

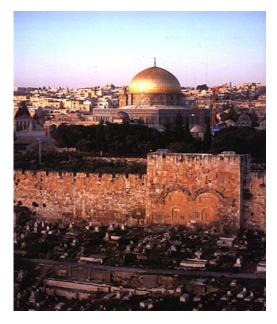


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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in the name of Yahshua the Messiah (Acts 2:38), the only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12), and receives the Holy Spirit must come to know Him as the Scriptures declare and witness of Him (Jn. 5:39-47). Peter encouraged, "But grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Sovereign and Saviour Yahshua the Messiah," 2 Pet. 3:18. We will, with Yahweh's help and the Spirit of Truth, seek to reveal a most wondrous Savior and Redeemer, a Savior and Redeemer that much of the world has spoken of, dreamed of, hoped for, but truly never known. While much of the world looks to a savior, the savior of whom they have been taught has become corrupted. Another has been substituted in the true Savior's place. Those who are called out of this world and given to Him are likened unto virgins. But in accordance with His own parable of those virgins, only five are wise while the other five are foolish. The five wise are able to enter into the planned marriage with the Messiah, but the five foolish have the door closed to them (Mt. 25:1-13). Let's be wise, remember our betrothal to the Messiah and the virginity to which He has restored us (2 Cor. 11:1-2), resist the wiles of the devil and look to and prepare for a joyous and glorious marriage that will endure for all eternity. HalleluYah!!!!

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OUR COVER: The city of Jerusalem is becoming the focus of the present day world for problems and troubles, but in accordance with the Scriptures, it will be the center, the focal point of the period of time when Yahweh's kingdom will be ruling upon the earth under the power and authority of the great King Yahshua the Messiah. This edition of our magazine is a special feast edition focusing on the purpose of the Holy Days and their fulfillment. Therefore, we thought it fitting to utilize this picture of Jerusalem for this edition. May His kingdom soon come to rule as is depicted by His feast days.

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WHY WE SHOULD OBSERVE THE FEASTS OF YAHWEH

Are Yahweh's feast days important to be observed in this day and age or were they simply Old Testament and done away?

By Jerry Healan

The overall majority of the world observes the Roman calendar devised by Julius and Augustus Caesar with some renovations by the Roman Catholic popes, especially Pope Gregory.

The United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan recently wrote an article stating that the Caesaro-Romano-Gregorian calendar was no longer considered to be primarily the calendar of the Western Christian world, but that it is being adopted by almost all nations of the world.

Of course, the Caesaro-Romano-Gregorian calendar focuses on Sunday, the first day of the week, being the religious rest day. Its primary annual feasts are Jan. 1 (New Year), a floating holiday called Easter Sunday (the supposed resurrection of the Savior) and Dec. 25th (the supposed birth of the Savior).

Even though these holidays are considered to be religious observances, there is no command in Yahweh's word, the Holy Bible, to do such. Yahweh's word sanctifies the seventh day Sabbath as the true rest day (order our free articles "Should A New Testament Believer Observe The Sabbath Day?" and "Just Who Was It That Sanctified Sunday Worship?"), and annual festivals predicated on observance of the new moon. Yahweh's new year's day was to occur on the new moon day closest to the vernal equinox.

Yahweh's commands were to observe the weekly Sabbath and annual Holy days which were called, singular, a moed and plural, moedim in Hebrew.

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The Caesaro-Romano-Gregorian calender has a seven day week. Yahweh's holy calendar has a seven day week. As stated, the Caesaro-Romano-Gregorian calendar sets aside the first day of the week for rest and religious congregating. Yahweh's holy calendar sets aside the seventh day of the week for rest and religious congregating.

The Caesaro-Romano-Gregorian calendar is also broken down into periods of time called months. Yahweh's calendar is also broken down into periods of time called months. But where does this word month, English, Hebrew, or otherwise, come from? A quick look at *Webster's New World Dictionary* reveals that the word month is etymologically derived from the word moon!

One of the definitions given for month is: the period of a complete revolution of the moon with reference to some fixed point (in full, lunar month); esp. the period from one new moon to the next (in full, synodic month); equivalent to 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes, and 2.7 + seconds.

A quick look at Strong's Exhaustive Concordance reveals that the same Hebrew word for moon is also used for month.

Since *Webster's* gives the definition of the word month as a period of revolution for the moon, which is Yahweh's commanded way of determining a month, why is it that our months are not predicated as such? Shouldn't this alert us that something is drastically wrong with the Caesaro-Romano-Gregorian calendar?

In the beginning, Yahweh created the sun, moon and stars to be for signs (Heb. = Owth) and seasons (moedim) and for days and years (Gen. 1:14). Yahweh gave the sun to rule the day (Psa. 136:8) and the moon and stars to rule the night (Psa. 136:9).

Furthermore, Psa. 104:19 says, "He appointed the moon for seasons (moedim): the sun knoweth his going down."

It is the lunar revolutions and phases which determine the time to observe Yahweh's annual feasts days, but the Caesaro-Romano-Gregorian calendar overthrows this knowledge.

The Psalmist cries out, "Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their **ensigns** *for* **signs**. *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees. But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers. They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled *by casting down* the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. They said in their hearts, 'Let us destroy them together:' they have burned up all the **synagogues** of Elohim in the land. We see not our **signs**: *there is* no more any prophet: neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long," Psa. 74:4-9.

This Psalm is significant because it speaks of the enemy coming into the land, overthrowing the temple where Yahweh's great name dwelt and then setting up their own signs. The final peoples to do such a thing were the Romans! They cast down the dwelling place of Yahweh's name to the earth. They then began to introduce their own signs in place of Yahweh's

The interesting thing about the word signs is that it comes from the Hebrew word owth (אוֹת). Remember that in Gen. 1:14 we read that Yahweh put the sun, moon and stars to be for signs (owth/הוֹת) and seasons (moedim). In Ex. 31:13 Yahweh stated that we are to keep His sabbaths because it is a sign (owth/הוֹת) between Him and His people. His sabbaths, of course, not only refer to the seventh day sabbath, but also the annual appointments (moedim) or feast days which are determined by the very items that He put in the heavens, to wit, the sun, moon and stars.

Thus, we can easily begin to see that the Romans with their Cesaro-Romano-Gregorian calendar are the real enemies of Yahweh.

Again, when Psa. 74 states that they have burned up all the **synagogues** in the land, the word "synagogue" is translated from the Hebrew word moedim (appointments, feasts, meeting place, assembly, etc., etc.).

The Romans did more than destroy the synagogues. They destroyed the meeting times (also called moedim) along with everything else. Here is the psalmist lamenting that these things are no longer being observed because of the introduction of the meeting places and times of the enemy. It is our purpose to restore as much of that which has been overthrown as we possibly can. We are seeking to return to the things that Yahweh commanded.

But there is even more reason to observe Yahweh's sabbath and holy days. In Lev. 23 Yahweh commands, "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts (moedim) of Yahweh, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations (migra-godesh), even these are my feasts (moedim). Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation (migra-godesh); ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of Yahweh in all your dwellings. These are the feasts (moedim) of Yahweh, even holy convocations (migra-qodesh), which ye shall proclaim in their seasons (the rest of the annual feast (moedim) days are given in verses 5-38)," Lev. 23:2-4.

There is a greater significance to the words feasts (moedim) and holy convocation (miqra-qodesh) than is actually realized by most.

Yahweh's feasts, which include the weekly Sabbath and the annual holy days, are called holy convocations (miqra-qodesh). The Hebrew word "miqra" is defined as something called out, i.e. a public meeting (the act, the persons, or the place); also a rehearsal. (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance)

Notice that the word has to do with the act, the **persons**, or the place. In the New Testament, the assembly is called the "ekklesia." The word "ekklesia" is defined as from a comp. of 1537 and a der. Of 2564; a calling out, i.e. (concr.) a popular meeting, espec. A religious congregation (Jewish synagogue, or Chr. Community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both). [IBID]

The words miqra and ekklesia are both speaking of the same thing. They have to do with being called out specifically for a holy purpose. The Hebrew word "qodesh" simply means "holy."

The Apostle Paul writes, "Who hath saved us, and **called** *us* with an **holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in the Messiah Yahshua before the world began," 2 Tim. 1:9.

The Greek word for "called" is the Greek word "kaleo." It is #2564 of Strong's and is defined as "to call." Notice that ekklesia is a derivative of this word. The word "calling" in the above Scripture is #2821 in the Greek Lexicon of Strong's. It is the Greek word "klesis" and is defined as from a shorter form of 2564; an invitation (fig.).

The Hebrew word "miqra" comes from the Hebrew word "qara" which means to call. Thus Paul's writing could be be interpreted as, "Who hath saved us, and called (qara) us with an holy calling (miqra qodesh).

With these definitions, we can determine that the Sabbaths and annual feasts are holy callings (miqraqodesh), but called to what? Let's explore the meaning of the word feasts (moed/moedim) just to see what they are for.

The Hebrew word for feast is moed. Moed is #4150 in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and is defined as from 3259; prop. an *appointment*, i.e. a fixed *time* or *season*; spec. a *festival*; conventionally a *year*; by implication, an *assembly* (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the *congregation*; by extension, the *place*

of meeting; also a signal (as appointed beforehand).

We can already see how important this word is by its definition. By putting this word with the previous words (miqra-qodesh), we can see that they all are even more important and that the Sabbaths and annual holy days that they apply to are certainly very important.

