!!

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Chapter 8

Count to the Feast of Weeks

This chapter continues to present the Spring Feast Holydays after the preceding chapter described the Three Day Journey into the Wilderness. So far these planned feasts depicting Yah's Plan of Salvation are historical in nature having already occurred.

Please refer to the Feast of Weeks Calendar found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event happening in the Old Testament

Leviticus 23:15~21 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 ve 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 forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

The Spring Feast Holy Day series started with the study, **The Triumphal Entry** which depicts the 10th day of the first month, being a Sabbath that year, the time when the lambs are selected as stated in Exodus 12:2~3. The 10th day of the first month in the year 30 A.D. is also the same time of Our Lord's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem as recorded in Luke 19:29~48. Those selected lambs were held up until, meaning before the day begins, and then killed at the beginning of the 14th day of the first month which was a Wednesday, being the middle of the week, Exodus 12:6, the same day Yahshua was killed.

This chapter was followed by the comprehensive study, the **Three Events of Passover**, which then led into the chapter on the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** and the observance of the **Wave Sheaf Offering**. All three chapters are integral parts of the Count to the Feast of Weeks.

Passover is also called the Lord's Supper in the New Testament. Later that same night described below comes the pivotal event known as the "Sacrifice of the Lord's Passover" which correlates to the Old Testament action of the death angel inflicting the first born in Egypt at midnight. This momentous act released the Israelites from bondage. The New Testament confirms this same event occurring to Yahshua during the night portion of the 14th day of the month, also a Wednesday, when He, the first born of Yah, is struck at midnight in the garden at the Mount of Olives. The day is brought to a close with the **"Passover Sacrifice"** at the end of the 14th day at even, the redeeming of the first born through Yahshua's blood sacrifice which is foreshadowed by the offering shown in Deuteronomy 16:1~.

That brings us to the 15^{th} day of the first month, being Thursday, the first Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Yah leads Israel out of Egypt that night at evening, which is the beginning of the new day on the 15^{th} day of the first month. This is the day after the Passover and the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Israelites leave from Rameses and travel to Succoth on this day according to Numbers $33:3\sim4$.

The events that follow are depicted in the chapter, **"Three day Journey into the Wilderness"** showing the seven days leading up to the Last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

On the 16th day being Friday, the Israelites took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham by the edge of the wilderness meaning - where the wilderness begins or starts, but not yet entering into it. This is like coming to the border or a bridge but not yet crossing over it as seen in Exodus 13:20~22 & Numbers 33:6.

On the 17th Day, Saturday, the Sabbath, the LORD spoke unto Moses saying, "Speak unto the children of Israel; that they turn and encamp

before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon, before it shall ye encamp by the sea" Exodus 14:1~2.

Note that it's the Sabbath, the day of rest, and the Lord has picked the perfect spot for them to be refreshed. It's a picturesque beach front property between the mountains to encamp for the day at the edge of the wilderness by the sea.

On the day after the Sabbath during the Feast, on the first day of the week, Sunday, is the Wave Sheaf Offering, Exodus 14:15~31. Israel crosses the Red Sea in the morning and comes out being referred to as the first fruit called by Yah. This also happens to Yahshua who presents Himself as our Wave Sheaf Offering on the morning after the Sabbath as recorded in Luke 24:1~3.

From here a three day journey begins into the wilderness to sacrifice to Yah, Exodus $15:23\sim26$. There Yah speaks to them and gives them the first statutes and ordinances to be observed by them as first fruits. The Feast ends on the 21^{st} of the month, on a Wednesday. Healing begins on the next day with 12 wells of water and 70 palm trees given to the Israelites by Yah.

Please refer to the Feast of Weeks Calendar found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event happening in the Old Testament

Count to the Feast of Weeks:

The count to the Feast of Weeks starts from the **Wave Sheaf Offering** which occurred on the day after the Sabbath that falls within the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It is from this day, the first day of the week, Sunday, we start the count of weeks, meaning seven full weeks, ending with a Sabbath. Seven weeks or seven Sabbaths in total are to pass, and the day that follows the seventh week, the day after the seventh Sabbath, is the Feast, a Sunday, the first day of the week.

Deuteronomy 16:9~12 **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: And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy

God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there. And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

Leviticus 23:9~14 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD. And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin. And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

The instructions state: When the Israelites come into the land promised to them, before they reap the harvest thereof, they are to bring a sheaf of the first fruits to offer. And as stated, this event is to occur on the day after the Sabbath. Thus in essence Yah is telling the people exactly what day they are to enter the Promised Land...the day after the Sabbath, the first day of the new week...Sunday. This event is recorded for us to witness in the Book of Joshua, Chapter 5, as Joshua brings the Israelites into the Promised Land during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Joshua 5:10~12 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the **Passover on the fourteenth day** of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the **morrow after the Passover**, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the **selfsame day**. And the manna ceased on the **morrow after** they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna anymore; but they did eat of the **fruit of the land** of Canaan that year.

Prior to this Passover, Joshua had all the males circumcised attesting to the covenant. Entering the land on this Passover, a Sabbath day, they were now poised to partake of its blessings. But it's not until the Wave Sheaf Offering is accomplished that they are allowed to feast on the land's produce. **On that day after the Sabbath**, the first Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread falling on the first day of the week, a Sunday, it became the day from which the count is made. This day was not only the first day of the week but becomes the first day of the Israelites' journey into the wilderness.

Leviticus 23:15~22 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 forever 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 gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

Let us venture into the history of the Bible again to see the first time that the Israelites observed this day as shown in the Passover and in the first and last days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and with the Wave Sheaf Offering at the crossing of the Red Sea.

The investigation begins by looking at the Second Month on the 15th *day to ascertain what day of the week it falls on.*

Second month:

15th Day of the Second month: (Sabbath)

Exodus 16:1~3 And they took their journey from **Elim**, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the **wilderness of Sin**, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the **fifteenth day of the second month** after their departing out of the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this **wilderness**, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

Israel had not eaten anything other than what they had brought out of Egypt with them or what they had found on the way, perchance by the 12 wells and 70 palm trees. It's now been 4 weeks since they left, and some are once again demoralized looking to turn back. Better to deal with the devil you know, than to be in the hands of Yah with whom you are unfamiliar.

Exodus 16:4~10 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall **prepare** that which they bring in; and it shall be **twice as much** as they gather daily. And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: And in the **morning**, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD. And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole murmurings. congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

Notice the first thing stated: **this is a test of obedience**, to **prove them**. Similar to the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when Yah gives His statutes and ordinances to be observed by them as first fruits, to **prove them**, recorded in Exodus 15:23~26, so also does Yah here prove them. This is the beginning of the most important sign given to man from Yah: giving them His laws. Also note the timing, in the evening, meaning, at the going down of the sun at the end of one day and the beginning of the next. It is at this time they will be eating flesh, and in the morning they will be eating bread. In every event Yah is teaching us of Himself and of his ways which define how we are to walk.

Exodus 16:11~12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying; I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, **At even ye shall eat flesh**, and **in the morning** ye shall be **filled with bread**; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.

Yah is giving instruction to his people on the Sabbath day and has planned the event to start happening at the end of the Sabbath, the beginning of the first day of the week. At even, you will **eat** flesh...quail, at the end of the Sabbath, the beginning of the first day of the week, Sunday. And in the morning...Sunday morning the first day of the week, you will be filled with bread... manna.

No manner of work is to be done on the Sabbath, one is to work 6 days and the seventh day is to be a day of rest. Work commences on the first day of the week, Sunday at even, after the going down of the sun. But note the timing of this Sabbath; it's on the 15^{th} day of the second month. That would make it exactly one month after the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the 15^{th} day of the first month. On that night it was a full moon by which the Israelites left Egypt. This day also, one month later, has the fullness of the moon by which the Israelites can see and gather the quails for food. This timing is also associated with the time that a second Passover would be taken in the second month on the 14^{th} day of the month if one was unable to keep the Passover in the first month, Numbers 9:1~12.

Exodus 16: 13~21 And it came to pass, that **at even** the **quails came up**, and covered the camp: and **in the morning** the **dew** lay round about the host. And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, **It is manna**: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat. This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his **tents.** And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. And Moses said, Let no man leave of it **till the morning**. Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it **until** the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

And they gathered it **every morning**, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

Remember that it was stated that He was to **prove them**, and at the same time teach them of His ways. So let's review what had been said.

Exodus 16:4~5 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

For six days they are instructed to gather in the manna each morning...starting with the first day of the week, Sunday, the day that they received the quail at evening and manna in the morning.

Sunday	1 st day	$(16^{th} day of the month)$
Monday	$2^{nd} day$	$(17^{th} day of the month)$
Tuesday	$3^{rd} day$	$(18^{th} day of the month)$
Wednesday	$4^{th} day$	$(19^{th} day of the month)$
Thursday	$5^{th} day$	$(20^{th} day of the month)$
Friday	$6^{th} day$	$(21^{st} day of the month)$ gather twice as
		much
Sabbath	7 th day	$(22^{nd} day of the month)$

21st Day of the Second month: (Friday)

Exodus 16:22~23 And it came to pass, that on the **sixth day** they gathered **twice as much** bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, **To morrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath** unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and see the that ye will see the; and that which remaine th over lay up for you to be kept **until the morning**.

Friday is the **Preparation Day** for the Sabbath. On this day they were to gather twice as much, meaning, your physical substance is to be prepared for the next day so rest can be received on the Sabbath.

22nd Day of the Second month: (Sabbath)

Exodus 16:24~30 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that today; for today is a Sabbath unto the LORD: today ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none. And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that the LORD hath given you the Sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day.

Did you ever wonder why the Fourth Commandment says: "Remember to keep the Sabbath"? Answer: Because it was already given to them before they came to Mt. Sinai.

Exodus 16:31~35 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

The Israelites spent forty years eating manna and forty years repeating the six day work week and the seventh day rest principle. This is the most important commandment, the Sabbath, which is the sign between Yah and man. He repeats the teaching 40 consecutive years to instill this most important point. Observing the Sabbath becomes the sign declaring we believe in Yah who then marks us with His blessing.

Third month:

Exodus 19:1~2 In the **third month**, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, **the same day** came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel **camped before the mount**.

Numbers 33:15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderness of Sinai.

The same day that the children of Israel came out of Egypt was on **Thursday...the** 5th day of the week... the 15th day of the first month. Please do not confuse the day of the week verses the day of the month. **Thursday...the** 5th day of the week. The first Thursday in the third month would be the 4th day of the month... Thursday the 4th day of the third month.

4^{th} Day of the Third month: (Thursday the 5^{th} day of the week)

Exodus 19:3~8 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on **eagles' wings**, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, **if** ye will **obey my voice** indeed, and **keep my covenant**, then ye **shall be** a **peculiar treasure** unto me **above all people**: for all the earth is mine: **And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests**, **and an holy nation**. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these **words** which the LORD commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, **All that the LORD hath spoken we will do**. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

First, Yah sets forth His intentions to make a covenant with the people. Moses relates those words to the people who agree to join in covenant with Yah. Yah and man have agreed to be one with each other, as in marriage. Yah at first wants to set some ground rules to be agreed upon, before signing in blood. They have not yet signed on the dotted line, but have agreed that they will join in covenant.

Exodus 19:9~11 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a **thick cloud**, that **the people may hear when I speak with thee**, and believe thee forever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them **today** and **tomorrow**, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the **third day:** for the **third day** the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

Moses is instructed to get the people ready starting with today, Thursday the 4^{th} day of the third month, and again tomorrow, Friday the 5^{th} , so as to be ready on the Sabbath, the 6^{th} day of the third month. This is easily seen as you follow along with the Feast of Weeks calendar located in the appendix.

Exodus 19:12~15 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount. And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and **sanctified the people**; and they washed their clothes. And he said unto the people, **Be ready against the third day**: come not at your wives.

So you want to be a first fruit and meet your maker? Well, how about first cleaning up yourself to become presentable. For some of us that's harder than for others. Not only does He ask for the outside of the vessel to be cleaned, but also the inward self, where lusts of the flesh are manifest.

Thursday	today	1 st day	4 th day of the third month
Friday	tomorrow	$2^{nd} day$	5^{th} day of the third month
Sabbath	third day	3 rd day	6^{th} day of the third month

6th Day of the Third month: (Sabbath)

Exodus 19:16~20 And it came to pass on the **third day in the morning**, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp **to meet with God**; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, **because the LORD descended upon it in fire**: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, **and God answered him by a voice**. And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

The third day from when the command was given to "be ready against the third day, for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai" (Exodus 19:11) is a Sabbath. This is the day Yah sanctified and told them to keep holy in Chapter 16. It is also the day that Yah reveals himself to the people as well as to us in his words as we come before Him to worship in His presence. On that morning, the Sabbath, God spoke to the Israelites and gave his commandments to them. That is the reason they were instructed to cleanse themselves before coming into the presence of Yah.