But now, let's look at this root word #3259 from whence moed (#4150) is derived. It is the Hebrew word "ya'ad" which is defined as a prim. root; to *fix* upon (by agreement or appointment); by impl. to *meet* (at a stated time), to *summon* (to trial), to *direct* (in a certain quarter or position), to *engage* (for marriage).

Notice it closely! To ENGAGE FOR MARRIAGE!!! Remember that one of the meanings for "miqra" is A REHEARSAL! Therefore, the Sabbaths and annual holy days are a calling out, or appointments made beforehand for us by Yahweh so that we may rehearse for the wedding since we are engaged to Yahshua.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Would to Elohim ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with pious jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to the Messiah," 2 Cor. 11:1-2.

When we are called out of this world, repent, baptized and receive the Holy Spirit of promise, we are then set aside as a chaste virgin to be married to the Messiah. Yahweh has given us certain specific **times** to **rehearse** for the wedding! Those times are revealed in the Scriptures to be the weekly Sabbaths and annual holy days.

In Mat. 22 Yahshua gives a parable concerning a king who made a marriage for his son and invited guests to the wedding. The King, of course, is the heavenly Father Yahweh, the Son is Yahshua.

In the parable, the invited (called) guests were too busy to come to the wedding and made light of the Continued on page 23......

THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS

The annual feast days are enumerated in the book of Leviticus chapter 23. There were three times a year when all the males of Israel were to appear before the dwelling place of Yahweh. Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread have been fulfilled and changed somewhat by Yahshua. The Feast of Weeks or Sabbaths has also been fulfilled in type by the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost raising up the Firstfruits assembly (Acts 2). The next feast day to be fulfilled will be the Feast of Trumpets which takes place in the seventh month or moon of Yahweh's calendar.

he command to observe the Feast of Trumpets is found in Leviticus 23:23-25. Believe it or not, there are twelve themes associated with this one feast day even though there are only three verses associated with it in the book of Leviticus. It takes a study of the complete

Scriptures in order to distil these

twelve themes. #1—Memorial

The first theme of trumpets is found in Lev. 23:24, "In the seventh month, in the first of the month, shall ye have a sabbaton, a **memorial** of blowing of trumpets."

The Hebrew for "memorial" is "zikrown." Interestingly, Yahweh gave Israel three very important memorials before, during and after their deliverance from Egypt.

The first memorial was His name, given to Moses before He sent Him into Egypt to bring them out (Ex. 3, esp. vv. 13-15).

The second memorial was the Passover (Ex. 12, esp. v. 14), given to them during their deliverance.

The third memorial was the seventh day Sabbath (Ex. 16; 20: 8-11, esp. v. 8).

A search of the Scriptures reveals that the number seven is extremely important to Yahweh. The seventh day of the week was hallowed (made holy) and set aside as a rest day in the very beginning.

In Genesis 21 we find that the number seven is associated with making an swearing an oath, a witness, and a covenant (esp. v.v. 23-24, 27-32).

The first day of the seventh month is found to be extremely important, because even though it is the fourth high day of the sacred calendar year, it beBy Jerry Healan

gins the seventh month wherein the final four annual high days are contained and observed. That has to be very significant with Yahweh when the number seven is involved. The **seventh** month contains the fourth, fifth, sixth and **seventh** annual high days.

Interestingly, this first day of the seventh month is a "sabbaton," a rest day in like fashion to the seventh day Sabbath. This first day of the seventh month begins the month wherein the other feast days are contained which reveal the completion of Yahweh's plan of salvation. Yahweh will remember (zikrown) His oath to the creation. The word "zikrown" not only means "memorial," but it also means "to remember."

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We have appointed a day that we call "Memorial Day." It is established so that we will "remember" all those who have served our country, especially those who have given their lives for it and to preserve our freedom. But the Feast of Trumpets is a far, far, far greater "Memorial Day." The observance of this day reminds us that He will, sometime in the future, fulfill His word of promise to His creation to bring into reality the Kingdom of Heaven to this earth.

#2—The Hidden Day

The new moon of the seventh month is usually the most difficult new moon

to spot. The Jews make this a two day feast because of this.

Before Yahshua ascended on high, the disciples gathered to Him asking, "Master, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power," Acts. 1:6-7.

In the book of Mark, chapter 13, verses 31-37, Yahshua His disciples that no one but the Father knows of that day and hour, not the angels, nor even Yahshua Himself.

Many men have made fools of themselves by trying to figure out when the Messiah will return to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This author was a member of a work, the Worldwide Church of God, which prophesied that 1975 would be the year of the appearance of the Savior. When this failed, a new study supposedly revealed that their figures were off about 10 years. But 1985 has come and gone and the Savior still hasn't appeared.

Another man prophesied that Yahshua would return around Passover in the early to mid 1990's. He even went so far as to say if He didn't appear, then he would be found to be a false prophet. When one uses this own man's words against him, he is the one who is excoriated while the false prophet continues his work. The WWCG did the same. Excuses have to be made. The sheep are gullible and swallow the excuses hook, line, and sinker. The false prophets continue to flourish.

Yahshua explained that no one knows when He will appear. He explained that He would come as a thief in the night (see Mt. 24:36-42, 25:13; Mk. 13:31-37; Rev. 3:3, 16:15). The key is to be observant, alert, awake, vigilant, and ready at all times.

#3—The Day of Yahweh

Both Israel and Judah have turned away from their Creator, Father, and Husband Yahweh in accordance with the Scriptures. Their own History proves this fact. The Feast of Trumpets represents the intervention of Yahweh into not only the world's affairs, but to correct and chasten the Hebrews for their waywardness. The Feast of Trumpets represents the "Day of Yahweh."

Isaiah proclaims, "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of Yahweh, and for the glory of His majesty. The lofty looks of man (Adam) shall be humbled, and the haughtiness (Heb. = ruwm [Rome?] of men shall be bowed down, and Yahweh alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of Yahweh of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty he shall be brought low: and upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, and upon all the high (ruwm/Roman) mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, and upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall, and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures. For the loftiness of man shall be bowed down and the haughtiness (Rome) of men shall be made low: and Yahweh alone shall be exalted in that day," Isa. 2:10-17.

Jeremiah calls this day "the day of Jacob's trouble (Jer. 30:7), but he adds that he shall be saved out of it.

Ezekiel speaks of the end that is coming. Yahweh says that he is going to pour His fury out upon the land of Israel because the rod of violence and pride has budded and blossomed into a rod of wickedness. The trumpet will be blown, but none will go to battle because of the wrath of Yahweh that will be poured out upon the multitude (Ez. 7).

Zephaniah declares that the day of Yahweh is a time of the trumpet and alarm (1:16). It is a day of wrath, trouble, distress, wastness, desolation, gloominess, clouds and thick darkness (1:15). The blood of men will be poured out like dust and their flesh will be as dung (1:17). Yahweh will make a speedy riddance of all who dwell in the land (1:18).

Zechariah declares that all nations will come against Jerusalem to battle. The city will be taken, the houses rifled, the women ravished with half of the city going into captivity.

These along with many other places in the prophets declare the wrath and fury that Yahweh will pour out upon the earth because of the waywardness of man. He will begin His judgment upon the houses of Israel and then will turn upon the non-Hebrew nations. But He will eventually deliver Israel out of it.

#4—The Opening of the Gates

Yahweh had warned Israel that if they refused to obey Him, He would make their heaven as brass and their earth as iron (Dt. 24:23). He also declared that Israel's brow was brass and their neck iron (Isa. 48:4).

Interestingly, Yahweh overthrew

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Israel placing them under the power of world ruling governments which were gold (Babylon), silver (Persia), brass (Greece) and iron (Rome) in succession.

The Greeks were democratic in governmental form, while the Romans were republican. Does this ring a bell with you? Isn't that the form of our government and most governments in Europe and other parts of the world to this day?

Furthermore, the Christian religion is Greek (brass) in nature. Thus, the prophecy of turning their heaven into brass has also been fulfilled. The Greeks hated the Hebrews and anything associated with Yahweh, because they wanted to exalt their supreme dety, Zeus! Christianity has been deceived to do this very thing. They are, therefore, shut up behind the gates of brass and iron to this day.

It is prophesied, "Thus saith Yahweh to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him: and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, Yahweh, which call thee by thy name, am the Elohim of Israel. For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me," Isa. 45:1-4.

Cyrus was the king of Persia who overthrew Babylon. While Persia was in succession with the metallic kingdoms of Daniel chapter two, it was during the time of the reign of the Persian kings that a contingency of Hebrews returned to the land to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem. Thus, Cyrus is a type of the Messiah Who will intervene in world affairs in the latter days to overthrow the last two metallic kingdoms of Greece and Rome. The kingdoms of brass and iron.

All of the people of the earth have been shut up behind the gates of brass and iron. The brass and iron are typology of the governments and religions of Greece and Rome. Soon, Yahweh is going to open those gates and set the people free through the true Messiah Yahshua.

The book of Psalms proclaims, "Oh that men would praise Yahweh for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder," Psa. 107:15-16.

When these gates of brass and iron are finally broken asunder, then the

gates of righteousness will be opened, "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will Elohim appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in Yahweh for ever: for in Yah Yahweh is everlasting strength," Isa. 26:1-4.

How can we achieve this righteousness spoken of here in Isaiah? Through the true door to righteousness, Yahshua the Messiah, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep....Then said Yahshua unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture," Jn. 10:1-2, 7-9.

"And to the angel of the assembly in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name," Rev. 3:7-8.

It is also in the book of Revelation that a trumpet is sounded and a door is opened (Rev. 4:1) to reveal things that should take place hereafter. The sounding of a trumpet on the day of Trumpets will break asunder the leaved gates of Babylon the Great; the gates of brass and iron, setting the people free to enter into the door, the gate of righteousness.

#5—Yowm HaDin—the Day of Judgment

Each month was attributed to one of the tribes of Israel. The seventh month was attributed to the tribe of Dan. Dan means to judge.

Peter writes, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denving Yahweh that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not...Yahweh knoweth how to deliver the righteous out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished," 2 Pet. 3:1-3, 9.

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of Sovereign and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

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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 Yahweh 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 unrighteous men," 2 Pet. 3:1-7.

A day of judgment is coming at the

end of this age. That judgment is specifically to be trumpeted in against Babylon and its successors, "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 Elohim, 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. And there followed another angel, saving, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication," Rev. 14:6-8.

The Babylonian system will fall. This system is filled with the merchandising of a great overburdening political and religious system. The kings and merchants of the earth are especially involved in this great system. While Babylon began as a head of gold, its latter end is shown to be filled with devils, foul spirits and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird (Rev. 18:1-10).

Her judgment, when it comes, will come swiftly, in one day, the day of trumpets. Her judgment will come in one hour. (Rev. 18:10)

While Yahweh's people must live under this system until the appearance of the kingdom of heaven, they must not take part in its political and religious evils.

#6—Trumpets Signify Revelation

Yahshua began to reveal things to the Apostle John through the sound of a great voice as of a trumpet (Rev. 1:10).

The book of Revelation is composed of seven seals, seven trumpet plagues and seven vials. Yahweh will reveal His judgment on the Babylonian systems of this world and also reveal who His people are during this period of time.

Paul writes, "For the Sovereign himself (Yahshua) shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim: and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first," 1 Thes. 4:16.

Interestingly, the word "voice" in the above verse is translated from the Greek word "phone" (fo-nay). It comes from another Greek word "phaino" and promotes the idea of "disclosure" (revelation).

This voice is the voice of the archangel or "chief messenger." All of the writings of Moses, the Psalms, Prophets and Apostles focus on the "chief messenger" of Elohim, to wit: Yahshua the Messiah. This will be revealed in its entirety in that day of trumpets when the last or seventh trumpet is blown in heaven.

#7—Trumpets Signify War

Trumpets not only signify the judgment of the great whore, Babylon, "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto Yahweh our Yahweh: 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," Rev. 19:1-2, but they also war against her seed, "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 eves 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 Yahweh. 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: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty Yahweh. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND SOVER-EIGN OF SOVEREIGN. 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 Elohim; 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 great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their 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." Rev. 19:11-21.

Zechariah is inspired to write, "Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee; When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow

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with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man. And Yahweh shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Sovereign Yahweh shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. Yahweh of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar," Zech. 9:12-15.

Please notice who will be making war against whom. Of course, the head over it all will be Yahweh, but His people are Zion who will be raised up against Greece. Shouldn't this tell us something about those who want to continue to promote the Grecian names and faith?

In Zechariah 14 we find that the feet of Yahweh will stand upon the Mount of Olives in that day of trumpets, judgment and war. This is the very place from whence Yahshua ascended into heaven. The disciples watched Yahshua ascend until a cloud received Him out of their sight (Acts 1:9). He will come again to the Mount of Olives with the sound of a great trumpet and with the clouds of heaven (Rev. 1:7) to make war against the kingdoms of this earth.

#8—Trumpets signify Resurrection

Paul writes, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 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," 1 Cor. 15:50-54.

Again, he writes, "For Sovereign himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with **the trump of Elohim**: and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Sovereign in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Sovereign. Wherefore comfort one another with these words," 1 Thes. 4:16-18.

The Jews call the Feast of Trumpets "Rosh HaShanah." "Rosh" means head, chief, first, etc. "Ha" is simply the Hebrew letter "hei" which generally stands for the article "the" when

placed at the beginning of a word. "Shanah" has various meanings. It can mean a year, or the beginning of a year. It can mean to alter or change. It also means to fold, i.e. duplicate or transmute.

Because of this term "Rosh HaShanah," the Jews begin the civil year on the feast of trumpets. However, in the spiritual realm of things, it would signify "the first (rosh) resurrection (shanah)."

This is one of the most important themes of the Feast of Trumpets.

#9—Trumpets Signify Coronation

Trumpets were blown when the kings of Israel were anointed to their position (1 Ki. 1:39, 2 Ki. 9:13, etc.).

The Feast of Trumpets signifies the coronation of Yahshua as King of Kings and Sovereign of Sovereigns.

Yahshua told Pilate that He was born to be King of the Jews (Jn. 18:33-37). But He told His disciples that He had to go away into a far country (heaven) to receive His kingdom and then to return (Lk. 11:15-19).

In Revelation 5, the Heavenly Father is sitting on His throne with a scroll sealed with seven seals. Yahshua, as the Lamb of Elohim comes and takes the scroll out of His hand and begins to remove the seals from the scroll. Yahshua is, at this time, functioning as the Lamb of Elohim, but has not yet been coronated.

In Revelation 11 we read, "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of Yahweh and His Anointed (Messiah); and He shall reign for ever and ever'." (v. 15)

This is when Yahshua will be coronated as King of Kings and Sovereign of Sovereigns. After the seventh trumpet is blown, He is shown with a crown on His head and a sickle in His hand (Rev. 14:14). He reaps the earth (vv. 15-16). He then descends upon the white horse with His heavenly armies following Him to take His power and rule over the earth (Rev. 19:11-16).

#10—Trumpets Signify Marriage

Adam's bride, Eve, was made from a rib which was taken from his side while he was asleep (Gen. 2:21-22). Sleep is a type of death (Jn. 11:11-14). Yahshua is the second Adam (1 Cor. 15:45-47). He was put to sleep (death), a spear pierced His side (Jn. 19:34), from whence came blood and water. Blood is for atonement. Water is a type of the Spirit (Jn. 7:37-39).

Adam's wife was made flesh and blood. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven (1 Cor. 15:50). Yahshua's (the second Adam) bride is to be made Spirit.

When we are called, repent of our sins and baptized, we become espoused (engaged, betrothed) to Yahshua (2 Cor. 11:1-2). In our world, an engagement ring is given as a token of the upcoming marriage. During the wedding ceremony the wedding ring is added to the engagement ring as a final seal that the wedding is complete.

Those who are called to become Yahshua's bride are given an earnest of the Spirit, "That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in the Messiah. In whom ye

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also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the evangel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory," Eph. 1:12-14.

Upon the resurrection or change from physical, mortal corruptible flesh to spiritual immortality and incorruption, the marriage of the Lamb to His bride will take place wherein they will receive the Holy Spirit of Yahweh without measure, "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto Yahweh our Elohim: 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 for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped Yahweh that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our Elohim, all ve his servants, and ve 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, saving, Alleluia: for Almighty Yahweh 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 Elohim," Rev. 19:1-9.

#11—Trumpets Signify Shouting

The day of Trumpets is called in the Hebrew "yowm teruah." This day not only has to do with the sound of trumpets, but it also has to do with shouting with voices. This day signifies the overthrow of the kingdoms of this world and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven.

Those being overthrown will be shouting in grief, pain, sadness and sorrow because their world will be ending. Those inheriting the kingdom of heaven will be shouting for joy and rejoicing because their reign will begin. They will be full of praises for Yahweh.

There will be the mournful, painful shout of those who will be losing their lives. But there will also be the joyful, rejoicing, praising shouts of those

who are loosed from the bands of death and the grave into everlasting life.

There will be the sad and mournful shout of Satan, the god and king of this world, and his followers, as he is deposed, bound and cast into the abyss (Rev. 20:1-3). But there will be the joyful shouts, praises and rejoicing of Yahshua's people as their Great King is coronated—LONG LIVE THE KING!!!!

There will be the shouts of war, and finally, there will be the mourning of the great whore as her dark, idolatrous ways are exposed and destroyed, while the saints of Yahweh's kingdom will be rejoicing because of the marriage made in heaven and the great light that will be shining forevermore.

#12—Trumpets Signify the Kingdom of Heaven

When the seventh angel sounds his trumpet there will be great voices in heaven saying (shouting), "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Yahweh, and of his Messiah; and he shall reign for ever and ever," Rev. 11:15.

While the day of trumpets will be filled with a great commotion, great voices, thunderings and lightenings, war, sadness and mourning for some, but with great joy and rejoicing for others, the truth of the matter is that once finished, it will serve to bring in peace and rest to this earth that has not been since the Garden of Eden.

The Prophet Isaiah declares. "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob: and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall

rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of Yahweh," Isa. 2:1-5.

Micah also declares almost the same thing as Isaiah, "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills: and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none

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shall make them afraid: for the mouth of Yahweh of hosts hath spoken it," Micah 4:1-4.

Again, Isaiah is inspired to write, "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of Yahweh shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of Yahweh: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the

earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse. which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious," Isa. 11:1-10.

THE SHADOW

It is declared in the book of Colossians, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body of the Messiah," 2:16-17.