Exodus 20:1~26 The 10 commandments are given in the hearing of the people.

Exodus 21:1~ Now these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them.

From Chapters 21 thru 23, Yah gives Moses additional instructions, statutes and judgments to clarify the laws, the 10 commandments heard by the people from the mountain. The day is spent in receiving Yah's laws of truth. Let's pick up the story in Exodus, Chapter 24.

Exodus 24:1~3 And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and **seventy of the elders of Israel;** and worship ye afar off. And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him. And Moses came and told the people **all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments**: and **all the people answered** with one voice, and said, **All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.**

Well is that it? The Israelites heard in their own hearing Yah speaking from the top of the mountain and additionally received all of the written words that Moses subsequently brought down the mountain to them. They state that **ALL** the words which the Lord hath said "**we will do**." So what's left to do? Also note the day in which this is happening. It's the 7th Sabbath of weeks from the time of the Wave Sheaf Offering. Seven weeks have passed, 49 days exactly from that morning offering until this morning when Yah reveals Himself from atop the mountain.

7th Day of the Third month: (Sunday)

Exodus 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Moses completes the Sabbath day in finishing the writing of all the words that Yah has given him. Here it states that "He rose early in the morning" and built an altar. For him to rise early in the morning it would have to be the next day. The commandments, the statutes and judgments were given starting on the morning of the Sabbath. At sunset it would be a new day. For it to be morning, the new day would have already begun the even before. That day would be "the day after the Sabbath," Sunday (the first day of the week), the 7th day of the Third month. This is the day after the seventh Sabbath, the 50th day from the Wave Sheaf Offering. Note what is to happen on this day.

Exodus 24:5~9 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said,

Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

There it is: the covenant signed in blood, the contract sealed between Yah and His chosen people who shall be a peculiar treasure unto Him above all people. For all the earth is Yah's and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. When did this happen? On the day after the Sabbath when the laws were given, on the morrow after the seventh Sabbath when the covenant is signed in blood.

Exodus 24:9~18 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink. And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ve here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

Exodus 24:13 Moses rose up on that day, **Sunday**, the first day of the week, the 7^{th} day of the third month.

Exodus 24:16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it **six days:** and the **seventh day** he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

Sunday	$1^{st} day$	7 th day of the third month
Monday		8 th day of the third month
Tuesday	3 rd day	9 th day of the third month

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Wednesday		10 th day of the third month
Thursday		11 th day of the third month
Friday		12 th day of the third month
Sabbath	7 th day	13^{th} day of the third month

Once again the Lord talks to his servants on the Sabbath, the 7th day of the week, just as He speaks to us on this Holyday. This fact remains the basis for why we come and worship Him on the day He sanctified and made Holy.

Now when we use the instructions given in Deuteronomy 16 and Leviticus 23 to count to the Feast of Weeks from the day after the Sabbath that falls within the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we come to the same day that the covenant was consummated between the Israelites, the people of God and Himself in the **sprinkling of blood** of the covenant over the people and the words of God. The count to the Feast of Weeks starts from the Wave Sheaf Offering, which occurred on the day after the Sabbath that falls within the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It is from this day, the first day of the week, a Sunday, which starts the count of weeks. Seven biblical affirmed weeks starting with the first day of the week, Sunday and ending with the seventh day, a Sabbath plus the day after the seventh Sabbath, a Sunday, the first day of a new week that precisely falls on this Feast.

Please refer to the Feast of Weeks Calendar found in the appendix to easily follow the days and dates of this event happening in the Old Testament

The Feast of Weeks is the count of 7 full weeks, 49 days, from the day after the Sabbath that falls within the days of Unleavened Bread, the time of the Wave Sheaf Offering on the first day of the week. Until the day that follows the seventh week, the day after the seventh Sabbath, which is a Sunday, the first day of the week, also referred to as Pentecost which is Greek meaning fifty, 49+1.

All covenants are consummated with the shedding of blood. So thus as this one is with Yah, so also is the one we made with his Son, Yahshua, through His death for the redemption of our sin.

Hebrews 9:15~22 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. {be: or, be brought in} For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without **blood**. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to **the law**, he took the **blood** of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and **sprinkled both the book, and all the people,** Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath **enjoined unto you**. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission**.

1Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and **sprinkling of the blood** of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

From the Book of Exodus, Chapter 19, through the Book of Numbers, Chapter 11:33, Moses and the children of Israel stayed at Mt. Sinai and do not leave the mountain until Numbers 11:34, also stated in Numbers 33:16.

Note: This study mentioned many times that Yah descended upon Mount Sinai and spoke to the people and was seen by the 70 elders who even ate with Yah as described in Exodus 24:9~11. Yet the scriptures say that no man has ever seen Yah the Father at any time, John 1:18. Thus whoever was seen and heard is none other than Yahshua the Messiah, the Creator, by whom all things are made.

For further information on this fact please write for two studies: "The God of the Old Testament" and the study "No man has seen God."

This concludes the Spring Holy Days that started with the selection of the lamb on the tenth day of the first month which serves as the Passover Lamb that is killed and eaten on the fourteenth day of the first month sealing those who are called to the Plan of Salvation. This event is followed by the Feast of Unleavened Bread which depicts the journey of the Israelites, the nation of Israel purging themselves including sinners released from bondage. In the Feast of Unleavened Bread on the day after the Sabbath, the Wave Sheaf Offering occurs depicting the First of the First Fruits. It is from this day that we count to the Feast of Weeks seven consecutive Sabbaths and the day following the seventh Sabbath, Sunday, totaling 50 days, to the Feast or Feast of First Fruits. We memorialize this event because on the first day of the week the Holy Spirit was given in the New Testament, and the covenant according to the laws was given from Mt. Sinai in the Old Testament.

The Plan of Salvation involves being called into God's service. That calling is revealed to us when we are sealed by that selected lamb on the tenth day. In the Old Testament this was the same day the blood was placed on the door post selecting and protecting those who were going to be saved that night. In the New Testament Christ celebrating that event seals his called out ones by the bread and wine of the New Covenant. Now being called we are protected from the death angel who first struck at midnight killing the first born of Egypt and now strikes our Lord on the Mount of Olives. This leads us to the Passover Sacrifice which redeems those first born that are sealed by the blood of the lamb, the blood of our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. From there the direction in which to walk is given through His laws from Mt. Sinai as with the gift of the Holy Spirit leading us into all truth.

These three spring feasts have already been accomplished physically in the Old Testament and spiritually in the New Testament through Christ the Messiah coming and dying, leaving the gift of the Holy Spirit given on the Feast of Weeks. Now we move into the next phase: the fall Feasts.

Chapter 9

The Fall Feast Days

As the spring Holy Days celebrated historical events are most integral to the Plan of Salvation, the fall Holy Days commemorate equally prominent future events that will determine the eternal destiny of mankind living with Yah as mandated in His Plan of Salvation. The first fall holy day is The Feast of Trumpets. The Feast of Trumpets is celebrated at the end of the fall harvest time associated with the turn of the year, at the beginning of autumn, on the first day of the Seventh Lunar month according to Yah's holy calendar. It commemorates the return of Yahshua with His wrath and involves the changing of believers into new life after the tribulation of the saints, after the last trumpet is sounded. At the time of the Feast of Trumpets the temple rituals have symbolic ramifications associated with the Book of Revelation of Yahshua heralded by the seven trumpets followed by the seven vials poured out upon mankind.

Atonement, the second of the fall, autumnal holy days, features the last trumpet blast thus commemorating Yah redeeming his people by ultimately putting away Satan so Yah and Yahshua can live together in the renewed Jerusalem on earth with his people. With Satan now bound for a thousand years, the earth and mankind can rest and once again restore the beloved city and the earth to a state of utopia.

With Atonement accomplishing the redemption of sin, the following Feast of Ingathering (Tabernacles) contains a seven day celebration joining believers together with Yahshua to receive their reward at the wedding supper at the marriage of the Lamb, Yahshua, to his bride, his church of the first fruits.

The Last Great Day represents the time after the preceding seven day Feast of Ingathering, the completion of the 7000 year cycle, the 1000 year millennium, the time allotted for the rest of mankind to be resurrected for judgment before Yah's White Throne when each remaining person will receive a sentence of eternal life or one of destruction, the latter, an eternal separation from Yah and Yahshua. This final judgment completes Yah's Plan of Salvation.

The Feast of Trumpets

Leviticus 23:1~2 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 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.

Leviticus 23:23~25 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.

The Feast of Trumpets depicts the return of Yahshua the Christ, the Messiah that had come to save His people earlier in the year 30A.D. and was rejected. Yet this time He doesn't come with salvation, but with wrath. This feast day is the event that we all have been waiting for, the return of Christ. Misplaced prophecy has portrayed this event with a joyous restoration of Jerusalem and a calling together of His chosen people. But that is far from what the scriptures describe. The scriptures declare the return of the Messiah with wrath, vengeance, to destroy those that have harmed the earth and those that fail to acknowledge Him as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This is not a happy time in the Plan of Salvation, but a most needed time to cleanse the earth of sin, for the Kingdom of Yah to come.

But this feast also holds a special reward for His chosen elect, those that wait to hear the last of the trumpet blasts. For at that time the scriptures declare that those that are in Christ will be redeemed to partake of the everlasting kingdom with Yahshua and the Father. Please read on and see the wrath and the rewards that await mankind according to their faith.

The Book of John, Chapter 5, states that **the hour is coming and now** is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. Does this imply that Yahshua talks to the dead now, and those that hear shall live? Can all the dead hear? Aren't the dead who are asleep incapable of knowing anything? How could these things be? When are we redeemed, when is the resurrection of the saints? When are the dead to live again? John 5:25~29 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The hour is coming, and now is**, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to **execute judgment** also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for **the hour is coming**, in the which **all that are in the graves shall hear his voice**, And shall come forth; they that have **done good**, unto the resurrection of **life**; and they that have **done evil**, unto the resurrection of **damnation**.

Note: Twice it is stated **the hour is coming**, reflecting upon a future time for an event to occur. However, one reference connotes the present by the statement **and now is**; that the dead shall hear the voice of Yahshua calling. Is Yahshua taking to the dead now, can the dead hear His voice? Yes...the dead hear His words, the **living**, walking dead in spirit with no hope, outside of the will of Yah, as those recorded in the Book of Revelation concerning the Church of Sardis, Revelation 3:1~3.

Revelation 3:1~3 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

This is the message to the sick, the dead in spirit, the unrighteous, to avert their resurrection of damnation. There are two resurrections mentioned: one to life, the other to damnation. In either outcome **all** will hear His command to rise. Yet the living dead who are being called now can hear His calling...only if they will listen!

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.**

The change into this new life does not happen until the **last trumpet** is sounded. There are seven trumpet blasts to be sounded that are recorded in the Book of Revelation. Yet only at the last, the final trumpet, are we redeemed. What and where is this last trumpet that we must wait for? When looking closely at the events recorded in the Old Testament, an eighth trumpet blast is sounded to fulfill the final event of release.

Leviticus 25:8~22 And thou shalt number seven Sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven Sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ve make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a **jubile** unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession. And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest ought of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another: According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee: According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee. Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God. Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for **three years.** And ye shall sow the **eighth year**, and eat yet of old fruit until the **ninth year**; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

There is a lot of information that Yahshua has given us to be aware of pertaining to what precedes the time of His coming. Knowing the times is of great value, but being prepared for the event is of paramount importance. For when He comes it's a little late to change one's ways. Conversion does not happen in a day!

There are two major events that are prophesied to be seen and felt by those living during the end times. The first involves the tribulation of the saints which is occurring from the time of Yahshua's death throughout the time of the fourth and final beast kingdom until the time of Yahshua's return. This tribulation is fulfilled by the completion of the fifth seal as recorded in Rev 6. The second event features the wrath of Yah that follows the sixth seal. From both vantage points, neither one is a joyous event but Yah said that one is greater than the other making a sorrowful time from either perspective.

Psalms 116:10~19 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted: I said in my haste, All men are liars. What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the LORD now in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

The voice, the word, the logos to the living dead is **now**, as is the tribulation **now** that one must endure, as is my judgment also **now** as stated in the First Book of Peter:

1Peter 4:17 For the time is come that **judgment must begin at the house of God**: and if **it first begin at us**, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

The scriptures are quite clear in describing that it is now that I am called to "pay my vows unto the LORD... now in the presence of all his people," in the presence of His church.