Many people refuse to observe the feasts of Yahweh in today's world. But the Feast of Trumpets is a shadow of things yet to come. There are tremendous and significant themes associated with this day. Observing this day annually reminds us; is a memorial, of a coming event. As we observe it, we learn so much more about the good news of the kingdom of heaven.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

The Day of Atonement is the fifth annual Holy Day commanded by Yahweh and the book of Leviticus chapter 23. This day is termed "Yowm Kippur" by the Jews. It is also considered by them to be the "holiest" day of the year. What can we discover about this annual feast day that Yahweh instituted for the House of Israel's observance?

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tant day to other Hebrews and non-Hebrews alike.

"And Yahweh 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 ve shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto Yahweh. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before Yahweh your Elohim. 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," Lev. 23:26-32.

Yahweh commanded this day to be a day of affliction of one's soul. But how do we afflict our soul? We know that the Jewish people observe this day by abstaining from food and drink for a 24 hour period.

David proclaimed, "But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I <u>humbled</u> my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom," Psa. 35:13.

The words "afflict" and "humbled" are translated from the same Hebrew word "anah." Anah is defined as, a primitive root (possibly rather ident. with 6030 through the idea of looking down or browbeating); to depress literally or figuratively, transitive or intransitive (in various applications, as follows):--abase self, afflict(-ion, self), answer (by mistake for 6030), chasten self, deal hardly with, defile, exercise,

force, gentleness, **humble** (self), **hurt**, ravish, sing (by mistake for 6030), speak (by mistake for 6030), **submit self**, **weaken**, X in any wise. (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, Hebrew Lexicon, #6031)

Fasting is a way that we can humble, abase, chasten and afflict ourselves. Moses fasted for forty days and nights twice. Yahweh proclaimed that Moses was very meek, above all men on the face of the earth (Num. 12:3).

Yahshua the Messiah fasted for forty days and nights in order to humble Himself so that the master of lies, sin and pride, Satan, could be defeated spiritually (Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 4:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13).

Yahweh declares, "Thus saith Yahweh, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of

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my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith Yahweh: but to this man will I look, even to him that is **poor** and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word," Isa. 66:2.

The Hebrew word for "poor" in the above Scriptures is "aniy" which is a derivative of "anah." It also has to do with being "afflicted." "humble." and "poor."

When we are well fed and strong, there is a certain amount of pride about us. But when we are afflicted, humbled, hungry and thirsty, we begin to realize how weak we really are. A 24 hour fast not only afflicts and humbles us, but when we fast, the body goes into a rest mode. Fasting actually helps eliminate poisons and other harmful deposits which are in the body.

THE DAYS OF AWE

On the first day of the seventh month of Yahweh's calendar, the trumpets are blown. This represents the ushering in of the era or period of time termed "The Day of Yahweh." The period of time between the Feast of Trumpets and Atonement (ten days) is called the "days of awe."

The Prophet Joel declares, "Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of Yahweh your Elohim, and cry unto Yahweh, Alas for the day! for the day of Yahweh is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come." Joel 1:14-15.

The Feast of Trumpets will, sometime in the near future, signal in this Day of Yahweh and the ensuing destruction upon the earth. The "Ten Days of Awe" could possibly be a period of ten years, a year for a day, wherein the trumpets are blown by the angels to begin this intervention and destruction.

Notice in the book of Revelation that seven angels have seven trumpets which comprise the seventh seal (Rev. 8:1-2). The first angel blows his trumpet and hail and fire mingled with blood are cast upon the earth. A third of the trees and all green grass is burnt up (Rev. 8:7).

The second angel sounds his trumpet and a great mountain burning with fire is cast into the sea. This could be a great asteroid or meteor. A third part of the sea becomes blood and a third part of the sea creatures perish while a third of the ships are destroyed (Rev. 8:8-9).

The third angel sounds and a great star falls from heaven. This smites a third part of the rivers and fountains turning them to wormwood. Men died because of the bitter waters (Rev. 8:10-11). Interestingly, the disaster at Chernobyl, Russia could be quite significant here as Chernobyl, in

Russian, means "wormwood."

The fourth angel sounds and a third part of the sun, moon and stars are smitten. In this scenario, it seems that the earth will speed up its rotation so that there will only be a 16 hour day rather than the usual 24 hour day.

The fifth angel sounds and the star which had fallen from heaven (Rev. 8:10) is given a key to the abyss from which smoke like a great furnace issues forth, and strange locust-like creatures come out of the abyss to torment the men who have not been sealed with the name of Yahweh in their foreheads (see Rev. 7:1-15; 14:1; 9:1-12).

The sixth angel sounds his trumpet and the River Euphrates (the river and spirit of Babylon) is dried up making way for another great army of two hundred million men to slay the third part of men (Rev. 9:13-21).

Even after all of these horrific plagues poured out on mankind, those who have not been sealed by the Spirit and name of Yahweh will not repent of their evil deeds.

The seventh angels sounds and the kingdoms of the world fall. The kingdom of Elohim will begin to rule, but the seventh trumpet is also composed of seven vials full of the wrath of Yahweh, which are to be poured out (Rev. 11:15—16:21).

OPPORTUNITY TO REPENT

While much is taking place during these eventful days of plagues the opportunity to repent is presented to the people. Between the time the seventh trumpet is sounded and the seven vials of wrath are poured out, an angel flies through the midst of heaven proclaiming the everlasting evangel to the people of the earth. He declares, "Fear Yahweh, 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," Rev. 14:6-7.

While the Feast of Trumpets has to do with the opening of the gates of heaven, the Day of Atonement signifies the closing of those gates. People are going to be given an opportunity to repent and give Yahweh the glory that He deserves during the days of awe. Once the Day of Atonement is fulfilled, the gates are closed and no more opportunity to repent is given.

The unrepentant will suffer the seven vials of the wrath of Almighty Yahweh.

In His message to the Assembly of Thyatira, Yahshua gives the idolatrous woman who has the spirit of Jezebel space to repent. But she repented not, therefore, He proclaimed that He would kill her children with death (Rev. 2:20-23). Thus, a period of time to repent is given, but when that time has past, there is no more space or opportunity given for repentance.

ATONEMENT'S ACTIVITIES

On the Day of Atonement, the high priest was to take two kids of the goats from the flocks of Israel presenting them to Yahweh. One was to be for Yahweh and the other for the scapegoat (Heb. = azazel). Lots were to be cast to determine which would serve in its capacity (Lev. 16:7-8). Notice that the choice is not left to man. The choice only belongs to Yahweh. Man will always choose the wrong one.

The goat for Yahweh is a type of Yahshua Who is our atonement (Ro. 5:11). The goat for "azazel" is for Satan. Some may dispute this, but a look into the term "azazel" with its primitive words and meanings is quite revelatory.

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The term "azazel" comes from a combination of two Hebrew words "azaz" and "azal." "Azaz" means to be stout, impudent, harden, prevail, strengthen self, etc. "Azal" means to go away, hence to disappear. It is generally translated as fail, **gad about**, **go to and fro**, be gone (spent). (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance)

Who is said to go to and fro, walking up and down (gadding about) in the Scriptures? "Now there was a day when the sons of Elohim came to present themselves before Yahweh, and Satan came also among them. And Yahweh said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered Yahweh, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it," Job 1:6-7. (see also Job 2:1-2)

Satan is the one who goes to and fro, walking up and down in the earth. He is the one who is hardened, impudent, stout, etc. He seeks to strengthen himself and even exalt himself above the stars of Elohim and even to sit on the throne of Yahweh (Isa. 14:12-14).

The Scriptures are written in parables, metaphors, types, etc. In the book of Zechariah chapter three we have a very similar scenario. Yahshua the high priest, son of Josezedek is standing before Yahweh and Satan is at Yahshua's right hand, "And he shewed me Yahshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to **resist** him," v. 1.

In verse 8 Yahshua is told that he and his fellows are "men wondered at." This should be translated as "men of symbol." In other words, this event here is symbolic. Yahshua the high priest is symbolic of Yahshua the Messiah, the heavenly High Priest. He is called the son of Josedek. "Josedek" is a combination of two Hebrew words "Yhw" (Yahuw) and "tsadaq." "Yhw" is a shortened form of the name Yahweh, while "tsadaq" has to do with righteousness, just, justification, etc. Thus, Yahshua is the son of the Righteous Yahweh.

Looking back at Zech. 3:1 we notice that if Satan is at Yahshua's right hand before the angel of Yahweh then Yahshua is on the angel of Yahweh's right hand and Satan is on His left. Yahshua is the right hand of Yahweh's power.

But Satan is at Yahshua's right hand to "resist" him. The Hebrew word for "resist" is "satan." The name Satan is a proper noun. The word "satan" translated as resist is a common noun. In other words, Satan is in the process of "satanizing" Yahshua.

But the lot is cast, Satan is rebuked and Yahshua is cleaned up.

THE NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

Yahshua's one sacrifice was the fulfillment of all of the sacrificial offerings of the Old Testament. He is our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7). He is the morning and evening sacrifice. He is the holocaust offering, the meat offering, the peace offering, the sin offering, the trespass offering, the drink offering. He is also the offering for atonement.

Remember that the things of the Old Testament were types, parables, symbols, metaphors, etc., of the things that Yahshua would fulfill. They were only shadows of the real. The lot was cast for Yahshua before the foundation of the world. The high priests were involved with the selection of the goats of old. The high priests were involved with the selection Yahshua to be the sacrifice.