As the sound clears on the day of the Feast of Trumpets, our Savior in whom we wait will return and fight with the inhabitants of the earth as He establishes His Kingdom. Seven trumpet blasts followed by seven vials of wrath poured out upon the inhabitance of the earth follow the seven seals that preceded His arrival. Thus Yah's saints must wait until these events are fulfilled before being gathered together with Our Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13~18 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** (*come before*) 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 (*gathered*) together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air (*the vapor which descend on the mount*): and so shall we ever be with the Lord (*here on earth*). Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The reward of the saints comes not at the time of Christ's abrupt return to earth to recapture His kingdom, no...not at that moment, but sometime after following the trumpet blasts of Yah. The called, including those dead as well as those present, will receive their reward together at the time of their resurrection, their redemption, their change. When would the dead, those that are asleep in Yahshua, arise and when will those that remain be changed? At the last trumpet. Again, Yahshua returns to the Mount called Olivet descending in a cloud and we are joined with Him at the last trumpet, not at His arrival. As we proceed we will see that Yahshua first has some prophetic business to attend to before making way for His saints to join Him.

2 Thessalonians 1:4~8 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your **persecutions**

and **tribulations** that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Notice the persecution and tribulations of the saints happen during their walk, during their life time, not some end time event incorrectly called "The Great Tribulation." Also observe that Yahshua returns with His angels in flaming fire taking vengeance, meaning He first comes with wrath to establish His kingdom **before** gathering the saints to His side.

Acts 1:9~12 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; **and a cloud received** him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the **mount called Olivet**, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey.

Joel 2:28~32 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the **heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke**. The **sun** shall be turned into **darkness**, and the **moon** into **blood**, "**BEFORE**" **the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.** And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD** shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the **remnant** whom the LORD **shall call**.

Note the timing of events: the sun will be darkened; the moon will turn to the color of blood...before the Great Day of the Lord's return.

These are the events mentioned in Revelation 6, the sixth seal, **before** the trumpet blast of His return.

Revelation 6:12 ~17 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the **sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood**; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Yahshua bears witness to all **before** the gathering of the saints. He reveals himself to the world when **all see Him** as the sky rolls back and the sun and moon change evidencing His power with His wrath to follow.

Mark 13: 24~27 But in those days, **after that tribulation**, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the **stars of heaven shall fall**, **and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken**. And **then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds** with great power and glory. And **then shall he send his angels**, **and shall gather** together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

The tribulations of those days refer to the time between the destruction of Jerusalem due to the abomination: the rejection of the Messiah by His called out people, the Israelites, who cause the desolation, meaning the voiding of Yah's Spirit at His temple until the time of his return. As we saw earlier in 2 Thessalonians 1:4~8 the persecution and tribulations of the saints happening during their life time, as it is going on right now, culminating with the events of the first five seals in Revelation, Chapter 6. The stars fall and the sky rolls up before His return, and He is seen coming in the clouds with His host, His army of angels, before sending His angels to gather His elect. All this happens first... before we are changed and the dead are raised. Luke 21: 25~28 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Your redemption **draws near**...it does not say it's here, but **near**, not yet, but very close at hand. Much is to happen **before** our redemption, being redeemed to a new eternal life.

Romans 8:23 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**.

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the **day of redemption**.

The scriptures tell us to look up, for the redemption of our bodies made anew draws **near**. That means... it is not yet, but is close, at the door, ready to happen or about to happen as one sees the Son of Man coming in the clouds. It did not take place yet, we have not yet been redeemed.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and **then he shall reward every man according to his works.**

The reward is **after** His coming with His army of angels as He first secures the kingdom in preparation for His first fruits. There are things yet to take place **before** we are redeemed, sin is still present as Satan has yet to be bound.

Matthew 24:29~31 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they **shall gather together his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Let's go back in time to the 5th seal, where the saints, we, are presently and remind ourselves about the fate of many saints before His coming, **before** they, we, are gathered and changed, given redemption of their bodies.

Revelation 6:9~11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not **judge and avenge our blood** on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should **rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled**.

John saw this event while he stood before Yah's throne. Yet from this position John sees those slain under the altar, not in front of or before the altar, where he was with the 4 creatures and 24 elders moments ago. He hears those under the altar pleading, "How long do we wait here until you **judge and avenge us**?" Since all must die once, and then receive judgment, those slain are not asking for their redemption, but for the Lord's judgment on those on earth in order to avenge their death. The event documents that our Lord has not come into full power, nor has redeemed those slain for the word of Yah. This event seen before the throne under the altar happens **before** the Day of the Lord and serves as the motive, framing the reason for His coming: Unclaimed souls asleep under His altar with their spirits crying out to Yah upon their death to "avenge us" while they await redemption. Thus Christ is not yet ruling; man is not yet redeemed.

John's message reveals to us that before the Day of the Lord, those under the altar will be joined with their fellow servants and brethren, meaning both those native born and those outside of the nation of Israel in like manner. And that manner is the martyrdom of the saints, those willing to die for the truth. Something to look forward to!!!

Revelation 6:16~17 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the

wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

The resurrection takes place at the last trumpet sound, yet His wrath happens before that last trump, for it had not sounded as of yet. Mankind is given their last chance to realize the cause of sin and to feel its wrath to hopefully incite repentance, being added to the Book of Life or to perish.

1 Corinthians 15:51~52 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.

Revelation 7:1~4 And **after these things** I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the **seal of the living God**: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed the servants of our God** in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

"After these things" refers to the events of the 6 seals and the sun, moon and stars, the heavens departing. The 144,000 are sealed, 12,000 from each tribe. We who are gentiles are to be grafted into that house of Yah as part of one of the 12 tribes. All these are spiritually pure, "virgins," serving as firsthand witnesses to this special event: the wrath of our Lord as He redeems His saints.

Revelation 8:1~2 And when he had opened the **seventh seal**, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels, which stood before God; and to them were given **seven trumpets**.

The first of the seven trumpets revealed; Yahshua causes havoc on those that have rejected Him as God.

Revelation 8:7; 1st *Trumpet - hail & fire cast to the earth, third part of trees & grass burn.*

- Revelation 8:8; 2^{nd} Trumpet a great mountain cast into the sea, third part of the sea becomes blood.
- *Revelation 8:10; 3rd Trumpet burning star falls on rivers, springs of water, third part of which becomes bitter.*

The fifth and the sixth trumpet blasts are more intense, described as a "woe" indicating their severity. Also the venue is changed with the woes. Now the wrath administered by the fallen angels who have been held in bondage for this day is directly imposed upon mankind.

Revelation 9:1;	5^{th} Trumpet – an angel from the bottomless pit is
	released, the 1 st Woe - tormenting humans with stings
	as a scorpion for five months.
Revelation 9:1.	$3; 6^{th}$ Trumpet - four fallen angels bound, released to
	command an army, 2^{nd} Woe – 200 million fallen angels
	killing a third of humankind with fire, smoke &
	brimstone.

The seventh trumpet which is the **third woe** does not sound until Revelation, Chapter 15:1.

Revelation 10:1 And I saw another **mighty angel** come down from heaven, **clothed with a cloud**: and a **rainbow was upon his head**, and his **face was as it were the sun**, and **his feet as pillars of fire**:

This **mighty angel**, meaning a messenger of Yah, clothed as Christ, has the same appearance seen in Revelation 1:12~15 as like unto the Son of man. This mighty angel, Yahshua Himself, not one of the seven angels with the seven trumpets, is "The Word," the Logos, earning the title of the Messenger of Yah.

Revelation 10:2~4 And **He** had in his hand a little book open: and **he** set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

Revelation 8:12; 4th Trumpet - sun & moon darkened by a third.

Yahshua, this Mighty Angel, declares the end of Satan's rule over the world as Yahshua begins to take control of His kingdom. Submit or perish!

Revelation 10:5~7 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

The event occurs when the seventh angel **begins** to sound. Only then, not when he's done sounding or in the middle of sounding, but at the beginning of the seventh trumpet, the mystery of Yah is finished, it's done...it's over! There is nothing more that could be done on Yahshua's part to enhance a conversion of mankind. The same final condition is described in Revelation 11:15 as the seventh angel sounds the third woe.

Revelation 11: 14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the **third woe cometh quickly.**

The third woe starts right after the second woe. There is no time lapse mentioned because it comes so quickly. There is however ample information that describes in detail events leading up to this point in time. Chapters 10 thru 14 are inserts in the time line that serve as valid witnesses describing the rationale for the judgment to come. Before condemning a wrong and applying punishment, **two or three** witnesses are required to convict the evildoer of a sin.

The Seventh Trumpet Blast Begins as we continue in Revelation 11:15

Revelation 11:15~19 And the **seventh angel sounded**; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever**. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Did you notice that verse 14 said the third woe is coming quickly? But it had not yet come. Thus as the seventh angel sounded its trumpet the Mystery of Yah is finished. Now He starts the final acts of His mighty wrath upon mankind. Those before Yah's seat in heaven speak of the time of His wrath **to come** and of the dead to be judged. Also verse 19 says the temple of Yah was open as does Revelation 15:5~8. These verses give a clue that the third woe **to come** occurs after the opening of the temple. Thus Revelation 11:15~19 and 15:5~8 describe one in the same event. As we read chapters 11,12,13,14 and 15 we find that they advance the story line, but are inserted to provide the rationale as to why these things are happening. Revelation, Chapters 12 & 13 reveal the story line of Christ verses Satan. Also compare Revelation 13:5~10 and Daniel 7:21~23 that reveal the same information.

Note: Satan cannot be overthrown until his kingdom is taken from him physically and he is rendered captive. Yahshua's kingdom must come and overpower him and cast him out before Yahshua assume lordship over his new kingdom. There must be a physical battle and a physical victory. Until victory over Satan is accomplished and sin is put away, believers can't be redeemed.

Revelation 14:1~7 And I looked, and, lo, a **Lamb stood on the mount Zion**, and with him an **hundred forty and four thousand**, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

To review time wise where we are in this prophecy at the moment: Initially John is in a vision on the Lord's Day seeing Yahshua's return. He is told to write the things which he "has seen"...meaning those present events shown to him on the Day of the Lord's return, and the things which "are"...meaning past the condition of the seven churches, and the things which shall be "hereafter"...meaning future, after the Day of the Lord. From there "a door was opened in heaven" to him in Revelation 4:1 and he is shown the opening of the seven seals, with the sixth seal being the Day of the Lord. After that, we read of the sealing of the 144,000 first fruits that will witness the event to come and also be witnesses to the world showing that Yah does make a distinction between His righteous ones and those who are lawless, not heeding Yah's law. As the seventh seal is opened, John is shown seven trumpet blasts which are the last warning signs "to repent" given to the world.

At the end of the sixth trumpet blast in Revelation 9:13~21, the story line is interrupted to introduce the two witnesses. As Chapter 11 starts, an angel tells John to **"rise."** John is taken to a **different time**, prior to the wrath of Yah, before the Lord's return. As we read, Chapters 11, 12 &13 collectively provide the valid witnesses needed before His judgment. Chapter 14 opens with Yahshua standing on Mount Zion with the 144,000 having his Father's name written on their foreheads. They have **not been changed** as of yet, but have gathered on Mount Zion with Him to await, witnessing His judgment upon the world as stated in Revelation 10:7; "But in the days when the seventh angel's voice shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as He declared to his servants the prophets." The witness of mankind's sin has been shown and now the judgment begins.

Why is the angel so intent in preaching to the world? For he is the herald going before the new King proclaiming to the world, "Your new King of Kings is here!" Therefore, repent, acknowledge and worship Him or perish! This scenario is similar to the conquering empires of old, a fight for dominion over the kingdom must occur. Then, as long as the conquered nations paid homage and taxes to the new King, they were spared. Thus the fate of those follows: Those who repented during His wrath and are left within the last 1000 years live to rebuild the earthly kingdom.

Revelation 15:1~8 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

The seven plagues become the beginning of the last of Yah's wrath upon humankind for the evil done on His earth. Yahshua has done everything possible to reveal truth and encourage us to change by the earlier punishments from the seven seals and the six trumpet blasts, yet mankind still refuses to repent!

Notice the statement that "no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled." These words infer that as of this moment no one has been redeemed being with Him as spirit beings before His throne. The seven last plagues must be completed first before redemption occurs. This would also be the case for the 144,000 first fruit virgins that are about to see His final wrath descend upon mankind. Again, the prophecy of Yah's final wrath halted in Rev 10 is now picked up here at the end of Revelation 15 with Chapters 11, 12, 13 and 14 showing the cause before the effect of His wrath. As we read Revelation 10:1~7, note the similarities and the final message given.

The mystery of God is finished as he hath declared to his servants, the prophets (His messengers). **"There shall be time no longer,"** no reason to wait, all that are being called have been called, all that chose to repent have repented. Chapters 11 through 15 served as witnesses provided to mankind from Yah explaining the cause of His wrath written in the **"little book,"** the Book of Revelation.

Those that are dead are viewed as waiting under the altar for their change, as those that are present with Him serve as witnesses, when all things are completed. For our inheritance is to rule with Him when he takes possession of His Kingdom, after the wrath of Yah, after the battle is fought and won.

Joel 3:1~3 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

Joel 3:9~17 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

The battle for the Kingdom must be fought before redemption is felt. And we are to be changed at the last trumpet blast.