When Yahshua stood before Pilate, another was also brought with Him. His name was Barabbas. Barabbas was the physical representative for Satan or the "azazel" for he was a murderer, robber and seditious (rebellious) person. (See Mt. 27:15—17; Mk. 15;6-7; Lk. 23:16-19; Jn. 1-38-40).

The chief priests and elders encouraged the people to demand that Yahshua be destroyed and Barabbas be released (Mt. 27:20).

Noticing back in Job chapters one and two, Satan appears as one of the sons of Elohim before the throne of Yahweh. Barabbas is Aramaic which means Son (Bar-) of the Father (abbas).

The choice and sacrifice of the Day of Atonement took place at that time.

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However, the high priest was to take the blood of the slain goat behind the vail in order to cleanse the holiest place. The Holy of Holies wherein the ark of the covenant was placed was a type of the throne of Yahweh in heaven. The pollutions, iniquities, sins of the Children of Israel have polluted Yahweh's dwelling place. He was to cleanse all of the tabernacle from the sins of the Children of Israel (committed under the sway and influence of Satan the Devil). The final cleansing was to be the altar of sacrifice.

Once all is cleansed, the live goat was to be taken, the high priest was to place his hands upon the head of the live goat placing all of Israel's sins thereupon and he was to be taken into the wilderness, to a place not inhabited by the hand of a fit man (Lev. 16:20-23).

Yahshua is presently in the heavens making atonement for the heavens which have been defiled by Satan's rebellion. Upon His return, Israel and the earth will

also be cleansed. Yahshua has taken upon Himself all of the sins of the Children of Israel. He has paid the penalty. He will soon return and place those sins right back squarely on the head of the one who originated rebellion, sin and murder, Satan the Devil.

Satan will then be taken alive and cast into the abyss, "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." Rev. 20:1-3.

This will complete the picture of the sacrificial activities on the Day of Atonement.

ISRAEL'S RESTORATION

There is more to the story of the Day of Atonement, however. The Children of Israel were to number their years. It appears that they would begin to number on the Day of Atonement. They would number six years and then have one year, the sev-

Yahweh's Feast Days are extremely important to understand!

enth year as a land Sabbath. They were to number seven sabbatical years, or forty nine years and then on the Day of Atonement they were to blow the trumpet of jubilee, "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," Lev. 25:8-10.

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This is extremely important to understand. Notice that every man was to return unto his possession. (See v. 13 also)

This is only a physical representative of the spiritual type. Yahweh declares in Ezekiel chapter 37 that He is going to resurrect all of Israel from the grave and restore them to the land.

Yahweh will resurrect His firstfruits on the Feast of Trumpets at the sound of the seventh trumpet. But it appears that He will resurrect and restore Israel to their former estate, their former possession in the day of Jubilee!

This is good news! This is great news! The continuance of this world depends upon Yahweh's intervention to establish His kingdom of heaven on this earth. But Yahshua's disciples also understood that the kingdom was to be restored to Israel (Acts 1:6).

Yahweh's Feast Days are extremely important to understand! They outline to us His great plan of salvation. They not only serve to instruct us concerning that plan of salvation, but they warn us away from evil. Let us approach these up-coming feast days with great anticipation! Let us approach them with joy and rejoicing. But let us also be sober and vigilant because we are much, much nearer to their fulfillment. We must witness these things to a mortal, corrupt and dying world whether they will be received or not.

THE FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS SUCCOTH

In the early autumn of the year following the second, large, general harvest there is a festival we are commanded to keep holy to Yahweh. It is the last of the three times in the year we are to appear before Him.

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and rejoicing and a time of assembling together. You can read about this in **Deut. 16:13-17.** Notice who are to take part in this festival time. **V.14** This is a time to feel great gratitude for all of the blessings that Yahweh has given us. We are to share this time with others of like mind. All who celebrate this feast know what a great joy it is and the spiritual food one receives from the sermons, bible studies, and fellowship.

As with all of the special times that Yahweh has declared holy, this festival is also a time of reflection and meditation. As we do this we will come to a clearer understanding of the meaning of this seven-day festival. (There is another holy day at the end of this feast that we will cover later. It also is a very important day.) As we reflect on the past and the people of Israel living in booths during their sojourn in the wilderness while awaiting entrance into the land they had been promised, and look forward to the time of Yahshua's return, let us remember that Yahweh does nothing without a reason. The sojourn in the wilderness is a lesson for us. It can teach us our place in this age and also in the age to come.

As stated previously, this time reminds us of the past and points ahead to the future, but it also symbolizes this present age. It shows us our place in the scheme of things. In this age Yahweh and Yahshua are concerned with the first fruits harvest. We as the first fruits have been planted and are being tended in a foreign land to which we do not belong. At one time we were citizens, accepted and a part of all this world had to offer. But Yahweh has called us to come out of it lest we share in its punishment. **Rev.18:4** Now we are strangers and foreigners on this earth in this age.

ABRAHAM'S SOJOURN

Let us go back to the time of

As with all of the special times that Yahweh has declared holy, this festival is also a time of reflection and meditation.

Abram to help us to understand our position in relation to this world. Yahweh told him to leave his homeland and travel to a place that He had chosen. **Gen.12:1** Abram had a country and a homeland. He was willing to leave all of this and travel to a land that Yahweh chose. He was promised an eternal homeland reserved for him and his descendants.

On reading the story of Abram, it may seem, on the surface, that

this is just a physical inheritance of land. This is all the religions of this world see when they read it. We must not see it this way but we must understand it in its true context. As always in everything that Yahweh does, the physical teaches us spiritual lessons.

Abram, along with his son Isaac and grandson Jacob were Traveling with their herds from place to place as the water and pasture demanded. They had no country of their own that they could call home. They were strangers and sojourners wherever they went. Abram had been promised a country for himself and his descendants if he would follow Yahweh. This was a promise from Yahweh that was never fulfilled in his lifetime or the lifetime of his son and grandson. So just what was Yahweh talking about when He called Abram out of Chaldea and what does all of this have to do with the feast of Tabernacles and how does it affect 115?

FUTURE INHERITANCE

Abraham saw something in the future that attracted him more than a country that would be his during his physical life on this earth. He entered a life walk in harmony with Yahweh because of what he saw. We must see this too if we are to succeed in our life walk with Yahweh and Yahshua.

Yahshua said that Abraham saw His day and was glad. **John 8:56**. Just what did Abraham see? To help us to understand this we must turn to the story of the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham.

Gen.22:1-18. How could a loving father who loved his son be willing to sacrifice him? On the surface this sounds incomprehensible. To find the answer let us turn to Heb.11:17-19 Abraham had faith in the word of Yahweh. He knew that when Yahweh makes a promise it is sure and unchangeable. Since He had promised that the covenant would be through his natural offspring Isaac, and his descendants, Abraham knew that Isaac would have to be alive to descendants. make these Gen.19:17-21 He knew that even if Yahweh required him to go through with the sacrifice of Isaac, that He was capable to restore him once again to life.

Faith is not something you get on your own. I have had people tell me they didn't have enough faith. They would ask me, "How do I get more faith?" One does not get more faith. Faith comes by the things we see Yahweh doing in our lives. We must stay focused on Him. He grows our faith by what He does. We do not grow our faith by what we do.

Abraham knew this. He had seen the great things that Yahweh had done in his and Sarah's lives. Rom.4:17-21. He was a very old man. Sarah was a very old woman. She was past the natural childbearing years. Yet Yahweh had promised that they would have a natural born son. This He brought about by His great power. Abraham had lived through this and knew the power and the faithfulness of Yahweh. This is how he could sacrifice this son to Yahweh. He knew Isaac's death would have

to be a temporary thing. Because of Abraham's unfaltering faith, Yahweh did not require him to go through with this offering but provided a ram instead. Abraham never lost his focus on Yahweh. We must be the same. Yahweh must always be our focus no matter what may arise to distract us. What Yahweh says, is and will be. Nothing can prevent it.

Abraham also looked forward to the time of Yahshua and His sacrifice on behalf of all mankind. John 8:56 He knew as we do that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. Rom.3:23 He also knew that the wages of sin is death eternal. Rom.6:23 He knew that the fulfilment of the promise of eternal inheritance made to him by Yahweh could not happen without the sacrifice of Yahshua to wipe away the sin that held him, as well as us, in its death grip.

He was a stranger in the land but he was also a stranger in this world. The homeland that he

Yahweh commanded that this festival be kept in temporary dwellings, Succoth.

awaits is the same one that we are waiting for. This homeland or kingdom is reserved for us in Heaven until the time of Yahshua's return. 1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Yahshua Messiah from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of Elohim through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Let's move ahead to the time of Moses to see another example of one who was a stranger and sojourner in the land and also in this world. Moses was raised by Egyptian royalty. He was educated by the best of their wise men. He was being groomed to be Pharaoh. He saw beyond his present day to the time still ahead of us. When asked to make a choice between a life of royalty and that of a homeless wanderer leading a stubborn, ungrateful, and backsliding people, he saw beyond to the true inheritance that would be his. Heb.11:23-27

He also saw the time of Yahshua and what He would make possible by His death for sin. Moses had a homeland, as did Abraham and when he was called to leave it as Abraham had, he did so. He lived as a stranger and a sojourner in the land all the days of his life. He saw the promised heavenly homeland from a distance as did Abraham but could not enter just as we can not enter at this time. He was a stranger in this world as well. He was looking forward in time to something better as were others such as Seth, Enoch, Noah, Shem, and the prophets. Heb.11:13-16 These all had the chance to return to what they were before their call but chose not to. Verse 15 All chose to remain strangers and wanderers on this earth until the true kingdom would appear at the return of Yahshua as their king and give them eternal citizenship.

A SOJOURNING KING

There is someone else who we would not expect to say that he

was a stranger with no homeland to call his own. That is king David. He was the king of Israel. He had a very beautiful palace with everything he could possibly want. Yet in Psalm 119:19 he says that he is a stranger. In Psalm 39:5-12 David says that he is a stranger and a sojourner as all his fathers were. He understood that he was in a very temporary state. He says in verse 5 that the best state of man is vanity. Vanity comes from the Hebrew word "hebel" #1892 and "habal" #1891 in Strong's. It means transitory and unsatisfactory.

With these things in mind let us come forward to our time now and understand how this all relates to the Feast of Tabernacles or Succoth. Yahweh commanded that this festival be kept in temporary dwellings, Succoth. Lev.23:42 The words booth, tabernacle, and tent come from the Hebrew "cukkah".(pronounced Sookaw) This is a temporary shelter that one would put up as protection for themselves or their animals while travelling. This could also be a cave or shed or barn that might be a permanent building but is only used temporarily during travel. Yahshua was born in a "cukkah" and was later moved to a house.

During this festival we remember the Israelites who lived in tents (cukkah) in the wilderness while awaiting entrance into the promised land. We also look forward to the return of Yahshua and spending the millennium and eternity with Him and His Father. But this time also tells us about the present. We don't just live in cukkah for the seven days of the festival of booths and the last great day. We live in cukkah every day of our lives on this earth.

Let us turn to the writings of Paul to help us to understand this 2 Cor.4:18 He tells us that the things we see are temporary but the things not seen (the spiritual) are eternal. Everything physical will one day pass away. 2 Cor.5:1-4 Paul likens his physical body to a tent or cukkah. He says that even though the outward physical body is wasting away, we have a new body made without hands, eternal and waiting in Heaven for us. It is these permanent spirit bodies that we will be resurrected into when Yahshua returns. 1 Cor.15:50-54

Peter also likens our bodies to temporary dwellings. 2 Peter 1:13-14 We who follow Yahweh in this age are in the same condition. We are strangers and sojourners on this earth living in these temporary dwellings, our fleshly bodies, while we await our permanent homes.

NO LONGER CITIZENS

We are no longer a part of this

The longer we are in this way of life the clearer it becomes how separate we truly are.

world or its ways. At one time we were true citizens and members of the evil society around us. Eph 2:2-3 We were once very happy to take part in activities that we now know are evil and lead to death. Our families, friends, and co workers are surprised that we no longer join them. 1 Peter 4:3-4 Some even persecute us and say evil things about us. The longer we are in this way of life the clearer it becomes how separate we truly are. We are strangers in a world we used to call home. Those around us think

we are strange. When we look around us to the things that are going on, it is now alien to us. We don't belong. We no longer fit in.

This is a Friday night and Saturday world. We are a Friday night and Saturday (Sabbath) assembly. People of this world pursue shopping, drinking, sports, and all kinds of recreational activities that give pleasure to the flesh. We as a Sabbath keeping assembly pursue bible study, prayer, worship services, fellowship and all of the things that give spiritual uplifting and pleasure. We seek to please Yahweh and Yahshua. Isn't it odd that those of this world and those who are Yahweh's people turn in totally opposite directions on the Sabbath? One to the world and one to Yahweh.

We, at one time made this turn to the world on the Sabbath too. We can no longer do this. Yahweh has called us as He did Seth, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Eliyah, David and the prophets to come out of our homelands and follow Him to the eternal land that He has prepared for us. Let us read about the great company we are in. Heb.11:1-39 Notice that all of these people who were well attested as being faithful were all aware of Yahshua the Messiah. They all knew what we know in this age. Yahweh does not change and neither does His instruction.

Notice verse26. In verse 13 we are told all of these people died in faith not having received the fulfilment of the promise but they could see it far off in the future. Seeing this they acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on this earth. In verse 38 we are told that the world was not worthy of them. This is not only talking about them. There is no them. Continued on page 23...........

THE LAST GREAT DAY

The Feast of Booths, Succoth, or Tabernacles is a seven day feast. But there is a final holy day, an eighth day, which is added to this festival time.

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It has come to be known as the last I great day of the feast but it is actually a separate holy day making up the last of the seven annual Holy days commanded by Yahweh. It is a bittersweet day full of memories of the beautiful festival time that we have all shared. But it is a sad day as we face going back into the world and leaving our beloved brothers and sisters for another year. The seven days of Tabernacles are a time of refuelling spiritually and physically. They give us a brief foretaste of the time when we will all be in Yahweh's kingdom together for all eternity.

I want to discuss with you about the great symbolism of this day and what it means to us as Yahweh's people. This is the day of the pouring out of water. This pouring of water ceremony is not listed with the other rituals surrounding this holy time in Lev.23.36. It is believed to have begun at the time of Hezekiah who was one of the good kings of Judah. Since it is not one of the original commands should we really take notice of it? Yahshua did and since He is our example we should also hear what He had to say on this last great day concerning water and what it means to us.

POURING OUT OF WATER

Before we do that let's investigate how this ceremony was carried out. On this day the priest would draw water from the pool of Siloam which flowed under the temple mount and solemnly poured it onto the altar. This water was brought in gold containers to the sounds of great jubilation and the sounding of trumpets that would cease as he poured the water. Following this pouring out, the words of **Is.** 12:2-6 would be sung. "Behold, Elohim is my salvation; I will trust, and

will not be afraid; for Yahweh ELO-HIM is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to Yahweh, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the nations, proclaim that his name is exalted. 5 "Sing praises to Yahweh, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. 6 Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

The word "WELL" above is from the Hebrew Mahyawn It means spring or fountain. Something to take note of here is that the pool of Siloam was fed by a spring or fountain. This has great meaning as we will see soon.

It was after this pouring out ceremony that Yahshua stood up and declared; **John 7:37** "If any one thirst,

This is the day of the pouring out of water.

let him come to me and drink.

Just what did He mean by this statement? To begin to understand let's turn to John 4:7-14 There came a woman of Samaria to draw water Yahshua said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. 10 Yahshua answered her, "If you knew the gift of Elohim, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is

deep; where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" 13 Yahshua said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman didn't understand what Yahshua was talking about. We need have no doubt as to what He meant

John 7:38-39 He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, "Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water." Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Yahshua was not yet glorified."

SPRING, THE HOLY SPIRIT

This water springing up to eternal life is the Holy Spirit that Yahweh has given us. Why the analogy of water? There are two things that are the mainstay of physical life; food and water. Without these two things we would not survive. We would soon become weak and vulnerable to all kinds of illness as our immune system weakens. We would soon die. This is the very same as our spiritual life. We need food and water to survive spiritually. Let's understand fully what this means.

YAHWEH AND YAHSHUA ON THE SPIRITUAL PLANE

Yahweh and Yahshua live on the spiritual plane. They have provided the things we need to live and survive on the physical plain and they have also provided the things we need to live and survive on the spiritual plain. They use things that we can identify with to teach us. **Deuteronomy 8:3** And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.

Yahshua repeated this scripture to Satan when He was being tempted after His baptism by John. **Matthew 4:4** But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** that proceeds from the mouth of Elohim.'"

Now we can begin to see that everything about Yahweh's plan of salvation centres directly on Yahshua. John 14:6 Yahshua said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. Yahshua is called the Word in the evangel of John and also in **Revelation 19:13** "He is clad in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The **Word** of Elohim."

Let's now begin to connect these scriptures and understand the true food and water that we need. John **6:32-37** Yahshua then said to them. "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from Heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from Heaven. 33 For the bread of Elohim is that which comes down from Heaven, and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Master, give us this bread always." 35 Yahshua said to them. "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me: and him who comes to me I will not cast out.

John 6: 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread which comes down from Heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from Heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh "

Yahshua lived in this body of flesh that He is talking about and gave up this life for us. He died in the flesh that we might eat of the spiritual bread that He provides as a resurrected almighty glorious spirit being. The bread that He mentioned is the word of His father Yahweh that he brought to this earth and that He imparts to us through the Holy Spirit.

Let's return now to the scripture John 7:37-39 and Is.12:2-6 and comprehend the great meaning that is in the water that Yahshua is talking about. The Hebrew for the word "Well" in Isaiah is "mahyawn" As we saw before it means Spring or fountain. In John 4:14 the Greek word spring in the RSV and well in the KJV is "Paygay" It means the same as the Hebrew, a spring or fountain. These words are a great help to us in understanding how this spring of living water works. The well that the woman was drawing water from was a cistern type well. These wells depend

In this life everything is temporal nothing is lasting.

on runoff water or water from an underground stream below the surface of the earth. These wells and underground streams depend on surface water for replenishing the supply. If they are not replenished in this way they will dry up and be worthless.

CONSTANT REPLENISHING

It is this way with us. We need constant replenishing from water in order to survive physically. This is what Yahshua meant. But now He offers us living water that will spring up to eternal life. He used the term spring and it has great meaning. A spring of water does not depend on surface water or runoff water to keep it flowing. A spring has its source

deep within the earth. It is clean and fresh and some springs have been running for hundreds and even thousands of years. They are constant in quality.