Revelation 19:1~4 And **after these things** I heard a great voice of much **multitude** (*people KJV*) in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: **for he hath judged the great whore**, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath **avenged the blood of HIS servants** at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up forever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

After these things, denoting after seeing the judgment of the great whore for her sin, a great multitude in heaven is heard praising Yah for judging the great whore, condemning her while avenging the blood of His servants. Notice the verses did not say avenging our blood referring to the saints, but to ones called His servants. The voice of the multitude is present at the judging to witness the event thus proclaiming that this judgment avenges the blood of His servants. Who were the witnesses of the whore and the blood of Yahshua, His servant? The Angels!!!! Those called His servants refer to the two witnesses that were killed as noted in Chapter 11. Until sin is put away, meaning Satan, we cannot be joined to Yahshua.

Yahshua is first seen appearing with a verdict of condemnation: **He** hath judged the great whore which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and avenged the blood of His servants killed by her hand. Now the whore is condemned who had killed many saints and witnesses, called martyrs, who had stayed faithful as Yah waited for the great whore to repent over the cost of His servants. The smoke of her punishment will rise forever as incense before His throne.

Revelation 19:5~6 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.

The voice is heard from the throne by the great multitude sounding as many waters and as the voice of mighty thundering. This is surely not the saints but those in heaven, his angels, saying: "Praise **Our** Yah, all you servants and those that fear Him both small and great."

Revelation 19:7~9 Let us (meaning the angels) be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife (the 144,000 virgins with the saints and martyrs) hath made herself ready. And to her (His wife) 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. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

So it is the angels that are seen gladly rejoicing and being told to give honor to the lamb's wife...we the church, "if" we have remained faithful. The church, its saints and witnesses, has made herself ready and now awaits her reward of being blessed, called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. Yet the saints and martyrs with the 144,000 virgins don't appear partaking of that supper until after Yahshua's return and the putting away of Satan (the dragon), the beast and the false prophet as told in Revelation 20.

All these events pertaining to the trumpet blasts start on this day, on the Feast of Trumpets and proceed to its culmination that occurs on the Day of Atonement. Yet there is one more trumpet to be sounded before redemption takes place and we are made anew in His Kingdom.

Please read the following chapters regarding the spiritual condition of mankind at the time of Yahshua's coming and of the Feast of Atonement as it reveals the Last Trumpet Blast affording us redemption, the invitation to attend the Wedding Supper.

The final Trumpet blast is at Atonement

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Chapter 10

The Time of His Coming

At the time of Christ's return at the Feast of Trumpets, the scriptures tell of the spiritual condition of the church and that of mankind. The instructions are given: Believers must be ready for such an unknown hour when the Son of Man comes to His called. But when is that time? What are the events of His calling?

Matthew 24:36~51 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the **day** that Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of. And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Notice that during the time of Noah there were no signs of the coming flood, except in the lawlessness seen through the eyes of the righteous. To the world of that era, all was going along as it always had, nothing out of the ordinary was happening. Today wars are always going on somewhere as are pestilence and hunger. Death through cancer and other diseases are always taking its share of people. For the most part, unless personally involved, all looks the same. But not so in the eyes of the righteous because they are fully aware that sin is ruling. The message for those that have ears to hear is the same message as the one at the time of Noah but "they knew not until the flood came." The servant, who is not vigilant, not watching, is taken "in an hour that he is not aware."

Note: There is no specific timing of this event as it happens when one is unaware. It is not necessarily specific to an end time event, but is crucial none the less, becoming a spiritually fatal missed opportune time in one's life when one is not found prepared for the Messiah. A time when one lacks the vigilance to stay focused on the goal, despite having been called as a first fruit. Thus, this message remains relevant any time throughout the life of the believer.

2 Thessalonians 2:1~12 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: except there come a falling away first and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that saved. they should **believe a lie**: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The words warn us: "For that **day** shall not come, **except there come a falling away first.**" The world cannot see the condition of its abomination for it has lost the ability to distinguish sin defined as the transgression of "**the law.**" They do not believe **the truth** and thus do not see their sins. As was stated during the time of Noah, they were blind to the events going on around them. Perchance we also are living our lives blind or misled looking to some great event to occur while failing to see what is happening to us before our very eyes. Evil is constantly picking away and separating us from loved ones, from brethren, and most importantly from the love of Yah always seeking to manifest itself within us. Have our eyes become dull, have we hardened our hearts, become desensitized to the events going on around us? Are we part of the problem, "The Self," the inner me, that can't see, as we look elsewhere for events read about in prophecy? The Bible is written to us, the called out ones, as a witness against us and the world if we fail to comply and apply.

Are we not this human temple of the living God where His Holy Spirit resides? Of course we are! So why do our living priorities evidence an inhospitable state of mind causing an erosion of the Holy Spirit's presence within us? Does He live somewhere else? Is there a temple of Yah now on earth in which He sits?...**no!** Does scripture declare there is a temple to be built before His coming?...**no!** Does scripture say anything about a great revival and a new temple existing before His coming?...no! Where do such questions originate? Aren't these questions based once again on misinterpretations of His word by those that denied His first coming, who still call themselves the "chosen people," a people who Yah has indeed chosen? But despite their highly coveted status, Judaism continues to steadfastly proclaim these blatantly false conclusions. Israel as a nation had denied the coming of Christ as the Messiah and has held that mistruth to the present as they vigorously contend for all to believe their lie, their denial. Remember. he that denies Christ is the anti-Christ 1John 2:22.

1 Corinthians 3:16~17 Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, **which temple ye are**.

1 Corinthians 6:19~20 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit 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**.

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God**; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them**, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

The statement in 2 Thessalonians 2:3: "Except there comes a falling away first" begs the question of whom? The answer is quite obvious, of believers, those following and adhering to Yah's truth. When false teachings of untruths deceive "The Self," the me, myself and I, and set up residence in one, our temple, one believes and follows its desires which are reflected in one's actions. The betraval caused by false truths, swindle believers by offering misleading information. If such information is not scrutinized by scripture, it defrauds believers who willingly embrace sweet sounding testimonies, living the lie, joining the ranks of those who have fallen away. When one stands entrenched in denial of the truth, unwilling to hear and see, one has passed the points of hidden sin and the sin of ignorance and has now ventured into presumptuous sin, a state that offers no opportunity for repentance. We are what we eat, read and hear; our actions are the proof of whom we serve: Whether Yah or self. Justification and self preservation are two hallmarks of rationalization servicing the worship of ... SELF.

Matthew 24:42~44 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

The "good man" refers to the righteous man who sees the signs of the times, "the thief which comes." Notice in all three verses it's stated that Yahshua also comes "in such an hour as ye think not." No warning, no physical outward sign, just surprise: I have come to take hold of my Kingdom...Is anyone here that I know? At that point it's too late to get ready or change anything. It's too late for... "sorry I'm not ready yet, please have a seat, I'll be with you shortly, just have to clean up a few things first!!! The question that faces all of us is: Does any of us truly know if this will be our last day, our final hours when Yah will call for us?

We live in a world of rapidly increasing conveniences primarily due to the cyber age. Our self centered lives have placed God into one mere slot amid many within our preoccupied schedule, maybe devoting an hour or two on a Saturday or Sunday. Any talk of a Messiah-coming event remains shrouded in a remote vague future far removed from any credible present reality. In this communal dominated climate, complacency reigns with a mindset thriving in a new morality, humanism, based on human rights divorced from those of God. Life is good. Most never heed the fact that for each of us, life can end at any moment; that our respective end point in time can be now. Look at the news events! Yes, the end point can be for us now, not amid the end time event of the return of the Messiah when it is indeed too late for anyone to change.

1 Thessalonians 5:1~3 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.

The first five seals in Revelation, Chapter 6, affect one fourth part of the world as Satan and his message of false truths gain power bringing about a false peace. This atmosphere allows him to set himself up to be worshiped as God, taking Yah's glory. All this happens **before** the opening of the 6th seal with the "The sun, moon and stars transforming." Then the wrath of Yah begins as He gathers his elect to be with Him. All this is happening while three fourths of the world is physically unaffected lost in their lives, unaware of the deception which had befallen them.

The trumpet blast that declares redemption, our being gathered to Yahshua, happens after these events. Those will be gathered and/or changed at the sounding of the last trump after Atonement has been made, releasing all those from the bondage of debt.

2 Peter 3: 3~14 Knowing this **first**, that there shall come in the **last days scoffers**, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this **they willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby

the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 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. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 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 new earth. wherein dwelleth righteousness. heavens and a Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

"In the last days scoffers will be walking after their own lusts." Notice that is says they are scoffers, meaning those that mock, ridicule not just of His coming, but of His way of righteousness, their lives set against His law, walking after their own lust, following **"The Self."** It is stated that they are **"willingly ignorant,"** blinding themselves to the truth...in another words, they are doing it to themselves. Does this not describe what is presently happening? Members of churches scoff at the laws of Yah, blatantly defile His will, calling their interpretation, spiritual liberty. Others backbite and slander each other as if Yah is blind to their doing. Unwilling to fellowship, they isolate themselves, promoting doubt and confusion, focusing on negative differences rather than love, charity, out going concern for others.

Are we also living a guilty walk disregarding Yah's will? We justify coexisting with sin in our life by refusing to purge our own selfish self in order to allow His Spirit to live fully within us. He is talking to us directly who are walking in their own lust as we scoff at His will in directing our lives. One cannot walk in peace, without spot, being blameless, as long as one walks after the desire of "The Self." Judgment starts now in the house of Yah. We don't get a second chance...this is it, the message is for all to heed! 2 Timothy 3:1~9 This know also, that in the last days..."perilous times shall come." For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent (*without self control*), fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: "from such turn away." For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate (*rejected*) concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

Note carefully, these character traits are describing church members, not those of the world. Paul is writing to the church, the body of believers as seen at the end time. All these characteristics are exactly those being bred in the churches today. Perchance we ourselves follow some of these same characteristics of unrighteousness by having a form of godliness, saying, "We are spirit-filled and walk in the faith." Yet in reality our lives led by **actions** deny a life lived according to His word, in righteousness, that comes from...**doing His will, His law**. Paul instructs the righteous to separate themselves from those that transgress His laws by their deeds in the body of Christ...the church.

We know many live lives not true to The Way, yet don't we find ourselves embracing their unrighteousness by allowing ourselves and our families to coexist with such behavior? By living just like those who are unfruitful among us in the body of Christ, we also, despite learning much, never come into the knowledge of truth. Why? Because the knowledge of truth lies in action... putting His truth into use. Knowledge and understanding produce wisdom which is the application of the truth. It's all in the doing...not in hearing or seeing, reading or learning. Though we study the word diligently as if that in itself is righteousness, we seldom apply what is read into action, remaining "willingly ignorant" deceiving ourselves living in hypocrisy.

2 Timothy 3:12~13 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer **persecution.** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

The walk is not easy; it's there for our correction to be in His image, the final reward of our effort. Stated clearly; there are only two ways to walk on this path: with Him or away from Him. When Yahshua comes it's a little late to change direction, especially when the other walk is upon an unproven path.

Two events that are seen and felt are the wrath of Yah at His coming and the tribulation in the life of the saints that precede His coming. From the outside neither event looks joyous, but it is better to suffer for right rather than suffer because your conduct disserved it.

1 Peter 2:20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

Daniel 7:15~27 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever. Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Yah's saints, being separated from the world, are attacked because they adhered to His will awaiting their reward of faithfulness. They have cleansed themselves winning their battle over "**The Self**" and the world. This is our goal, the goal of all believers, to fight for, **to live for**, to receive the given, priceless possession of His grace. The tribulations of the saints involve the trial of living in a world full of sin while staying true to Yah's words. Yet the greatest tribulation is controlling "**The Self**." Before the eternal reward that occurs at the last trumpet blast, the 5th seal that defines the path that the righteous must walk, must be fulfilled. To be Christ-like now takes on a deeper meaning...the cross that each one must bear.

Revelation 6: 9~11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their **fellow servants** also and their **brethren**, **that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

This path has its trials, but the reward is a hundred fold. Let us find ourselves steadfastly walking upon this path with Yahshua at our side. Martyrdom is the act of suffering for one's belief. If we stay firm adhering to His truth, then we will be able to look and see the fleeting joy passing from others as Satan steals time and power through sin and repays them with striving, dissatisfied lives that now must deal with the wrath of Yah.

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.

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Notice Revelation, Chapter 16, is far into the story line telling of the wrath of the Lamb when He says that He comes as a thief. Yah's wrath comes **after** the false prophet and the beast have led the world astray. This information provides a warning for us to not be deceived of their ways; that Yahshua comes **after** their deception upon the world and us, not before...so remain alert, rejecting these false teachings!