THE LIVING WATER

The living water of the Holy Spirit that Yahshua spoke about is this same way. When we drink water we will soon need more. It will be as if we had never had water before because our system has used it until it is depleted causing us to thirst again. Its effects are temporary and must be constantly replenished. This is water from an outside source. When we drink of the living water of the Holy Spirit we will never thirst again. It's source is from deep within. It depends on no outside source. The Spirit is from Yahweh and it is constantly refreshing us from within. Once we have it there will be no more nagging thirst that we cannot quench. Just as a spring can not stay within itself for long and finally comes streaming to the surface so this living water will at the return of Yahshua well up in us and spring forth to eternal life.

POVERTY NOT A PROBLEM

You do not have to be rich to afford this food and drink. **Is.55:1** "Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness.

EVERYTHING IN LIFE TEMPORARY

THE LAST GREAT DAY 2

Yahweh, in the beginning, utilized a seven day period to bring peace and rest to a dark, chaotic, desolated, destroyed earth. In six days He refurbished the earth and its conditions, also creating and placing one made in His own image (man/Adam) in charge of dressing and keeping this restored creation. But man was unfaithful and corruption to death and destruction once again crept in. Yahweh eventually instituted seven annual high/holy days to reveal His plan of restoration and salvation. The Last Great Day is the seventh holy day of that plan. Let's learn more about this very important day.

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ahweh gave this annual festival period to His People Israel who, like Adam, were unfaithful to Yahweh's commands, and like Adam, failed.

Yahweh had established a pattern of deliverance by delivering Israel out of bondage to the land of Egypt through the Passover Lamb. They were commanded to eat unleavened bread for seven days, observing the first annual holy day at the beginning of the unleavened festival and the second holy day on the last or seventh day of the period.

The Passover Lamb was a type of Yahshua the Messiah Who would serve as a far greater Passover of deliverance during a future deliverance of Yahweh's people. The Unleavened Bread was also a type of Yahshua. Leaven is a type of sin. Sin brings death (Ro. 6:23). Yahshua was without sin (1 Pet. 1:18-21, 2:21-25). He is the true bread from heaven (Jn. 6:32-58) through which we can become unleavened, washed clean of our sins.

During the period of Unleavened Bread, a sheaf of firstfruits was waved. This sheaf of firstfruits was a type of Yahshua Who gave His life for His People, was in the grave for a period of three days and nights, and was subsequently resurrected from the grave to begin the plan of salvation and the count-down (50 days) to the next annual holy day, Pentecost.

Pentecost is a type of the firstfruits assembly that was raised up through the giving of the Holy Spirit on that very day (Acts 2).

The first two annual festival times occur in the spring of the year to represent the power of Yahweh to bring forth life, especially His power to restore from destruction and the grave.

After spring comes summer. This is a type of the long period of time that it would take to complete Yahweh's plan of salvation. It has been almost two thousand years now since Yahshua appeared on the earth to initiate the greater plan of salvation. During this period of time, much corruption has crept in. The creation is awaiting the manifestation of Yahshua and His resurrected saints so that the cleansing can begin again in earnest and the kingdom of heaven established on earth.

The Feast of Trumpets (see our article on this feast day) represents the time when Yahweh will begin to finalize His plan. The kingdoms of this world will become His and the center of His kingdom will be focused in Jerusalem. Trumpets represents the day of Yahweh. The Day of Atonement represents the time when Israel will be restored and the kingdom power will be given to them.

The Feast of Tabernacles begins with the sixth annual holy day. It represents the kingdom rule. A day with Yahweh is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day (2 Pet. 3:8). While the Feast of Tabernacles is the sixth annual holy day, it represents the seventh millennium. There will be a period of one thousand years wherein Yahshua and His people will rule the earth, bringing in rest and peace to the earth.

While the kingdom rulership will now endure forever under Yahweh and Yahshua and the firstfruits, this one thousand year period is still temporary. Yahweh reveals that He is going to bring forth a new heavens and a new earth wherein dwells right-

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eousness. (2 Pet. 3:13) Thus, the Feast of Tabernacles' distinction as the Feast of Booths (Succoth), a temporary dwelling place. This is further depicted in Revelation 20 wherein the arch-enemy of Yahweh Satan is bound for a thousand years. As long as the perpetrator of rebellion and evil is put away, there is peace and rest. But He is released from the abyss after the millennial rule to go forth and deceive the nations one more time (Rev. 20:1-1-9).

THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

The seventh millennium having expired (represented by the sixth annual holy day festival), the devil is released to do His work of deception and destruction once more, but the period of time symbolized by the final day (the seventh annual holy day) has now begun. Satan the devil was once a great powerful ruling cherub. He is given one last opportunity to learn his lesson and repent, but when he is loosed, he continues his deceptive practices. He must, therefore, be judged and destroyed. This is accomplished by casting him into the lake of fire, prepared for him and his angels (Mt. 25:31-46).

This period of time is also known as the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11). This day of judgment has begun by first judging he through whom chaos, destruction, corruption and death came (Satan).

Then, all who have ever lived are resurrected to life in order to be judged. The dead, both small and great, stand before this judgment seat. Notice that the books are opened, as well as, the book of life. What are these "books" that are opened?

The only books that are truly important to Yahweh are the books of His Word, the Holy Scriptures. Most of the world has been purposely blinded and shut up to the understanding of Yahweh's word. Some may proclaim that this is an unfair situation, but Yahweh has made us all and has the power to create us as a vessel fitted for glory and honor or dishonor (Ro. 9:21).

If one will read the 37th chapter of Ezekiel, he will discover that Yahweh is going to resurrect all of the house of Israel and have mercy upon them in spite of their sins. This day of judgment, while it can appear to be ominous and forbidding, will be a period of time when the rest of the nations of the earth will have an opportunity to discover the truth of Yahweh's word, the promise of His mercy, repent, have their sins washed away in the blood of the Lamb and have their names written in the book of life.

However, some, even in this life, have committed such heinous sins that they are already twice dead (Jude 12). These will have no opportunity for repentance. Their fate is to be cast into the lake of fire suffering the "second death."

This period of time will serve to bring the overall preponderance of mankind who have ever lived to salvation and life! Yahweh is merciful and the multitudes upon multitudes and myriads of myriads will sing and praise Him for all eternity because of His graciousness and mercy.

WATERS POURED OUT

This period of time is spoken of by the Prophet Joel who declared, "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," Joel 2:28-30.

Notice that He says "all flesh." It was in the last day of the Feast that

waters were poured out in the temple. This is indicated by the Apostle John who wrote of the event of the last day of the feast, called the "great day." (Jn. 7:37)

Ritually, the priests would go to the pool of Siloam to draw water, take it back to the temple and pour it out on the altar along with the wine or drink offering. Yahshua saw a man blind from his birth. He spat on the ground making clay of the spittle anointing the man's eyes therewith (Jn. 9:1-6). He then told the man to go wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam which when he did, he received his sight. (v. 7) These events recorded in John 7 and 9 all occurred on the same day. They symbolize the blindness of mankind to the Word of Yahweh until the Holy Spirit (heavenly waters) are poured out upon them. When the Spirit is poured out upon all flesh, then the earth will be as full of the knowledge of Yahweh as the waters that cover the sea (Hab. 2:14).

YAHSHUA THE WELL

Yahshua is the well of salvation! Yahshua told the people that those who would believe upon Him would have living waters flowing out of their belly (Jn. 7:38). However, He was speaking of the Holy Spirit which was not yet given because He had not yet been glorified (v. 39).

When Yahshua was hung on the tree, He was struck by a spear thrust into His side from whence came water and blood. Yahshua, like His predecessor Adam, was put to sleep (death is a type of sleep) in order for His bride to be taken from His side. Adam's bride was made flesh and blood from a rib taken out of his side. Yahshua's bride is to come from the water (spirit) and blood that issued forth from His side. Blood is not only for atonement, covering of sin, but for the New Covenant made by His blood.

The types are extant throughout the Scriptures. The animal sacrifices were types and shadows of the one sacrifice of Yahshua. When Moses struck the rock in the wilderness in order for

water to be given to the people, this was a type of the time when Yahshua, the rock (1 Cor. 10:1-4), would be struck in order to provide the heavenly waters (Holy Spirit) for His people, His bride.

The very last letter of Yahshua's Hebrew name is the "ayin." The modern day "ayin" looks like this """," but the original Paleo Hebrew "ayin" looked like this "O." It was an hieroglyphic for an "eye," "well," or "fountain." Thus, the very last letter of Yahshua's own name indicates that He is the well or fountain of living waters.

Looking at the whole name "Yahshua" in the original Hebrew letters with their corresponding hieroglyphics is quite revelatory. The name Yahshua in the original Paleo Hebrew is OWYAL. The "L" is an hieroglyphic for a "hand." Yahshua not only sits on the right hand of Yahweh the Father, but is His right hand, so to speak. (Heb. 1:13; Psa. 110:1, etc.)

The Psalmists proclaim, "Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them," 17:7. "For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them," Psa. 44:3. "O Elohim, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again. Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof: for it shaketh. Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah. That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me," Psa. 60:1-5.

Yahweh never changes. He saved the people from Egypt by His right hand (Ex. 15:6), David speaks of being saved by Yahweh's right hand. We, today, are saved by Yahshua, the right hand of Yahweh. HalleluYah!!!