Isaiah 14:12~20 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart. I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners? All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

Note that Satan destroys the world by leading many away from Yah by promoting "The Self" over the way of truth. This is the same great deception, clothed seemingly virtuous, that the world holds today: "Man ruling over man" in the exaltation of "Self" over another... not coexisting to lift the joined body, but standing apart, aloof, the opposite of working together. A family atmosphere shows all working together to accomplish a common goal as should be seen exemplified in the church. One must give up "The Self" to work for each other; it's the given way of life, how His church is designed to function.

Ezekiel 28:1~19 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Because thine heart is lifted up**, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God: Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee: With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God: Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the **pit**, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

"By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches." "Thou hast defiled thy sanctuary by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick." The sin of greed is to covet, the desire for more to the service of "**The** self." The self centered view to have everything to support me, myself and I is the opposite of giving. Through his domination of man and his possessions, Satan has captivated mankind through merchandising our time, thoughts, desires, paying back with tastes of lust, trapping "**The** Self" into cravings for more. With the focus on coveting for "Self," we defile our sanctuary, for we are the temple of Yah. Unsatisfied with the joy of serving Yah, we crave to serve our lustful desires instead, the other god, Satan, in our lives. Unknowingly we worship Satan who has set himself up in our temple as we follow him as shown through our actions that confirm we are his servant doing his will. And it is we who will thus receive our reward...death.

Happiness is not having everything you want, but enjoying everything you have.

Jeremiah 6:9~19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall throughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets. To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised. and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD. For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. 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. But they said, We will not walk therein. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.

Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

Yahshua in the above verses has been preaching about us rejecting His ways by following the cravings of "**The Self**." Our unrighteousness will cost us pain and discomfort, not only now, but at our judgment. As the saying goes, "it always looks greener on the other side of the fence," until one gets there and realizes it wasn't worth the trip...the momentary thrill at the expense of everlasting, tragic consequences.

Luke 12:22~40 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, **O ve** of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of **doubtful mind**. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return for the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the **goodman** of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

What is faith? Should Yahshua find it at His return? Is faith given...or is it the ability to have faith that is given? In the Old Testament the word is recorded two times in the Hebrew.

Deuteronomy 32:20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very forward generation, children in whom is no **faith**.

Faith #0529. 'emuwn, from 539; trusty; trustworthiness: faithful, truth.

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his **faith**.

Faith #0530. '*emuwnah*, *feminine of 529; literally firmness; figuratively security; moral fidelity: faithful, stability, steady, truth.*

In the New Testament the word is recorded 229 times in the Greek.

Matthew 9:27~30 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, **According to your faith** be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

Faith #4102. pistis, from 3982; persuasion, credence; moral conviction of truth, or the truthfulness of God, truth itself: assurance, belief, believe, fidelity.

Thus faith is the **act**, the achievement or realization on your part in **applying truth** as seen by, in, and through your actions. Not verbally but physically demonstrated, seen and felt in one's dealing with life.

Hebrews 3:7~19 Wherefore (as the Holy Spirit saith, **Today if ye will hear his voice**, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the

day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called **Today**; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; While it is said, **Today if** ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of **unbelief.**

The message is: **Today if you will hear his voice.** The heart, the inner you, **"The Self,"** desires to be the only god in our lives... thus self is the enemy. It cannot be trusted or allowed to rule our soul. Self will find every possible way to justify its survival and unless we engage in a spiritual war of control against it, we will have surrendered to its dominancy. One must control **"The Self"** or be imprisoned by it.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

From Christ's ministry on earth, including the fourth and last kingdom of present beast rule, to His Second Coming spans the time period known as the Tribulations of the Saints. We are in that time now and all believers that have gone before us in the last 2000 years exhibiting a living faith in Yahshua have earned that great distinction. But from Christ's warning to those claiming to be believers, whose faith is hopefully seen by their actions, comes the following admonition:

Behold, **I come as a thief**. Blessed is he that watches and keeps his garments clean and is not found walking naked, exposing his shame Revelation 16: 15.

Yesterday is past, today is given, tomorrow is unknown Live as if it's your last day

"For we know not when He comes"

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Chapter 11

The Day of Atonement

This Day of Atonement becomes the crucial turning point in Yah's Plan of Salvation. Upon this day sin is atoned for and new life is given to His called. Until Satan, the author of sin, is taken away redemption cannot be obtained, thus mankind would be forever separated from Yah and His kingdom.

Leviticus 23:26~32 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.

On the Day of Atonement believers rehearse this special day in the church calendar every year picturing the High Priest going behind the temple veil into the Holy of Holies to make atonement that embraces two groups: first for Himself including his family, the priestly line, and second for the people of Yah. Two animal sacrifices are involved: a bullock for the priest and his family and one of two goats for the people of Yah. Two sin offerings are thus offered, and in addition the laying of iniquities...sins, upon the head of the second goat which is then sent away alive. This goat is the offering called the goat of departure accused of the sins committed and thus separated from the people. This study will now expand upon this overview as it presents a thorough explanation of atonement.

Atonement: #03722 kaphar: a primitive root; to cover; figuratively, to expiate (restitution) or condone, to placate (turn from hostility to friendliness, pacify) or cancel: appease, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pardon, purge, put off, make reconciliation.

Atonement or at-one-ment, meaning to set at one-to join in one-to form by uniting, is now made. We shall not be completely joined as one, united with Yah our heavenly Father, until Satan, the accuser of the brethren, the tempter of sin, the actual author of sin, is taken away. The plan of Yah is to cleanse the unclean land and His unclean people, to allow Yah and His people to eventually live together as one.

The same feast events we have rehearsed year after year are identical to events that must take place before we can be united with Christ our High Priest. These are the same events that we read about happening at His coming in the Book of Revelation. As the spring feasts, which have occurred, depict Christ's death for mankind, so also these fall feasts prophetically occur according to His plan.

Leviticus 16:1~4 And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died; And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, **that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not**: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram (*meaning a strong male goat*) for a burnt offering. He shall put on the **holy linen coat**, (*simulating the pure garment of Yahshua, our High Priest*) and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre (*a tiara, official turban of the High Priest*) shall he be attired: these are **holy garments**; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on. (*This washing is of self, the same as being first baptized*)

Leviticus 16: 5~10 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel **two kids of the goats for a sin offering**, and **one ram** (or goat) **for a burnt offering**. And Aaron shall offer **his** bullock of the **sin offering**, **which is for himself**, **and make an atonement for himself**, **and for his house** (meaning the Levitical priesthood). 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 (notice that lots are cast, meaning that the decision is from Yah to discern which goat represents each party), and the other lot for the **scapegoat**. (Azazel: goat of departure-guilty one) And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell (fell, meaning which goat the Lord chose to represent His people),

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**. (*The goat that departs to be sent to a place of separation accused as the guilty one*).

Two sin offerings making up atonement involve cleansing, the canceling of the sin offence at the temple. One bullock for the transgressions of the priests, the ministers of Yah's word, and one goat for the transgressions of the people which disobeyed His words, ruling their own lives as they saw fit according to their own will, the serving of "The Self." And the second goat upon which blame is assigned for the sins committed is sent away into the wilderness being labeled a scapegoat...Azazel.

Leviticus 16:11~13 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself: And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:

As the high priest enters the Holy of Holies, he needs this veil of incense to separate him from the mercy seat, on which Yah (Yahshua) sits, for the human high priest is with sin. The cloud of incense represents "prayers of the saints" that go up in the presence of Yah.

Leviticus 16: 14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat **eastward**; (*notice the same direction of the east gate where the Lord enters*) and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger **seven times**.

Note: Seven times blood is sprinkled to purify, to show redemption before the mercy seat. This offering was done to cleanse the priests, the messengers of Yah and the temple. The blood is brought to the mercy seat where Yah presides, not to clean His seat, but to appear before Him with the blood of remission. Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission...meaning; forgiveness of sin.

Leviticus 16:15~16 Then shall he kill the goat of the **sin offering, that is for the people**, and bring his blood within the veil, 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: (*the same 7 times*) 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.

This offering was done in the same manner as was the previous one by the priests: 7 times sprinkling of the blood for the remission for the people's transgressions against Yah's laws.

Leviticus 16:17~19 And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. (Note: Aside from the high priest, no one is allowed in the temple area until the offering is done. At-one-ment is not complete until sin is put away). And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the **altar** round about. And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

These were the events stated in the Old Testament referring to the temple of Yah, His Levitical priestly line and the people. Yahshua our everlasting High Priest is cleaning His house, the temple, of the uncleanness of the priests and the people so He can dwell there, as He will first cleanse the land before He comes to coexist with man.

Now compare the similarities of the elaborate events that occur on the Day of Atonement with those of the Revelation of Christ. In the Book of Revelation, John finds himself before the throne seeing similar events unfold that match those previously performed in the earthly temple on the Day of Atonement.

Revelation 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Odours (odors) are **incense**, the same as mentioned in Leviticus 16:11 which show the high priest taking a hand full and placing the incense on the burning coals to create a cloud, a curtain or veil before the mercy seat, that separated himself from Yah in order to avoid certain death.

Revelation 8:3~4 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much **incense**, that he should offer it with the **prayers of all saints** upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the **smoke of the incense**, which came with the **prayers of the saints**, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

The incense represents the prayers of the saints rising before His throne as they await their redemption to be made for them. Remember, the saints under the altar are told to rest a little season until their brethren and fellow servants join them as noted in Revelation 6:9~11. It is this veil of incense that separates Yah's face from mankind.

Seven times the blood is sprinkled for the sins of the priests, and seven times the blood is sprinkled for the sins of the people. This is similar to the seven trumpets in Revelation 8:1 and the seven last plagues of vials in Revelation 16:1.

Revelation 8:1~2 And when he had opened the **seventh seal**, there was **silence in heaven about the space of half an hour**. And I saw the seven angels, which stood before God; and to them were given **seven trumpets**.

Perchance the silence refers to the time meant for the incense, the prayers of the saints, to be heard, as they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" Remember, Yahshua returned on the Day of Trumpets, yet these saints under the altar are noted as still waiting for their blood to be avenged. Let us read about events of the seven trumpets that must occur before the saints are avenged.

Revelation 8: 6 And the seven angels which had the **seven trumpets** prepared themselves to sound.

Revelation 8:7; 1 st Trumpet - hail & fire cast to the earth, third part og	f
trees & grass burn	
Revelation 8:8; 2^{nd} Trumpet – a great mountain cast into the sea, third	d
part of sea becomes blood	
Revelation 8:10; 3 rd Trumpet - burning star falls on rivers and springs	5
of water, third part becomes bitter	
<i>Revelation</i> 8:12; 4 th <i>Trumpet - sun</i> & moon darkened by a third	
<i>Revelation 9:1;</i> 5 th <i>Trumpet – an angel from the bottomless pit</i>	
released, 1^{st} Woe - torments humans with stings as a	
scorpion for five months	
<i>Revelation</i> 9:13; 6 th <i>Trumpet - four fallen angels bound, released to</i>	
command an army, 2 nd Woe - 200 million fallen	
angels kill a third of mankind with fire,	
smoke & brimstone	

Revelation 10:5~7 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Notice: At the moment the **seventh angel** begins to sound, the **seventh trumpet**, the mystery of Yah is finished, it's done...it's over. There is nothing further that could be done on Yahshua's part to change the hearts of mankind...it's too late! The same finality is spoken in Revelation 11:15 as the seventh angel sounds the third woe. But why does Yahshua say this?

The seven trumpets are associated with the sprinkling of blood upon the altar seven times covering the sins of the priests, the priestly line, the messengers of Yah's word who were to bring truth to the people including a warning to repent. Note that as the trumpet blasts increase they become more intense culminating with the fallen angels which are messengers themselves. Remember trumpet blasts start with events attacking the environment and then follow to directly inflict human flesh. These trumpet blasts are the last messages or notification that mankind will receive before His final wrath. At this point the mystery of Yah has been fully revealed. If one hasn't gotten this message yet, one never will, thus validating one's unwillingness to change. The priest, the messengers, providing the warning signs through the affliction of the earth followed by the fallen angels, combine into becoming the last wake-up call to reveal the truth, the return of the Messiah, the King of Kings. It is now time to acknowledge the New King or perish!

This event now occurring at Christ's return as our High Priest is similar to a reference in Leviticus 16:6 of the priest's offering of the bullock whose blood is sprinkled upon the altar seven times during the time of the earthly temple. The remembrance and rehearsal of the Holy Days year after year underscore the fact that these events must still occur in their proper timing before the saints are joined with their Messiah.

Revelation 11:14~19 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come: because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. (or corrupting the earth) And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Atop the Ark of His Testament in front of the Mercy Seat is where all the events are to take place. Revelation 15:5~8 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the **seven plagues**, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Notice the temple of Yah is open, the veil before the Holy of Holies is pulled back and the ark is seen which only occurs on the Day of Atonement when the high priest goes behind the veil. The day is a time of cleansing the priests, people and the land of sin, so **at-one-ment**, coexistence, purging, putting away, can take place. Thus the seven plagues are similar to the sprinkling of blood seven times for cleansing the people.

Also carefully note what was stated in Leviticus 16:17, "no man is allowed in the temple" until the cleansing for sin is completed, so we can obtain oneness with Yah by His doing. The same is stated here in Revelation 15:8, "And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled." As the seven sprinklings of blood for the priests are associated with the seven trumpet blasts, so the last seven plagues are relating to the seven sprinklings of blood for the people.

The seven sprinklings of blood for the people...are the 7 plagues also called the 7 vials that cleanse His temple, His habitation, the place of Yahshua's domain, His earthly Kingdom.

<i>Revelation 16:1~2; 1st Vial - Noisome and grievous sores upon people</i>
having the mark of the beast who
worship his image.
<i>Revelation 16:3; 2nd Vial - The sea became as blood and every living</i>
soul died in the sea.
<i>Revelation 16:4; 3rd Vial - The rivers and fountains of waters became</i>
blood.
<i>Revelation 16:8;</i> 4 th Vial - The sun was given power to scorch people
with fire.

Revelation 16:10; 5th Vial - The seat of the beast, his kingdom, becomes full of darkness causing them to gnaw their tongues in pain.
Revelation 16:12; 6th Vial - The great river Euphrates dries up so the way of the kings of the east might be prepared for the

final battle.

Revelation 16:15~17 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done**.

"It is done," it is finished," as Christ said on the cross. Matthew 27:50, *Luke* 23:46, *John* 19:30

Revelation 16:17; 7th Vial - There came a great voice out of the temple of heaven from the throne saying, **It is done.** And there were voices, and thunders, and lightning's and there was a great earthquake such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a **great hail out of heaven**, every stone about the weight of a talent (approximately 75 lbs) and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Please take note of this major event: this great hail upon mankind as the final act of Yah's wrath. "And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent." According to the law of Yah, if one guilty of sin refuses to repent; the individual is then taken out beyond the city gates and stoned to death, as recorded in Deuteronomy 17:2~7.

Deuteronomy 17:2~7 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently (as witnesses), and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel: Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die. At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

In this revelation, the location is outside the city gate where one is about to be stoned at the place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon**, known as **the Valley of Jehoshaphat**, or **Valley of Megiddon**, the **Valley of Decision**. Who was designated to throw the first stone? Answer: None other than the witnesses that have observed and **inquired diligently** of the sin of mankind. And again, wouldn't those that have witnessed the sins of mankind from the beginning of time have the credentials as being true witnesses? And those would be Yah's angels, none other than His two archangels, the two witnesses of Chapter 11. And from where do the thrown stones originate? Answer: None other than from the estate of angels and their Lord where water is frozen and hail is born...heaven, sent down to destroy those that have sinned, the final act of Yah's wrath.

The ends of the plagues are completed, but Christ is not yet seen assuming His ruler ship. While the earth still contains those that acknowledge Him as the New King, many still don't praise Him because Satan is still present. Reconciliation for sin is not completed, meaning that sin has not yet been removed. Sin itself including desire, lust, and where it all comes from has not been taken away. Judgment remains to come, and the presence of sin on earth still separates us from our Lord. Until sin is taken away, there can be no **at-one-ment**. Reviewing up to this point: We started in Leviticus 16 with 3 offerings: One bull offering for the priests, the messengers of truth that serve as His prophets. The second offering consisting of one of the two goats that the Lord's lot fell upon for the people that transgressed against Yah's laws. The second goat, the final goat, remains; its fate must be addressed. Note that there are three different creatures representing three different things. The Book of Revelation also reveals three different creatures with similar attributes.

As stated in Leviticus 16, the high priest must perform one last event to complete the atonement process. Despite the cleansing of the priesthood and the cleaning of the people and the cleaning of the tabernacle of the congregation, atonement is not completed until the removal of the guilty one, the Azazel goat, (scapegoat).

Scapegoat: Azazel goat #05799. `aza'zel, az-aw-zale' from #05795 and #0235; *goat of departure*.

#05795. ze`ez, aze a she-goat (as strong), but masculine in plural, kid.

#0235. lza'azal, aw-zal' a primitive root; to go away, hence, to disappear: fail, gad about, go to and fro, be gone (spent).

Azazel is the word translated as "scapegoat" in the King James Version of the Bible (Leviticus, Chapter 16). In 1611 King James' translators borrowed the word 'scapegoat' from William Tyndale's translation from around 1530. Tyndale had translated 'azazel' as (the demon that was sent out into the desert) as 'ez ozel' - literally, "**the goat that departs**," hence "the goat that escapes," or, for short, "(e)scape goat." This goat with the sins of the people placed on it is then sent or driven into the wilderness to perish. This "**goat of depature**," "goat for Azazel," thus is sent away to the desert demon of that name. Azazel is used derogatorily, as in lekh la-Azazel, meaning ("go to Azazel"), as in "**GO TO HELL.**"

scape·goat (skāp'gōt'): One that is made to bear the blame for sins; a live goat over whose head the high priest confesses all the sins of the children of Israel on the Day of Atonement. The goat, symbolically blamed for the cause of their sin, was then sent into the wilderness. Man, through Satan's influence, has changed the meaning of this word "scapegoat" to mean "the innocent victim." Yet from the beginning this word was always referring to the guilty one, the cause of sin.

Leviticus 16:20~28 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. And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there: And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people. And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar (meaning the bullock for the priests and the goat for the people). And he that let go the goat for **the scapegoat** (goat of departure) shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp. And the **bullock for the sin offering**, and the **goat for the** sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung. And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

Notice that the two offerings, the one for the priest and the other for the people, are totally burned up outside the gate. As we start reading in the Book of Revelation we will see different creatures: the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. Two of them, the false prophet symbolizing sin associated with the work of ministering untruth and the beast, associated with the sins of the people, are also completely burned up in the Lake of Fire **outside the city**, without the camp.

Equally the bull offering for the priest, a prophet of Yah, symbolizes the false prophet sin offering while the beast which would be similar to the sin offering represented by one of the goats, which comes out from the sea, meaning from the people is offered for the people. Meanwhile it is

the second goat, the **"goat of depature,"** "goat for Azazel," the dragon, Satan, who will be separated from mankind.

Leviticus 16:29~34 And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. (Our priest, our High Priest, is Yahshua) It shall be a Sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute forever. And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, even the holy garments: And he shall make an atonement for the **holy sanctuary**, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Let's note some similarities of these same events being completed as found in Revelation.

Revelation 19:1~4 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: **for he hath judged** the **great whore**, (*meaning the false prophet*) which did corrupt the earth with her **fornication**, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up forever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

Revelation 19:11~16 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness **he doth judge** and make war. 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. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should **smite the nations**: (*meaning the beast*) and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Notice that Yahshua comes to judge, to condemn and punish. The plagues are completed, yet control of the earth and its inhabitants is not yet accomplished. Also His clothes are dipped in blood from the battles. The blood represents the blood of the sacrifice sprinkled seven times for the priesthood. The seven trumpet blasts, seven times for the people, and the seven plagues or vials completing the atonement. Dressed in white as are those angels with Him, Yahshua is our pure High Priest that intervenes for us, who can make atonement for us.

Revelation 19:17~21 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their great. armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Notice as the battle concludes, the **false prophet** and the **beast** are slain, thrown into and burned in the Lake of Fire, similar to the burning of the offering outside the gate as stated in Leviticus 16:27. The **false prophet** being the sin associated with the work of ministering untruth, would be the same as the **priest**, the sin offering of the bullock for Aaron and his family, the priestly line, the messengers of His word. And the **beast** would be similar to the sin offering of the goat for the **people**, from which the beast arises from the sea, meaning people.

Both are totally consumed in the Lake of Fire, as were the burnt offerings outside the temple.

The blood of each offering was sprinkled on the altar seven times for sin, the same as the seven trumpets and seven plagues for which blood was spilled. For the penalty for sin is death. This is the real thing, not the shadow of a rehearsal. This event is what we've been rehearsing every year. It's real, there's real blood and death! All these same events described in the scriptures must come to pass in the same order as of old to fulfill the plan that we rehearse every year: "The Plan of Salvation."

Revelation 20:1~3 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he **laid hold** on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, **and bound him a thousand years**, And **cast him into the bottomless pit,** and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

The three creatures of Revelation are revealed. Two of which are the **beast** and **false prophet**, the latter representing the priests, the prophets of Yah with the **bull offering** for their sins, and the former, the **beast**, which comes out from the sea, seen as the people with the **goat** offering, are also burned up in the Lake of Fire outside the city.

And finally, the third, the last creature, the **dragon**, that old serpent which is the Devil, Satan, **is bound a thousand years** and **cast into the bottomless pit**, and shut up, and has a seal set upon him that he should deceive the nations no more "till the thousand years should be fulfilled."

Atonement is now completed, the cause of sin, the "AZAZEL GOAT," is put away, and now we can be joined with Christ. The scapegoat- the goat of departure, Satan, is sent away for a 1000 years. Notice that neither the second goat sent into the wilderness, nor Satan is killed. Unlike the fates of the false prophet and the beast that are completely destroyed in the Lake of Fire.

Daniel 7:9~14 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair

of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: **the judgment was set, and the books were opened.** I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till **the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame**. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, **one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven,** and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom**, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Also recorded in the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 9:1~10:31

Let the feast begin, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb! Proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord!

Leviticus 25:8~13 And thou shalt number seven Sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the **trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement** shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. (*Leviticus 23:24,27*) And ye shall **hallow the fiftieth year**, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

(Leviticus 25:13,28,54; Numbers 36:4; Isaiah 61:2 & 63:4; Jeremiah 34:8,15,17; Luke 4:19)

A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. (Leviticus 25:5) For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. (Leviticus 25:6~7) In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession. (Leviticus 25:10; 27:24; Numbers 36:4)

Isaiah 61:1~3 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

The year of Jubilee: The Trumpet...**The Last Trumpet** sounds the release, the redemption of our souls, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the Day of Vengeance of our Lord.

Sin is put away on this day and we are released from captivity!!

Vengeance, And the remnants were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, Which sword proceeded out of His mouth

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Chapter 12

Feast of Ingathering

The fall Holy Days are futuristic, prophesied to complete Yah's Plan of Salvation. The Feast of Trumpets celebrates the return of Christ when He starts assuming ruler ship fighting the antichrist, then conquering the world, and establishing His kingdom. The next feast day as described in the previous chapter is Atonement, or at-one-ment. We cannot be joined at one with Christ as long as there remains Satan as the author of sin in the world. Thus Satan must be bound and sent away for 1000 years. After Atonement comes the Feast of Ingathering celebrated for seven days, representing the wedding supper, when we are joined with Christ after He has put away Satan. His elect guests are part of the first resurrection seen in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 20.

By observing Yah's laws as given in the Book of Leviticus, we rehearse each year the events that have happened and those that will happen. Spring Holy Days have happened; fall Holy Days show Yahshua, the Messiah coming the second time with wrath, cleansing the earth of sin. We are waiting for these future events to actually happen as the antichrist is already here since the time of Christ's ministry in the year 30A.D. In fact, many antichrists are already here as the scriptures describe, because the definition of the Antichrist as stated in 1 John 2:14 and following is; "He who denies Christ is the antichrist."

Leviticus 23:33~44 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, everything 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 forever 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.

Through the act of Atonement accomplished by Our High Priest, Yahshua, the redemption of our sin is completed and the author of sin is now put away. Now comes the time that joins us together with Him when we receive our reward starting with the wedding supper and the marriage of the Lamb to His bride, the first fruits which are called to the marriage supper. Once again this futuristic event is recorded for us in the Book of Revelation.

Revelation 19:5~10 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. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy **fellowservant**, and of **thy brethren** that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

"Blessed are they which are **called** unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." They are the first fruits that are **called** to be with Him during the earthly rest: the seventh day rest, the seventh yearly rest, the latter pertaining to the jubilee year in the millennium to be explained below. Revelation 20:4~6 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. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

The word **beheaded** alludes to the form of punishment associated with the saints. According to the world view, the saints and the religious authority of the time were accused of preaching heresy, when in actuality the opposite was happening, they were speaking the truth. Beheading is associated with all types of treason against a ruling entity. Such a scenario might not be our fate today as this form of punishment is archaic. Yet punishment of some type should be expected for standing up for the truth and preaching it Isaiah 57:1~21.

The proclaiming of the Year of Jubilee at Atonement is the last trumpet that sounds the release, the redemption of our souls, to proclaim liberty to the captives as well as being the Day of Vengeance of our Lord. Sin is put away on this day and we are released from the captivity of sin under Satan's rule. With this act done, we can now start rebuilding to **become** priests of God and of Christ who **shall** reign with him a thousand years! Note the tense in which it says, **they shall be**...meaning a future position; it has not yet happened.