The next letter is the "**4**" (hei). The "hei" means "lo" or "behold."

The third letter is the "Y" (vav/ waw). It is an hieroglyphic for a tent peg or nail. Thus, in the first three letters of the name Yahshua we are to "Behold (3) the imprint of the nail (Y) in the right hand (1). This is all according to Scripture. Yahshua is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). He was to be lifted up on a pole like unto the brass serpent that Moses made in the wilderness (Jn. 3:14; Num. 21:9). Yahshua says that if he is lifted up, He will draw all men unto Himself (Jn. 12:32). Those who were bitten by a poisonous serpent (a type of all who are under the power of the bite of the serpent Satan), when they beheld the brass serpent that Moses made, were healed.

Yahshua was made flesh (clay). Yahweh has blinded the whole world to the truth of His Scriptures, even those who had the law of Moses. It is when we are called, turn to Yahshua, and washed of our sins that the blindness is removed and we are able to see the truth and power of His word.

THE MEDIATOR

The next letter in the name of Yahshua is the "shin" (Paleo Heb. = W, Modern Heb. = W). Notice the similarity in these two letters. It is one letter but has three heads or peaks. According to those who have studied the Hebrew language and especially the hieroglyphic representations of the Hebrew alphabet, these three peaks represent three heads or three in one.

This letter in the name of Yahshua the Messiah is important and significant to represent Yahshua as the Mediator. Yahshua prayed to the Father concerning those who were given to Him, "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou

gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee: and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth (Note: Yahshua is the Word and the Truth). As thou hast sent me into the world. even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me," Jn. 17:6-23.

Paul writes of this mystery in the Messiah, "That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in the Messiah, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him," Eph. 1:10.

Notice that it says "in the dispensation of the fulness of times." In other words, this is going to be completely understood by all when the times that Yahweh has ordained come to their fulness or completion. The Last Great Day is the fulness or completion of those times.

Again, Paul writes, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of Yahweh our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one Elohim, and one mediator between Elohim and men, the man the Messiah Yahshua; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time," 1 Tim. 2:1-6.

Notice again that is says this is to be testified in due time. This due time is the fulness of the times, the completion of the times.

The three heads of the Hebrew letter "shin" are a type of the Father, The Son Yahshua, and you or me. In other words, He is he Mediator of each person individually and all persons as a whole. Even though the "shin" has three heads or peaks, it is made one through the middle peak or head, the mediator between the other two.

THE WELL OF SALVATION

Finally, comes the last letter of the name Yahshua which is the "ayin" (O)." This has already been touched upon, but the "ayin" is an hieroglyph for an "eye," "fountain," or "well."

The "Last Great Day" of the feast represents the time when all of the earth, all flesh will have the heavenly waters, the Holy Spirit poured out upon them.

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COME TO THE FEAST!

Yahweh's Evangelical Assembly invites you to come observe the Feast of Tabernacles with us. We are happy to report that we have made arrangements to acquire the Texarkana Music Park for our observance of the Feast of Tabernacles this year. The park is located about 8-9 miles south of Tex-

arkana, Texas, right off of U. S. Highway 59.

There are plenty of hook-ups for RV's as well as plenty of space to pitch a tent. The price of the spaces will be \$10 per day for full hook-up, \$7 per day for electricity and water hook-up, \$6.00 per day for water only

(tents).

It is a beautiful, well manicured park with plenty of shade trees. The park has two restroom facilities for both men and women with two showers in each restroom. The meeting hall also has restroom facilities with one *Continued at top of next page.....*

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Yahshua is the beginning and end of the creation of Elohim, "And unto the angel of the Assembly of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of Elohim," Rev. 3:14. "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Aleph and Tau, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely," Rev. 21:6.

He is the Author and Finisher of our faith, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with pa-

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A LONGING FOR ETERNITY

Psalms 42:1 As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O Elohim.

Psalms 42:2 My soul thirsts for Elohim, for the living Elohim. When shall I come and behold the face of Elohim?

Psalms 63:1 O Elohim, thou art

tience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Yahshua the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of Yahweh," Heb. 12:1-2.

Satan is no longer around to deceive and destroy. Yahshua, at this time, is going to finish the plan of salvation begun in Him for the masses of the earth who never had the opportunity for salvation.

They will have the opportunity to repent, submit themselves to Yahshua and drink from His well of salvation. The plan of Yahweh will now have been completed in Yahshua. Yahshua will then be utilized to begin a new

my Elohim, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee; my flesh faints for thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

Psalms 143:6 I stretch out my hands to thee; my soul thirsts for thee like a parched land. Selah

We all longed for this same thing even if we did not know it. We got our first inkling of how this longing would be fulfilled when Yahweh called us to follow His Son Yahshua. **John 6:44**

When we answered the call, repented and were immersed into the name of Yahshua Messiah, Yahweh gave us His gift of the Holy Spirit we had the first taste of this life giving water. As we studied His word we had our first taste of the true bread sent from Heaven. This hunger for something and this thirst for something that would be truly satisfying was fulfilled.

creation, a new heavens and earth wherein dwells righteousness. The new Jerusalem will descend out of heaven from Yahweh to a new earth created through Yahshua. The glory of Yahweh and the songs of praise and salvation will reverberate throughout this new creation.

The Last Great Day is a most powerful witness and testimony to the greatness and power of Yahweh Elohim. May Yahweh cause you to understand His mighty power through the days that He has instituted so that you, and all of us, may declare His power and greatness even before they take place. HalleluYah!!!!!

SEED OF ETERNITY

All are born with the seed of eternity in their minds and hearts. No one wishes to die. Yet from the time we are born death is a certainty. The bread from Heaven and the living water from the spring of Yahweh's Spirit reveals to us that this seed can grow and flourish and one day we will hear these ever so wonderful words; **Revelation 21:6** And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment."

Revelation 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let him who hears say, "Come." And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price.

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For those who prefer a motel room, the closest motel is The Budget Inn, 4501 S. Lake Drive, Ph. # 903-838-0300. Of course, there are plenty of other national motels in the Texarkana area.

The dates for the Feast of Tabernacles are Sept. 19th-26th.

You may contact us at 903-796-7420 or 903-826-1804 for further information or arrangements.

Continued from page 4...... invitation. They also treated the servants that were sent shamefully and slew some of them. Those who were invited (called) revealed that they were not worthy. The parable reveals that the King sent his armies and destroyed the invited guests.

In Mat. 25 there is the parable of the 10 virgins. Five were wise and took oil in and with their lamps, but five were foolish and did not prepare by taking oil in their lamps.

The Greek word for "foolish" is "moros." Besides meaning "foolish," it also means to be "dull, stupid, HEEDLESS, blockhead and absurd.

Notice it! It means to be "heedless." To be heedless means to NOT pay close attention to, to NOT take careful notice of, to be unmindful and even FORGETFUL.

In Col. 2:16-17 we find that the

Sabbath and Holy Days are shadows of THINGS TO COME! They remind us of Yahweh's coming kingdom. They remind us of His plan in bringing that plan about. When we observe them, we are not only reminded, but we are practicing, rehearsing for the ultimate fulfillment of those things to come. We are, in effect, putting oil in our lamps and also building reserves.

If we are unmindful of the Sabbaths and Holy Days, then we will have a tendency to forget about Yahweh's kingdom and His plan. We will not be putting oil in our lamps, neither will we be practicing or rehearsing for the marriage of the Lamb.

If we are not practicing or rehearsing for the marriage, then we will be as the foolish virgins. They were shut out from the wedding and told that Yahshua didn't even know them.

We have an opportunity to accept the invitation and prepare for the wedding. We are called out for this purpose. Therefore, let us not only observe the weekly Sabbath days, but the annual festivals as well, and prepare for the wedding!!!

When we turn to the Caesaro-Romano-Gregorian calendar to observe those days, we have a tendency to neglect and forget Yahweh's commanded days and seasons. Actually, we must choose which we had rather observe.

Which will it be for you? Do you still desire to revel in the days and ways of this world and its pagan Roman calendar which have replaced Yahweh's commanded days in most people's lives? Or will you prepare for the opportunity to attend the wedding of the Lamb of Elohim and maybe even be His bride? JH

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Remember that the news of this world and its history are of events that have already past. But Yahweh's

news, while it may be about things that are past, it is also about future events which He will usher in at the time of His choice. Let's observe this most important day as well as the other commanded days so we can be reminded of that which will take place in the near future.

May Yahweh bless you to see these things. HalleluYah!!!!!

WISDOM OF YAHWEH

Yahweh is so very wise. He

knew that we would be few in number and separated since He works with small numbers and achieves great results. He knew we would need special times to all come together in one place to worship Him and to fellowship with each other. Iron sharpens iron and Yahweh's people encourage and strengthen each other at these special Holy times. The feast of Booths is one of these special times. All who attend this festival know how separate we really are from this world. I have never met anyone who was glad when it was over. All look forward to the time when Yahshua returns and we will all be together for all eternity.

As we come together this year let

us remember that we are all strangers and sojourners abiding in these temporary dwellings of our bodies and let us rejoice in each other's company before Yahweh and Yahshua and gain strength from Them and each other to help us on another years journey through this world. Let us keep this scripture in mind during our sojourning. Heb.10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of Elohim, ve might receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

HalleluYah!!!!! May Yahweh bless your studies. Elder Dave Ganton



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