Isaiah 61:1~11 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; **To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD**, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities,

the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they (referring to the alien) shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for **burnt offering**; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a **bridegroom** decketh himself with ornaments, and as a **bride** adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. (Isa 65:1~)

Yes, there will be work waiting to be done in the New Kingdom; we have 1000 years to get it ready for Our Father and the rest of the dead to see. We shall "build the old wastes, and shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations." But savor the future reward of His elect at that time: "strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers!" We shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame in which you endured ye shall have double; and for their confusion, hard heartiness, not repenting, changing only when being forced to, they shall rejoice in their portion...life. We as a first born son and daughter with those of His elect, His called out nation, His chosen people in which we are grafted will receive a double portion, everlasting joy shall be ours!

Isaiah 62:1~12 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou

shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. *{Hephzibah: that is,* My delight is in her} {Beulah: that is, Married} For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured: But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. *(work: or,* recompense, vengeance} And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Zechariah 14:16~21 And it shall come to pass, that every one **that is left of all the nations** which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that

sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

Note that there are people that "are left of all the nations" on the earth after He comes and is declared King of Kings. These people are from the nations that recanted, repented at His coming, and accepted His ruler ship over them. They did not fight against Yahshua when He came. They are not His called out ones, but are called nations of heathens, who exhibited a willingness to change. Yet they also must adhere to the laws, as stated by attending the Feasts. Also they are to be the servants of His called out ones as is stated in Isaiah 61:1~11.

Please let us consult the Book of Enoch for our enlightenment that describes these same events unfolding as Yahshua reveals them to his servant Enoch as prophesied some 5000 years ago. We begin reading from the depiction of Yahshua's ruler ship as King of King as He comes to secure His Kingdom on earth. (From-The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament R.H. Charles Oxford: The Clarendon Press)

Enoch Chapter 48 XLVIII *The Fount of Righteousness: the Son of Man -the Stay of the Righteous: Judgment of the Kings and the Mighty.*

And in that place I saw the fountain of righteousness

Which was inexhaustible: And around it were many fountains of wisdom: And all the thirsty drank of them, And were filled with wisdom, And their dwellings were with the righteous and holy and elect.

2

And at that hour that Son of Man was named In the presence of the Lord of Spirits, And his name before the Head of Days.

³ Yea, before the sun and the signs were created, Before the stars of the heaven were made, His name was named before the Lord of Spirits.

4

He shall be a staff to the righteous whereon to stay themselves and not fall, And he shall be the light of the Gentiles,

And the hope of those who are troubled of heart.

⁵ All who dwell on earth shall fall down and worship before him, And will praise and bless and celebrate with song the Lord of Spirits.

And for this reason hath he been chosen and hidden before Him, Before the creation of the world and for evermore.

7

And the wisdom of the Lord of Spirits hath revealed him to the holy and righteous; For he hath preserved the lot of the righteous, Because they have hated and despised this world of unrighteousness, And have hated all its works and ways in the name of the Lord of Spirits: For in his name they are saved, And according to his good pleasure hath it been in regard to their life.

8

In these days downcast in countenance shall the kings of the earth have become, And the strong who possess the land because of the works of their hands, For on the day of their anguish and affliction they shall not (be able to) save themselves.

9

And I will give them over into the hands of Mine elect:

As straw in the fire so shall they burn before the face of the holy: As lead in the water shall they sink before the face of the righteous, And no trace of them shall any more be found.

10

And on the day of their affliction there shall be rest on the earth, And before them they shall fall and not rise again:

And there shall be no one to take them with his hands and raise them: For they have denied the Lord of Spirits and His Anointed.

The name of the Lord of Spirits be blessed.

Enoch Chapter 49 XLIX The Power and Wisdom of the Elect One.

l For

For wisdom is poured out like water,

And glory faileth not before him for evermore.

2

For he is mighty in all the secrets of righteousness,

And unrighteousness shall disappear as a shadow, And have no continuance; Because the Elect One standeth before the Lord of Spirits, And his glory is forever and ever, And his might unto all generations.

And in him dwells the spirit of wisdom, And the spirit which gives insight, And the spirit of understanding and of might, And the spirit of those who have fallen asleep in righteousness.

And he shall judge the secret things,

And none shall be able to utter a lying word before him; For he is the Elect One before the Lord of Spirits according to His good pleasure.

Enoch Chapter 50 L *The Glorification and Victory of the Righteous: the Repentance of the Gentiles.*

And in those days a change shall take place for the holy and elect, And the light of days shall abide upon them, And glory and honour shall turn to the holy,

2

On the day of affliction on which evil shall have been treasured up against the sinners. And the righteous shall be victorious in the name of the Lord of Spirits: And He will cause the others to witness (this) That they may repent And forgo the works of their hands.

3

They shall have no honour through the name of the Lord of Spirits, Yet through His name shall they be saved,

And the Lord of Spirits will have compassion on them,

For His compassion is great.

4

And He is righteous also in His judgement, And in the presence of His glory unrighteousness also shall not maintain itself: At His judgement the unrepentant shall perish before Him.

5

And from henceforth I will have no mercy on them, saith the Lord of Spirits.

Enoch Chapter 51 LI. The Resurrection of the Dead, and the Sangaration by the Judge of the Bighteory and the Wieled

Separation by the Judge of the Righteous and the Wicked.

1

And in those days shall the earth also give back that which has been entrusted to it, And Sheol also shall give back that which it has received, And hell shall give back that which it owes.

5a

For in those days the Elect One shall arise,

² And he shall choose the righteous and holy from among them: For the day has drawn nigh that they should be saved.

3

And the Elect One shall in those days sit on My throne,

And his mouth shall pour forth all the secrets of wisdom and counsel: For the Lord of Spirits hath given (them) to him and hath glorified him.

4

And in those days shall the mountains leap like rams,

And the hills also shall skip like lambs satisfied with milk,

And the faces of [all] the angels in heaven shall be lighted up with joy. ^{5b}

And the earth shall rejoice,

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And the righteous shall dwell upon it,

d

And the elect shall walk thereon.

Enoch Chapter 52 LII The Seven Metal Mountains and the Elect

One.

And after those days in that place where I had seen all the visions of that which is hidden -for

2

I had been carried off in a whirlwind and they had borne me towards the west -There mine eyes saw all the secret things of heaven that shall be, a mountain of iron, and a mountain of copper, and a mountain of silver, and a mountain of gold, and a mountain of soft metal, and a mountain of lead.

3

And I asked the angel who went with me, saying, 'What things are these which I have seen in

4

secret?' And he said unto me: 'All these things which thou hast seen shall serve the dominion of His Anointed that he may be potent and mighty on the earth.'

5

And that angel of peace answered, saying unto me: 'Wait a little, and there shall be revealed unto thee all the secret things which surround the Lord of Spirits.

And these mountains which thine eyes have seen,

The mountain of iron, and the mountain of copper, and the mountain of silver, And the mountain of gold, and the mountain of soft metal, and the mountain of lead, All these shall be in the presence of the Elect One As wax: before the fire, And like the water which streams down from above [upon those mountains], And they shall become powerless before his feet.

7

And it shall come to pass in those days that none shall be saved, Either by gold or by silver, And none be able to escape.

8

And there shall be no iron for war,

Nor shall one clothe oneself with a breastplate.

Bronze shall be of no service, And tin [shall be of no service and] shall not be esteemed, And lead shall not be desired.

9

And all these things shall be [denied and] destroyed from the surface of the earth, When the Elect One shall appear before the face of the Lord of Spirits.'

Notice that all these prophesied events some 5000 years ago as recorded in the Book of Enoch discuss the same content as described in the pages of the Bible but in a slightly different style yet within the same context!

Matthew 22:1~14 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king. which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a **wedding garment**: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a **wedding garment**? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, **but few are chosen.**

We are invited to the wedding, but not all that are called were found worthy. We are called, grafted in to this family, but must conduct ourselves as a family member and appear wearing wedding garments: clean white ropes, symbolizing pure righteousness. We can't "come as you are" as the saying goes. We must change ourselves, our garments, our ways, to be like Him, according to His family way, Our Father's way...according to His truth.

2 Corinthians $5:1\sim5$ 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. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

And unto the angel of the church of the Revelation 3:14~22 Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I

grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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.

We have been given His Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, to dress ourselves in righteousness, to be like Him. We are also told to guard ourselves from becoming stained by the world, spoiling the garments that we are fitted with. There is a fight to overcome sin in our lives in order to be with Him. We must engage ourselves in a continuous fight not to lose that standing. Our reward is shown us; just as the fate of those that hear and decline to act...the choice is ours. If the call comes, it is our choice whether we answer the call or blow it off. But whatever we choose, it's our choice, we cannot blame our reward whether good or bad on anyone other than ourselves as shown by our actions.

Luke 12:35~40 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return *(for)* **the wedding**; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, **and make them to sit down to meat**, *(wedding supper)* and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Luke 14:7~11 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a **wedding**, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that

bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

> Even at the great wedding, a humble attitude is required To be there, we must live what we have learned It's all in the doing

> > James 1:22

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Chapter 13

The Last Great Day of the Feast of Ingathering (Tabernacles)

The Last Great Day is the final step in Yah's Plan of Salvation. It depicts the final resurrection of the dead into life to be judged and rewarded according to their actions. The eighth day is the first day of a new week, a new cycle offering mankind the final opportunity for salvation.

Leviticus 23:33~44 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, everything 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 forever 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.

Revelation 20:4~6 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. **But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.** This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the **second death** hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

The start of this final feast, "The Last Great Day," is the eighth day of the Feast of In-Gathering (Feast of Tabernacles). This day represents the time period after the seven day feast, the 1000 years signifying the completion of a 7000 year cycle. This last 1000 year period is called the Sabbath rest, commonly known as the millennium. After the 7000 year cycle, a new cycle begins. Just as the first day of a new week begins a new week, the new cycle becomes the time now allotted for the rest of mankind to be resurrected to judgment and be judged. Those at the first resurrection who are of the first fruits will have had their judgment in this life. Remember judgment starts now in this life in the house of Yah.

John 5:24~27 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; **but is passed from death unto life**. (*This describes those that heard the words of salvation through Yahshua during their life time and acted upon its truth, which then passed from death now into life in Yahshua.*) Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, **and now is**, (*present time*) when the dead (*the living walking "dead," those called*) shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

These dead refer to those that are dead in the spirit prior to being called, void of His living Spirit within them...dead men walking with no hope outside the will of the Father. However, when once called and given life through His Spirit, they become alive able to inherit the awaited kingdom. Now compare the rest of the verses as they speak of those who will arise to life after their resurrection. John 5:28~29 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are **in the graves** shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the **resurrection of life**; and they that have done evil, unto the **resurrection of damnation**.

Notice the different results; those in the grave come to life to a time of judgment; one rewarded to live and the other to damnation. But note carefully, damnation is based on a lifetime that generates a judgment according to one's actions, the manner in which one lived his or her respective life in accordance with Yah's laws. Thanks to God that damnation is not based on a single day in time, because we all know that we have had a day or two that we would sooner like to forget! God is fair and merciful to His children.

1Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment **must begin at the house of God**: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

After the second resurrection, the time comes for the rest of the dead to rise physically into this new cycle of life. They likewise must choose just as we were called to this truth, only this time the choice is life or death! There is no future punishment to come after the second resurrection, just the awesome specter of total separation!

Revelation 20:7~10 And when the thousand years **are expired**, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to **deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, **Gog** and **Magog**, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Gog #1136 gogue; of Hebrew origin (1463); Gog, a symbolic name for some future Antichrist.

Magog #3098 mag-ogue'; of Hebrew origin (4031); Magog, a foreign nation, figuratively an Antichristian party.

After the release of Satan from his prison in the pit for a thousand years, Satan goes out to **deceive the nations** once more. Satan, referred to as Gog, the antichrist (he who is against Christ), is with his people, Magog, his followers, who are gathered to battle against the camp of the saints.

Those that partake of the second resurrection will not be awakening to a majestic time as they have been deceived in thinking. They will awake to realize disappointment in not having received all that was presumably promised them. After a time they will be shown the camp of the saints living in splendor with Yahshua in stark contrast to themselves outside the camp. This is their time of judgment, to choose right from wrong. Satan will once again be there, as he is now, deceiving the people through his false worship system lavished on himself rather than honoring Yah as we should. Satan will gather the people for a final battle to plunder what has been given to the saints of Yah, whereby Yahshua will overcome Satan; all those that followed Satan's lead will perish. It is at this time, the new cycle, as the first day of the week, that presents the final opportunity for mankind to repent, meaning change our ways, and to follow truth as those of the first resurrection had already done. The second death affects those that are not Yah's that fight against Him. There can be no peace on earth as long as truth is denied by those following error, for lies will never prevail over righteousness.

The camp of the saints is that beloved city, Jerusalem, where Yahshua rules. The challengers opposed to His Kingdom are killed and the devil, Satan, is cast into the Lake of Fire where the beast and the false prophet are. The **beast** and the **false prophet** are not actual physical beings, but are symbolic representations of a system from which man ruled. It is this system of lies that is destroyed and with it those that follow its teachings. Satan is also cast into this Lake of Fire where he is tormented day and night forever. Remember, Satan is spirit that cannot be killed, and as such is forever tormented as he remains alive, held in captivity away from Yah and His saints.

This is similar to Atonement when the "Azazel Goat" is put away. The scapegoat, the goat of departure, Satan, is sent away for a 1000 years. Note that neither the goat at atonement nor Satan is killed, unlike the false prophet and the beast that are destroyed in the Lake of Fire. Now finally at this point, Satan is sent away ...forever.

Leviticus 23:33~36 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.

Solemn... Hebrew for a day of restraint...happy and sad. We are the ones who get to choose, whether sad or happy, according to our actions.

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day **against you**, that I have set before you **life** and **death**, **blessing** and **cursing**: therefore **choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may **live**:

All are going to be called to this **judgment**. For those that were in the first resurrection, the second death cannot harm them. But, this is not the case for the rest of humanity, for this time becomes their last and only chance to heed the calling. We must do all that we can to assure their success. As spoken in the "The Battle Hymn of the Republic. "we can almost hear the trumpet sound… there are still so many people lost…Father give us one more moment, one more day, just one more year."

In the Book of Ezekiel the restoration of the nation of Israel is mentioned as well as the fate of the adversaries of Yahshua which will come about after that time. Both Israel as a nation as well as the desolate places are restored through the Sabbath rest during the 1000 years. An un-walled city is seen with a Temple described in Ezekiel 40:1~43:27. Sacrificing is once again established at the beginning of the year with the first spring Feast.

The nation of Israel is seen rising out from the dust of the earth led by King David. Ezekiel 36:1~ 37:28.

Ezekiel 38:1~23 describes Satan referred to as Gog, and his people Magog, gathered to plunder the un-walled city. This is the final battle against Yahshua for ruler ship of His Kingdom.

The fate of Satan and his army is related in Ezekiel 39:1~29 as well as the cleansing of the land for seven months of dead bodies after this final battle of rebellion. Notice, time is given to restore the earth to a peaceful atmosphere. The last great day has come. Now the restoration of the world can begin with those that did not rebel against Yahshua's ruler ship. In time they may join the camp of the saints **if** they repent of their ways.

Please let us take another reading from the Book of Enoch describing these same events unfolding as Yahshua reveals them to Enoch for our enlightenment prophesied some 5000 years ago. After Yahshua's ruler ship as King of King secures His Kingdom on earth for a 1000 years, the rest of the dead shall be judged.

Enoch Chapter 53 LIII The Valley of Judgement: the Angels of Punishment: the Communities of the Elect One.

1

There mine eyes saw a deep valley with open mouths, and all who dwell on the earth and sea and islands shall bring to him gifts and presents and tokens of homage, but that deep valley shall not become full.

2

And their hands commit lawless deeds,

And the sinners devour all whom they lawlessly oppress:

Yet the sinners shall be destroyed before the face of the Lord of Spirits, And they shall be banished from off the face of His earth,

And they shall perish forever and ever.

3

For I saw all the angels of punishment abiding (there) and preparing all the instruments of Satan.

4

And I asked the angel of peace who went with me: 'For whom are they preparing these Instruments?'

5

And he said unto me: 'They prepare these for the kings and the mighty of this earth, that they may thereby be destroyed.

6

And after this the Righteous and Elect One shall cause the house of his congregation to appear: henceforth they shall be no more hindered in the name of the Lord of Spirits.

7

And these mountains shall not stand as the earth before his righteousness, But the hills shall be as a fountain of water, And the righteous shall have rest from the oppression of sinners.'

Enoch Chapter 54 LIV

1

And I looked and turned to another part of the earth, and saw there a deep valley with burning

2

fire. And they brought the kings and the mighty, and began to cast them into this deep valley.

3

And there mine eyes saw how they made these their instruments, iron chains of immeasurable weight.

4

And I asked the angel of peace who went with me, saying: 'For whom are these chains being prepared?' And he said unto me: 'These are being prepared for the hosts of Azâzêl, so that they may take them and cast them into the abyss of complete condemnation, and they shall cover their jaws with rough stones as the Lord of Spirits commanded.

6

And Michael, and Gabriel, and Raphael, and Phanuel shall take hold of them on that great day, and cast them on that day into the burning furnace, that the Lord of Spirits may take vengeance on them for their unrighteousness in becoming subject to Satan and leading astray those who dwell on the earth.'

Enoch Chapter 55 *Final Judgement of Azazel, the Watchers and their children.*

3

When I have desired to take hold of them by the hand of the angels on the day of tribulation and pain because of this, I will cause My chastisement and My wrath to abide upon them, saith

4

God, the Lord of Spirits. Ye mighty kings who dwell on the earth, ye shall have to behold Mine Elect One, how he sits on the throne of glory and judges Azâzêl, and all his associates, and all his hosts in the name of the Lord of Spirits.'

Enoch Chapter 56 Last Struggle of the Heathen Powers against Israel.

1

And I saw there the hosts of the angels of punishment going, and they held scourges and chains

2

of iron and bronze. And I asked the angel of peace who went with me, saying: 'To whom are

3

these who hold the scourges going?' And he said unto me: 'To their elect and beloved ones, that they may be cast into the chasm of the abyss of the valley.

4

And then that valley shall be filled with their elect and beloved, And the days of their lives shall be at an end, And the days of their leading astray shall not thenceforward be reckoned.

5

And in those days the angels shall return (fallen angels)

And hurl themselves to the east {upon the Parthians and Medes:} They shall stir up the kings, so that a spirit of unrest shall come upon them, And they shall rouse them from their thrones,

That they may break forth as lions from their lairs,

And as hungry wolves among their flocks.

6

And they shall go up and tread under foot the land of His elect ones [And the land of His elect ones shall be before them a threshing-floor and a highway :]

7

But the city of my righteous shall be a hindrance to their horses. And they shall begin to fight among themselves,

And their right hand shall be strong against themselves,

And a man shall not know his brother,

Nor a son his father or his mother,

Till there be no number of the corpses through their slaughter,

And their punishment be not in vain.

8

In those days Sheol shall open its jaws,

And they shall be swallowed up therein

And their destruction shall be at an end;

Sheol shall devour the sinners in the presence of the elect.'

Enoch Chapter 57 LVII. The Return from the Dispersion.

1

And it came to pass after this that I saw another host of wagons, and men riding thereon, and

2

coming on the winds from the east, and from the west to the south. And the noise of their wagons was heard, and when this turmoil took place the holy ones from heaven remarked it, and the pillars of the earth were moved from their place, and the sound thereof was heard from the one end of heaven

3

to the other, in one day. And they shall all fall down and worship the Lord of Spirits. And this is the end of the second Parable.

Enoch Chapter 58 LVIII-LXXI. The Third Parable. The Blessedness

of the Saints.

1

And I began to speak the third Parable concerning the righteous and elect.

2

Blessed are ye, ye righteous and elect, For glorious shall be your lot.

And the righteous shall be in the light of the sun.

And the elect in the light of eternal life:

The days of their life shall be unending,

And the days of the holy without number.

4

And they shall seek the light and find righteousness with the Lord of Spirits: There shall be peace to the righteous in the name of the Eternal Lord.

5

And after this it shall be said to the holy in heaven

That they should seek out the secrets of righteousness, the heritage of faith: For it has become bright as the sun upon earth,

And the darkness is past.

6

And there shall be a light that never endeth, And to a limit (lit. 'number') of days they shall not come, For the darkness shall first have been destroyed, [And the light established before the Lord of Spirits] And the light of uprightness established for ever before the Lord of Spirits. There is no great rush, for time is eternal and mankind must now put on a new mindset about life. So when reading about these events let time have its healing power to bring about this new world to come.

John 7:37~39, "In the last day, that **great day** of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. **He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said,** out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive."

Notice that the requirement of believing is being stated, "as the scriptures have said. Not as one feels, but done according to the written word. Once again a reminder that it's by His laws that men are ruled; we are only to execute according to His will.

Revelation 20:11~15 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.

Just as you and I are now overcoming the characteristics of the deceiver and temptation, these must do the same. As it was for Abraham, as it is for us, so it will be for those to come, all must choose between good and evil. Satan is loosened for a time to deceive the world once more. We must do all that we can to warn our love ones now and if we are allowed to warn them in the future. They will all be given time for their judgment, and will be required to stand to be judged. This process of choosing by the evidence of their actions manifesting a change in their lives in following truth is required by all.

The moment one dies becomes the moment of one's resurrection, for the dead know not the passage of time. Each person will resurrect into his or her respective time frame; their reality at the time of their death that will include all values and methods of survival utilized in living. Roman soldiers will still be soldiers having their killing skill reflexes intact against this strange new environment. People by the millions will retain a perfect understanding of the promised goals of their respective religions. For example, Ishmael's descendants will still be looking for their blissful encounter with 70 virgins. How do you think Tutankhamen, son of a mighty Pharaoh, surrounded with unimaginable wealth will react when he awakens as a pauper devoid of any royal status or Genghis Khan without armies serving his will? It will be a worldwide time of vengeance and chaos with the realization that this world is not the paradise, the blissful perfection that was promised them. They will be hordes of angry and rebellious people, a dangerous place making those in the first resurrection, protected from such a place, seem all the more precious in being so blessed.

They will be thrown into a world where Satan is very active and once again is gathering them by deception for the last assault on Yah's throne. Life will not be glorious for they will be separated from the blessing of Yah until they repent. They will be resurrected without glory, to an awareness of their error and their attitude will quickly assume bitterness, full of resentment. They and we have been sold a lie; a life of utopia awaiting us in heaven. Those in the second resurrection must choose between good and evil. Perchance this is the message we should bring now: all must become aware of their end time choices having eternal consequences that will have to be made.

At the end the great white throne is seen where Yahshua "judges" mankind by the books. Judgment, the time of choosing right from wrong, has been given. All have seen, heard and felt the causes and effects of sin. Now is the time for judging, the time to be given life or death according to your actions. The books that are being referred to are the books of the Bible, the words of Yah. They are given by "The Word" Yahshua as stated in John 1:1. Yahshua is doing the "judging" as confirmed in the book of John.

John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

John 5:26~29 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to **execute judgment** also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall

hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have **done good**, unto the **resurrection of life**; and they that have **done evil**, unto the **resurrection of damnation**.

The dead who are resurrected were judged out of those things which were written in the books of the Bible according to their works, their actions, how they complied, obeying the words of Yah, His laws. "And the sea gave up the dead who were in it; and death and hell, meaning the grave delivered up the dead who were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works." All are called from every era of time, from all places to be judged. Note the message is repeated twice, that you will be judged "according to your works." There should not be any confusion over by what grounds one will be "judged." We will all be judged according to the written words of His books...by His laws.

After that time, death, the penalty for sin and hell, meaning the grave, are cast into the Lake of Fire. This is showing us that there will be no more death because life with Yah and His Son will be forever. Notice carefully that it did not say there will be no more sin...but there will be no more death. There will be repentance, but there won't be rebellion against Yah.

Jeremiah 31:31~34 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.

The **second death** will separate all sin and sinners from Yah and His truth. And whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the Lake of Fire, ergo terminated, forever gone, not to return whose remembrance will fade away.

Isaiah 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and **the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.**

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth **were passed away**;

The context of the scriptures does not refer to a new earth and heaven, but to a **renewed** earth and heaven void of sin. We should do all we can to get this message out to others, so they are able to hear and see the fate of those that refuse to repent, meaning change, and come to the truth that is able to save.

Revelation 21:3~7 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 I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son.

Psalms 113~118 & Psalms 120~134

So the question is...what are we doing to assure that all have heard the words of salvation? It's not up to us to save them, that calling is from Yahshua. But He has asked us to tell them of the way, to be that light of direction...how to come and walk His way. Let us make every effort to utilize the gifts and opportunities given to us in our lives. Let Yahshua return finding that servant, each of us, doing His will.

Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh Shall find so doing Matthew 24:46

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Closing

Hopefully this book has presented an understanding of what Yah through His undiminished, unlimited love for mankind has provided for us as specified in the calendar of Holy Day Feasts. He has given His Plan of Salvation to all willing to dedicate his or her life in obedience to His ways. The Plan was conveyed by Yah to Moses on Mount Sinai and believers were and are told to commemorate this event from year to year forever. The Plan was first heard exclusively by the Jews, the Israelites, and later evangelized to the Gentiles, basically to all who would strive to have life eternal in Yah's kingdom on earth. If one seeks to become part of His Kingdom, one must participate in His Way of life through one's actions of belief becoming a new creation, forsaking the behavior of one's former self that was immersed in worshipping the ways of the world. Praise Yah for His astonishing, eternal gift to His created!

One can walk the pathway to the Kingdom Through Yah's Holy Days Or remain wandering in life as an itinerant mendicant

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